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HOURS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Monday—Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM or please call Msgr. Sullivan

HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples planning a Christian marriage should contact Msgr. Sullivan following their engagement.

HOLY BAPTISM

Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately. Please see information inside this bulletin.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call Msgr. Sullivan for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion.

WORSHIPING WITH US?

We hope you introduce yourself and register in our parish. Please call the rectory to do so.

Christ the King Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

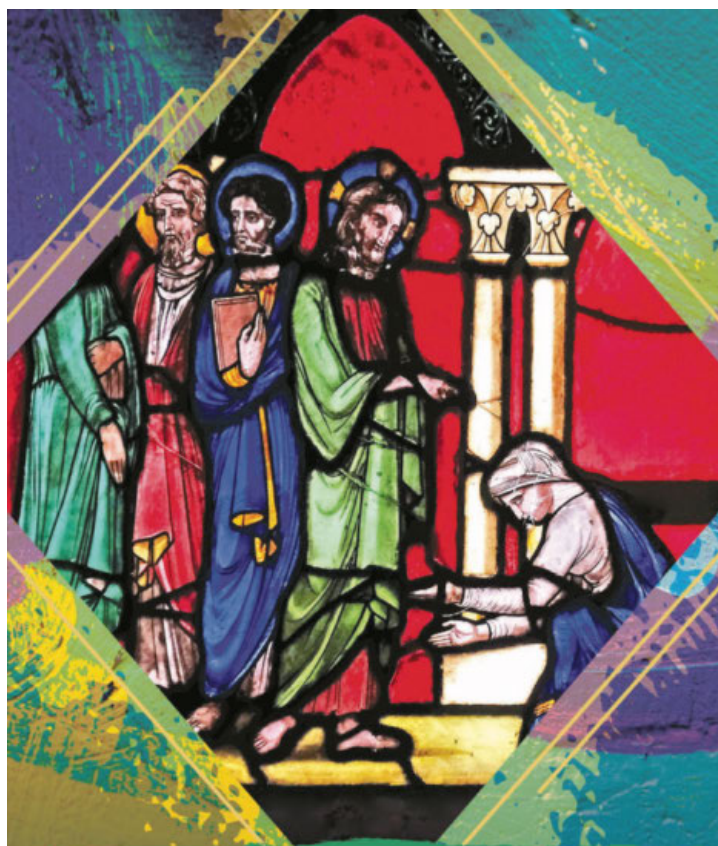
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Day Mass Times: Please watch our bulletin for posted times



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
"Lord, help me." - Mt 15:25

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Saturday—August 19th

4:00PM Margaret T. Pappas (9th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—August 20th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Richard Covello (mem.) req. of a friend

11:00AM Paul Berthiaume (mem.) req. of Pauline Gaudette

Wednesday—August 23rd

7:00AM Robert Fraser (25th anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—August 24th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday—August 26th

8:00AM Joan Conroy (2nd anniv.) req. of family

4:00PM Edward Daly (2nd anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—August 27th

7:30AM John F. Bowler (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

9:00AM James E. Walles (birthday) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **John F. Bowler**.

Making Parish Donations Online

We ask all parishioners to please continue your support of the parish offertory. You can donate online. Please go to our website, ctkworc.org. Either click on the tab at the top of the page or the button in the middle of the page called 'CTK Online Giving.' You can donate using your credit card. Many thanks.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways." *St. John Paul the Great*

"Jesus did not say: You will not be troubled - You will not be tempted - You will not be distressed. He said: You will not be overcome." *St. Julian of Norwich*

Please 'Make Up' Your Summer Envelopes

We realize that many of our parishioners have been away during the summer and hope that you will 'make up' your Offertory envelopes for those weeks or months. Then, the parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (Monday-Friday at 7:00 am and 8:00 am on Saturdays). This week we honor **Pope St. Pius X** (Monday); **the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Tuesday); **St. Rose of Lima** (Wednesday); **St. Bartholomew, Apostle** (Thursday); **St. Louis** (Friday) and the **Blessed Virgin Mary** (Saturday).

Offertory

We are very grateful for all your donations and gifts to the parish and the Diocese. Your donations from last weekend are as follows:

Offertory: \$4,536.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,515.00;
Mass Stipends: \$50.00; **Assumption:** \$60.00; **Donation:** \$100.00; **Religious Ed. Registration:** \$480.00; **Eastern Europe:** \$546.00; **Fuel:** \$10.00;
Catholic School Support: \$10.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$20.00.

Total: \$7,327.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

All parents must participate in a preparation session if this is their first child and/or if they do not worship at Sunday Masses. Parents whose children are not yet born may participate in the program if they like. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to register for a meeting time. The **scheduled sessions** (*Sundays, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the rectory*) for the year ahead are: **2023: August 27, October 8, and December 3**. In **2024, they are January 14, March 10 and May 19**.

Baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass (or sometimes privately). The **scheduled dates for the actual baptisms** at the **11:00 am Mass** on Sundays are: **2023: August 27, September 24, October 15, November 19 and December 10**. In **2024, they are January 21, April 7, May 5, and June 11**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

Important Upcoming Events

Sept 5 - Special Voting at CTK
Sept 6 - KofC meeting
Sept 10 - Parish Picnic
Sept 10 - First Confirmation Class
Sept 11 - Women's Guild
Sept 11 - Novena begins
Sept 17 - Religious Ed begins
Sept 19 - St. Luke Course begins

Mindy Dulude Away this Week

Mindy, our administrative assistant, will be away on a scheduled vacation this coming week. Please hold any personal messages for her until she returns on Monday, August 28. You can always leave a message for Msgr. Sullivan at **508-754-5361**.

A Mini-Retreat for Women

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites all women to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on **Saturday, October 28**, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA. This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today, her songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. A Sarah Hart retreat experience is woven with fun, humor, songs, prayer, scripture, Sarah's personal stories and discussion time.

The retreat topic will be "Re-Creation." This program will delve into the many ways women are called to share their gifts in different chapters of their life. This is an inspirational renewal event for all generations. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. A light lunch will be served. The registration fee of \$25 (checks made payable to Commission for Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527.

2024 Men's Conference Kick-off Breakfast

The 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference Kickoff Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, September 9**, at Holy Family Parish, 750 Union Street, Leominster, MA. This is the first year that this organizational breakfast will not be held at Christ the King (since the late 1990s). It will begin with an 8:00 am Mass. At 8:30 there will be a breakfast and quick meeting. It will feature special guest Mr. Michael Donovan from the Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance. The program will wrap up by 9:15 am. All current Parish Contacts, as well as anyone wishing to volunteer as a Parish Contact should attend. It would be good if someone from Christ the King could go and represent our parish. For further information, please contact our parishioner, Todd Jarvis. You can call Todd and leave a message at **774-239-5412** or connect with him by email at: tjarvis1618@gmail.com.

Please enjoy our free parish subscription to 'WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE'

For several years our parishioners have enjoyed our parish subscription to **Word on Fire Engage** through our **Flocknotes** messaging system. It has an amazing array of excellent Catholic programming. Every parishioner has free access to its digital library. The programs are produced by **Bishop Robert Barron** who leads the nation in producing the highest quality evangelization and educational programs on the Catholic faith.

Here's how you can access the **Word on Fire Digital Library**. First set up a 'Login.' It takes a few seconds. On your computer go to flocknote.com/login. Enter your email address and then click Reset or create a password **below** the big blue Sign-In button. Click the yellow 'Reset my password' button that comes up and follow the prompts from there. **Flocknotes** will email you a link to create your password. Check your email to finish. Now that you have your **Flocknotes** login go to <https://app.flocknote.com/CTKworc/dashboard> at any time. Click the **Visit WoFDigital.org** button (a big picture) and the library will open! It's that simple to access all the amazing content! Scroll through to your heart's content.

HOSPITAL VISITS UPDATE

The priest chaplains at our hospitals continue to serve the pastoral needs of their patients. Please let us know if someone you know is hospitalized and Msgr. Sullivan will be happy to visit that person. The best thing is for a family member or friend to call the rectory to let us know your loved one is in the hospital. **St. Vincent's Hospital has recently had technical issues with their new computer system and cannot provide any information.** We can never get any information from either **UMass Hospital** (at the Lake) or **Memorial Hospital**, the same institution. **Therefore you must call the rectory.**

The 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Begins September 11th

Coming this fall will be the Novena to St. Joseph on Monday nights. It's hard to believe that this will be the twelfth anniversary year. We will pray for the sick, pray for improvements in palliative care, and pray to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from **7:15 pm to 8:00 pm**. The schedule of homilists are Sept. 11, **Rev. Stephen M. Gemme**; Sept. 18, **Most Rev. Robert J. McManus**; Sept. 25, **Rev. Msgr. James P. Moroney**; Oct. 2, **Rev. Paul J. Shaughnessy, SJ**; Oct. 9, **Rev. John J. Gavin, SJ**; Oct. 16, **Rev. Robert A. Grattaroti**; Oct. 23, **Rev. Richard W. Polek**; Oct. 30, **Rev. Enoch Kyermateng**; and Nov. 6, **Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan**. We hope that you will participate in this important annual event as the pressure increases on the state legislature to make physician assisted suicide the law in Massachusetts.

Save the Date! Catholic Women's Conference October 7

The next Women's Conference will be on **October 7, 2023**. All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call **Corinn Dahm** at **508-277-3969**. Seating is limited, register early!

Low Gluten Hosts Available for Holy Communion

We've been offering 'low-gluten' hosts for those who cannot tolerate gluten. These hosts meet the requirements of the Catholic Church for Holy Communion in terms of ingredients and gluten content. The hosts we use have gluten content of less than 0.01%. Speak to Msgr. Sullivan prior to Mass so that we can offer this special host to you.

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LINE

If you know of someone who could use our prayerful support please contact Mindy at 508-754-5361 or by email at mindy1052@gmail.com.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are known as the *Sacraments of Initiation*. A Catholic is not fully initiated into the life of the Catholic Church until he or she has received all three of these sacraments. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process of spiritual and educational formation by which adults become full members of the Catholic Church. The process welcomes both people who have never been baptized and people who were baptized in another Christian tradition and now wish to become Catholic. There is the expectation that candidates will attend Mass each Sunday as well as the formation sessions which will be offered. Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church should contact Monsignor Sullivan at either 508-754-5361 or by email: tsullivan5@mac.com.

'HOPE FOR HOUSING' CARDS

Hope for Housing cards are sold in the church foyer after all Masses. Here's how they work: You purchase food or gift cards in various amounts of \$10 to \$100; You use the food cards for your shopping; You receive the full-face value of the card you purchase; What you don't spend remains on your card for later use; The supermarket or store donates 5% to 10% of what you spend to prevent family homelessness. Yvonne Nguyen already has a couple of volunteers but will need to engage some additional ones (as in the past). If you would like to assist her (and you will be trained) Yvonne's telephone number is 508-762-2161 & her email address is Yv0nn3@aol.com. Cards are available for: The Big Y, CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera Bread, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, TJMaxx / Marshall, Starbucks, Amazon and Target.

Adults Seeking Confirmation!

Many of our adults, even some regularly at Mass, have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have a simple process that can help you with this final Sacrament of Initiation. As he has in the past, Msgr. Sullivan will offer a preparation course this year. The program will be conducted on Thursday evenings (7:15-8:15 pm) on the following dates: October 5, 19; November 9; December 7, 14; and January 18. Bishop McManus will confirm these adult candidates at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February of 2024. Please consider it! Contact Msgr. Sullivan at 508-450-2556 or by email at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

Venerini Academy

Venerini Academy, located at 27 Edward Street, is a PreK through Grade 8 school. The school has space available for a limited number of students. The school focuses on academic excellence with a faith-based experience. Class sizes are small. If you are interested in scheduling a school tour this summer, please contact Albert G. Ganem, Jr., at 508-753-3210.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, August 20

1:00 pm - Private Baptism

Tuesday, August 22

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, August 23

7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Friday, August 25

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education registration forms have been mailed to all those families known to us and have been sent out on Flocknotes as well. Please complete the forms and get them back to us with the required registration fee at this time. If you do not have a registration form, please call us at 508-754-5361 and we can send you one in the mail.

Join Us For CHRIST THE KING'S ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 ~ 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Please plan on having your family join us for this fun-filled day! All parishioners are invited. Hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts and drinks will be provided. There will be children's games and a chance to meet and greet your fellow parishioners. As always, we need helping hands. Anyone interested in helping please contact Janet Rauktis either via email: janet.rauktis@ipfs.com or by phone: Home: 508-752-0562 ~ Cell: 508-450-7496. We need help with setup, cooking, serving and clean up.

"The Gospel of St. Luke" Bible Study this Fall

Monsignor Sullivan is preparing a course of study on the **Gospel of St. Luke** for this fall. Thus far, **30 people have signed up** for it. The entire Gospel will be read. There will be 8 sessions, roughly each devoted to three chapters of Luke's 24-chapter Gospel. The program will take place in the Johnson Room on **Tuesday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:45 pm**. The dates are September 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24 (not 31st); November 7, 14. If you are interested in participating you can email him at any time (tsullivan5@mac.com) or call him at 508-754-5361.

Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public

Monsignor Sullivan is a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized you are welcome to call upon him. There is no fee. Just call the rectory should you need this service.

Why Come to Sunday Mass?

The American Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, when conducting a retreat for teens, once gave a talk on the meaning of the Mass. He said, "If you don't get anything out of Mass, it's because you don't bring the right expectations to it." It is not entertainment. It is worship of the God who made us and saves us, an opportunity to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us. If we have a correct understanding of Mass it becomes more meaningful for us. We'll want to go to Mass. We'll understand why the Mass is God's precious gift to us, and we wouldn't think of refusing that gift. Here are some reasons to go to Mass:

The third of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God is, "**Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.**" The Mass was instituted at the Last Supper by Jesus. **He said, "Do this in memory of me."** When we participate in the Mass we remember his great act of love for us on the Cross so that we can live with him forever in heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is the first of the six *Commandments of the Church*. These **commandments** also require receiving Communion at least once a year during the Easter season, confessing any mortal sin as a preparation for Communion, and observing the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.

The **Mass is the perfect sacrifice** created by Jesus. Through the priest we offer Jesus, *Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity*, to the Father, just as Jesus offered Himself to the Father on the Cross. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." **Receiving Holy Communion strengthens our union with Jesus.** He lives within us in a special way. The Mass increases our love of God and neighbor.

God wants us to **come together in community** to worship Him. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in your midst." God will help us experience the tremendous benefits of the Mass. Bring an **attitude of prayer and thanksgiving** to Mass, and you will reap great spiritual riches: consolation, confidence, happiness, and spiritual strength for the challenges of life.

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