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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

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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

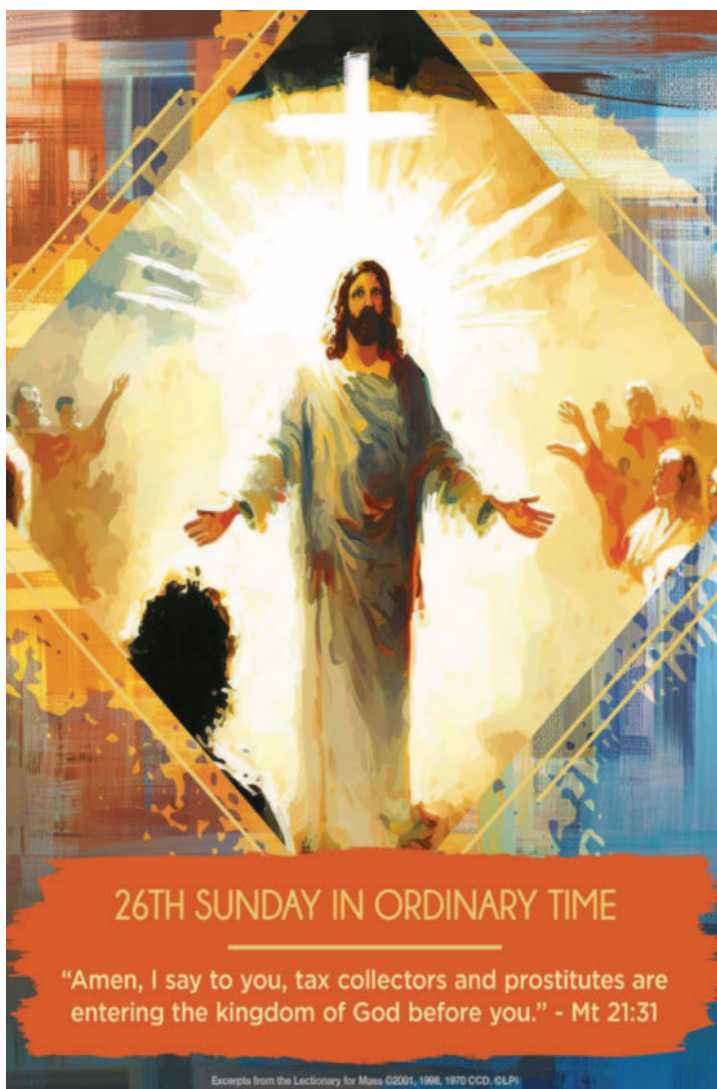
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately. Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—September 30th

4:00PM William & Catherine Kee (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—October 1st

7:30AM William E. Dulude, Sr. (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Robert C. Reidy (mem.) req. of Fr. Reidy

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—October 2nd

7:00AM Annie & John McNamarra (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—October 7th

8:00AM Frank Fenlon (birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

4:00PM James Hines (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—October 8th

7:30AM John F. Bowler (mem.) req. of Christ the King
Knights of Columbus Council #12691

9:00AM Ronald McCrohon (12th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Mary C. Healy** and **Dorothy Ashley**.

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

"Whoever does not trust the Lord in small matters is quite clearly an unbeliever in things of greater importance." *St. Basil the Great*

"Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes." *St. Dominic*

Would You Like to Join Our Parish?

Please contact Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361. Or, you can email him at tsullivan5@mac.com and he will respond.

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 the **Holy Guardian Angels** (Monday); **St. Francis of Assisi** (Wednesday); **St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin** (Thursday); **St. Bruno, Priest** (Friday); and **Our Lady of the Rosary** (Saturday).

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. The Offertory and other related donations for the past two weeks are noted below:

Offertory: \$14,269.00; **Online Giving:** \$2,520.00;
Mass Stipends: \$95.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$300.00; **Religious Ed. Registration:** \$490.00; **Fuel:** \$690.00; **Donation:** \$250.00;
Catholic School Appeal: \$537.00; **Prop. Of Faith (World Mission):** \$100.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$110.00; **Human Development:** \$25.00; **All Saints:** \$75.00; **All Souls:** \$75.00; **Religious Retirement:** \$150.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$20.00.

Total: \$19,706.00

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 **next scheduled sessions** (Sundays, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the rectory) for the year ahead are: **2023: next Sunday, 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: 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.

**THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PRAYED
WITH US DURING OUR
'40 DAYS FOR LIFE' LAST THURSDAY!
YOUR WITNESS TO THE DIGNITY OF
ALL HUMAN LIFE IS VITAL!**

And many thanks to those who organized our volunteers: Joyce Dubuque, BettyAnn Warner and Ralph Weirich.

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.

The 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Continues Tomorrow ~ October 2

Please join us for the Novena to St. Joseph tomorrow evening. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from **7:15 pm to 8:00 pm**. We 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. **Rev. Paul J. Shaughnessy, S.J., the associate pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in Leominster, will be our homilist.**

The schedule of remaining homilists is: Oct. 9, **Rev. John J. Gavin, SJ**; Oct. 16, **Rev. Robert A. Grattaroti**; Oct. 23, **Rev. Richard W. Polek**; Oct. 30, **Rev. Enoch Kyeremateng**; 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.

The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be **mailed** to our rectory office, or called in to **508-754-5361**, or emailed to Msgr. Sullivan at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

Notre Dame Academy Campus Tours and Open House Today - Sunday, October 1 - 12:00-2:00 pm

Tour our beautiful 13-acre campus, meet faculty and students, and learn about our unique educational experience for young women in grades 7-12. Also please note that the **High School Entrance Exam** will be offered on **Saturday, October 21**, at 8:30 am, in the main academic building. Pre-registration is required. To register for the exam, visit **www.nda-worc.org/admissions/events**. For questions, please contact our Director of Enrollment, Frances Queen, at 508-757-6200, ext. 272 or **Admissions@nda-worc.org**.

Order Tickets Now Catholic Women's Conference This Saturday - October 7

The next Women's Conference will be **next Saturday, 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!

Low Gluten Hosts Available for Holy Communion

For more than twelve years now 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.

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.**

Adults Seeking Confirmation! Program Starts Now By Contact

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 (which is this Thursday)**, 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**.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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**.

Assumption Graduate Student Looking for Room

Kira McCully will attend Assumption's Physician Assistant program beginning in January. She is a practicing Catholic and is looking for someone who might have a room to rent, an efficiency apartment, or an elderly person who needs some companionship. Generally, she will go to Rhode Island on weekends. If you can help, please contact her father, Paul, at **groundswell@comcast.net**, or her mother, Colleen, at 609-703-7880 or **colleenmccully@comcast.net**.

Celebrate Life Dinner!

Reserve your seat at The Mass Citizens for Life 50th Anniversary Gala with keynote Dr. Ben Carson. Sat., Oct 14 at the Newton Marriott. Tickets available through Oct. 8. Sellout expected. Visit **MAProLife.org/50** or call 617-242-4199.

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.

Changing Christmas 2023 Masses

This year, Christmas Eve, December 24, falls on a Sunday. It is a Sunday divided into two liturgical seasons. In the morning is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The afternoon is Christmas Eve when vigil Masses are offered. If we were to follow custom, there would be six Masses celebrated that day (three on Sunday morning and three additional ones later in the day). The Parish Council has discussed this at its two most recent meetings and agrees that it is too unrealistic a schedule, especially considering the burden it places on our choirs to say nothing of our priests. There has also been the concern that the late-night Christmas Eve Mass, traditionally celebrated here at 10:00 pm, has been attracting so few congregants (especially since COVID). The concert before that Mass, for which the Festival Choir practices for weeks, had about five persons attend last year. So, we are discontinuing our late-night Mass on Christmas Eve.

On Sunday, December 24, we will have our 3 morning Advent Masses, the regular Sunday schedule. Then later, Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. On Monday, December 25, Christmas morning, the Mass schedule will be as it has been. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

We thank you for your understanding. We will see how this goes and review our plan in 2024.

'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 Yvonn3@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.

'Catholic Men's Group'
Each First Friday
October 6, 7:30-8:30 pm

Tony Penny and Anthony Zamarro of our parish are spearheading this group here for men's spiritual growth. The men who join us continue to meet for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. The format varies a bit from month to month but we incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. Following the hour the men may get a bite to eat off campus. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. The group will meet **this coming Friday, October 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.**

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, Sept 30

4 pm Mass - Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, Oct 1

All Masses - Anointing of the Sick
10:00-11:00 am - Rel Ed, CGS-Grade 6
6:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, Oct 2

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park
4:00-5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, Hall
6:00-7:00 pm - Women's Guild
7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, Oct 3

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory
7:15 pm - Gospel of St. Luke

Wednesday, Oct 4

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus
7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 5

5:30 pm - Closed A.A. Meeting
7:15 pm - Adult Confirmation Class
7:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Oct 6 - No School

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory
7:30-8:30 pm - Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, Oct 8

1:00 pm - Parent Baptismal Prep

Religious Education Classes

Classes for those in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and **Grades 1-6** will meet **today, Sunday, October 1**, from 10:00-11:00. The **Confirmation class** will meet **tonight, Sunday, October 1**, in the Conference Room from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**. There are no Religious Education Classes on Oct 8 (Columbus Day weekend).

"The Gospel of St. Luke" Continues Tuesday Night

The third session of studying the **Gospel of St. Luke** takes place this Tuesday night from **7:15 to 8:45 pm**.

St. John's High School
Fall Open House(s)
Tuesday, October 17 - 6:00 pm
&
Saturday, November 18 - 9:00 am

To learn more and to register, call Justin Smith (508-842-8934, ext. 230) or visit www.beapioneer.org/experience.

October: Month of the Rosary

Except for the Mass, no form of Catholic devotion and prayer is more widely practiced among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary, which has come to be regarded as the very badge of Catholic devotional life. And devotion to Mary has been recommended warmly and frequently by the popes for centuries. Most of the popes from Sixtus IV in 1478 down to John XXIII and his recent successors, have extolled this form of prayer, which has also been the favorite of such saints as Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, Louis de Montfort, Alphonsus Liguori, Don Bosco, and Bernadette.

The authentic Rosary is a combination of vocal and mental prayer, each of which is essential to the devotion. The Rosary, Pope Leo XIII said, is composed of two parts, distinct but inseparable, a meditation on the mysteries and the recitation of the prayers. It is a prayer that requires raising our hearts and minds to God, but also a particular and explicit attention to all that Jesus has done for us.

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said: "Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his mother, Mary. In the current world, this prayer helps to put Christ at the center, as the Virgin did, who meditated upon all that was said about her Son, and what he did and spoke. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the center of our life and our time through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow, and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries."

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