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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

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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

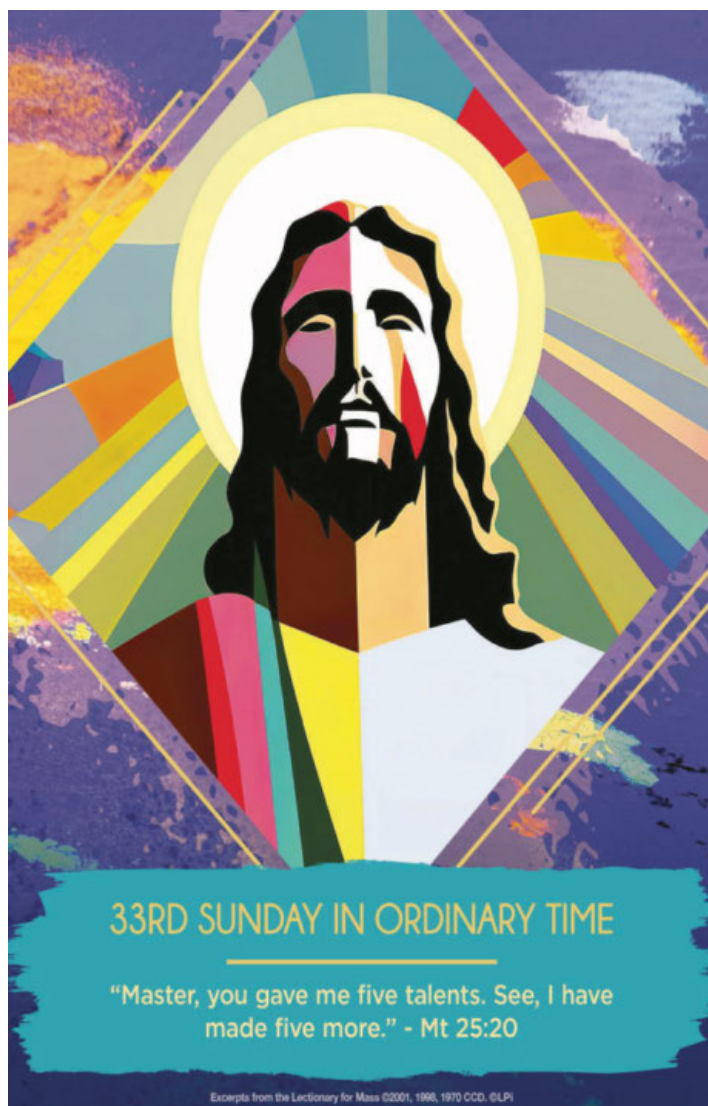
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately. Please see information inside this bulletin.

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, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—November 18th

4:00PM Deceased Members of Christ the King Knights of Columbus Council #12691

Sunday—November 19th

7:30AM John & Maria Correa (mem.) req. of Fran & Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Joseph and Carol Lysiak (mem.) req. of family

Monday—November 20th

7:00AM Mary O'Connell (mem.) req. of a friend

Tuesday—November 21st

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday—November 23rd

8:00AM John Bowler (mem.) and Helen Zalauskas (mem.) req. of family

Friday—November 24th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday—November 25th

4:00PM Patricia Coyne (mem.) req. of Mary Boyer

Sunday—November 26th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Matthew Wallace (6th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Timothy Haylon (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Eleanor Palmieri**, the sister of Robert Campomizzi and **Martin E. Foley**.

Advent Wreaths For Sale December 2 & 3

In two weeks, our own Pack 37 Cub Scouts will be selling handmade Advent wreaths after each Mass. The scouts have been working on these wreaths at den meetings the past two months and are excited to offer them to you! 100% of the proceeds will go directly to funding scout activities. Each wreath is \$20. Cash or check payable to "Pack 37" will be accepted. If you would like to preorder a wreath, please email: pack37cubmaster@gmail.com or call Tony Penny at 508-826-2956. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Observing our custom of many years our Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. We hope that many of our families will join us for this important Mass on America's most celebrated holiday.

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 celebrate the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Tuesday); **St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr** (Wednesday); **Thanksgiving** (Thursday at 8:00 am); **St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** (Friday); and **St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr** (Saturday).

Offertory

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

Offertory: \$6,888.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,650.00;
Mass Stipends: \$90.00; **Fuel:** \$157.00; **Donation to Novena:** \$100.00 **Eastern/Central Europe:** \$15.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$5.00; **Human Development:** \$15.00.

Total: \$8,920.00

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: December 3** and 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: 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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"The rule of justice is plain: namely, that a good man ought not to swerve from the truth, nor inflict any unjust loss on anyone, nor act in any way deceitfully or fraudulently." *St. Ambrose of Milan*

Thanks for Recent Novena

We wish to thank all those who participated in our Annual Novena to St. Joseph, in its twelfth year, which concluded recently. We heard some wonderful homilies from our guest homilists, prayed for hundreds of people who are seriously ill, and demonstrated our opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. We are particularly grateful for the commitment of our lectors, Mark Czyzewski and Mary Lee Arellano; our altar servers, Henry Penny, Sophia Penny, Lillian Mariscal and Max Baker; our organist, Ellen Linn, and our soloists, Monica Hatch and Alana Kearney; for Mindy Dulude's efforts in printing all the Novena booklets; and to Kris Correia for taping all the individual homilies for replay on the home page of our parish website: www.ctkworc.org.

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.

Making Peace Between Faith and Science: A Catholic Approach

Rather than focusing on the scientific evidence supporting belief in God, Fr. Steve Lundrigan explores how the Catholic approach provides a way to unite religious faith and the belief in the power of science and reason. This is a presentation that you don't want to miss! The program is being held at St. Columba Church, 10 Richards Ave. Paxton, MA, on **November 29th** at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' Annual Diaper Drive

You can Still Help us!

In recent years our Knights of Columbus Council has worked with Catholic Charities to make the Diaper Drive successful. It serves the needs of untold numbers of poor mothers in Worcester County. Catholic Charities has established a program where they will purchase diapers at a low, wholesale price. The typical monthly cost for poor mothers is about *\$80 per month per child*. This is difficult for many struggling families in our area. We still hope to raise **\$5,000** to assist Catholic Charities in their hope of purchasing and distributing 50,000 diapers in the year ahead. Please donate if you are able. You can send your gift in an envelope marked: Knights of Columbus, c/o Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602. Or drop an envelope in the Sunday collection marked for Knights of Columbus Diapers. If you use a *check* please make it *payable* to *'Knights of Columbus Council 12691'* (not Christ the King). Or you can make an online donation at: www.ccworc.org/diaper-program-donate/

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's new computer system cannot provide any information.** For many years we have **not** been able to obtain any information from either **UMass Hospital** (at the Lake) or **Memorial Hospital** (the same institution) about patients listed by their parishes. **Therefore, you must call the rectory if you would like Msgr. Sullivan to visit a loved one.**

Extra Weekday Masses in Advent

A wonderful spiritual preparation for Christmas is participation in a daily Mass during Advent. As has been our custom for many years our parish adds an afternoon Mass at 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, during the Advent season. Of course, we continue to offer our 7:00 am Mass (Saturdays at 8:00 am).

Advent begins on the weekend of December 2 & 3. **All are welcome** to join us. The first afternoon Mass will be Monday, December 4. The last is on Friday, December 22. Mass concludes about 6:00 pm each night. The **only exception** to this schedule is on Friday, December 8, the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception**, when the Mass will be at **6:00 pm** rather than 5:30 pm.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day & Donations of Food

Observing our custom of many years our Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 8:00 am. We hope that many of our families will join us for this important Mass on America's most celebrated holiday.

It's a tradition at CTK that parishioners bring donations of non-perishable food to Mass. The holidays and cold weather increase the needs of many families. A need exists for canned soups and vegetables, tuna, pasta, rice, peanut butter and cereals to fill the pantry shelves. Please **NO** glass containers. (BE AWARE OF EXPIRATION DATES ON ANY ITEMS BEFORE YOU DONATE THEM. WE CANNOT DISTRIBUTE EXPIRED PRODUCTS.) Help us to help others. These donated items will be distributed the day after Thanksgiving. If you prefer, cash donations may be put into the offering baskets in the altar that day. At the end of Mass, we look for your **assistance in bringing the donated items to a truck** in back of the church. These donations help the poor through the efforts of Our Lady of Providence Parish on Lincoln Street.

Pray for All Souls

During November, please feel free to record the names of your deceased loved ones into our **Book of Remembrance**, which is in front of the pulpit.

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.

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.

'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.

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 "Giving Tree" Program Starts November 25-26

We hope that you will participate again this year in securing Christmas gifts for underprivileged local children. The Urban Missionaries are making available several options for giving. Instructions will follow in upcoming bulletins. You will be able to pick up a gift tag on the weekend of November 25/26. The website for the Urban Missionaries is www.urbanmissionaries.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Day of Discovery

Christ the King will host a diocesan "Day of Discovery" for Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) on **Saturday, December 2** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$25 which includes the book *Joyful Journey*. This is offered for catechists and assistants, teachers, and anyone curious about CGS! The Day of Discovery will include discussion on how CGS helps the very young child (ages 3-6) enter into a personal relationship with Jesus, an opportunity to explore a 'working' atrium where children gather to learn through Scriptures and the Sacraments, time to work in the Atrium, the role of the catechist as 'servant,' and discussion on the Montessori method of education as a mode for religious development. If you are interested, please register at worcestardiocese.org/cgs-day-of-discoverydecember22023 or let Jackie Penny know (jpenny325@gmail.com) and she can sign you up.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, Nov 19

10:00-11:00 am - CGS, Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.
6:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Tuesday, Nov 21

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

Thursday, Nov 23 - Thanksgiving

8:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, Nov 24

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

Saturday, Nov 25

4 pm Mass - Giving Tree Tags Out

Sunday, Nov 26

All Masses - Giving Tree Tags Out
5:00 pm - Vespers honoring Msgr. Reidy
at St. Paul's Cathedral

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

Classes for those in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and **Grades 1-6** will meet **today, Sunday, November 19**, from 10:00-11:00. **The Confirmation class will meet tonight, Sunday, November 19**, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Grades 7-10 do not meet tonight.

There are **no classes next weekend** because of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Celebration for Msgr. Reidy!

Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, November 26**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, at **5:00 pm**, we are all invited to join Bishop Robert McManus at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for Vespers in recognition of the appointment of **Monsignor Richard F. Reidy** as a Chaplain to His Holiness. A reception with light refreshments will follow in *The Cenacle* (the hall beneath the Cathedral for social gatherings). Vespers is the "Evening Prayer" of the Church. It is **not** Sunday Mass. St. Paul's Cathedral is located at the corner of Chatham Street and High Street in Worcester. We hope you will be able to attend!

Girl Scouts at Christ the King

Girl Scouting has been a long-standing tradition here at Christ the King. We currently have a Brownie/Junior/Cadette Girl Scout Troop that meets weekly on Mondays from 4:00-5:00 pm. We would love to welcome new girls who are presently in grades 2-8. Of course, adult volunteers are always welcome! For more information or to answer any questions you may have, please contact Brownies30139@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving!

At this time of year, our thoughts turn to apple cider, cozy sweaters, and crackling fires in the hearth. Thanksgiving has arrived! Almost everyone has one or more Thanksgiving traditions they hold dear. Besides the traditional family dinner, there's the friendly game of touch football, popping in a favorite movie while devouring your slice of pumpkin pie, or going for a walk around the neighborhood while the turkey roasts. In this day and age of instant gratification (think social media posts, two-day delivery guarantee, information at your fingertips, and more), the time is ripe to slow down and count your blessings. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to start new traditions that reflect our gratitude towards God. Take advantage of this time of year to kick-start your stewardship way of life by making this day, and the days leading up to it, even more special. Here are some suggestions:

Start the Day with Prayer

Start your day by counting your blessings at our 8:00 am Mass. While here, reflect on three or four qualities or talents you have been blessed with and how you can best share these gifts with others.

Help Someone

Extend your generosity and blessings beyond your immediate family and friends. Serve dinner at your local homeless shelter or help an elderly neighbor rake leaves or take out their recyclables. Small steps can make a huge impact.

Adopt-a-Family-Member for the Holidays

Share your Thanksgiving meal with someone who is alone this year. Look for a neighbor, coworker, fellow parishioner, or college student who may be separated from family for the holidays. A few hours of good food and authentic conversation does everyone good.

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