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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

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

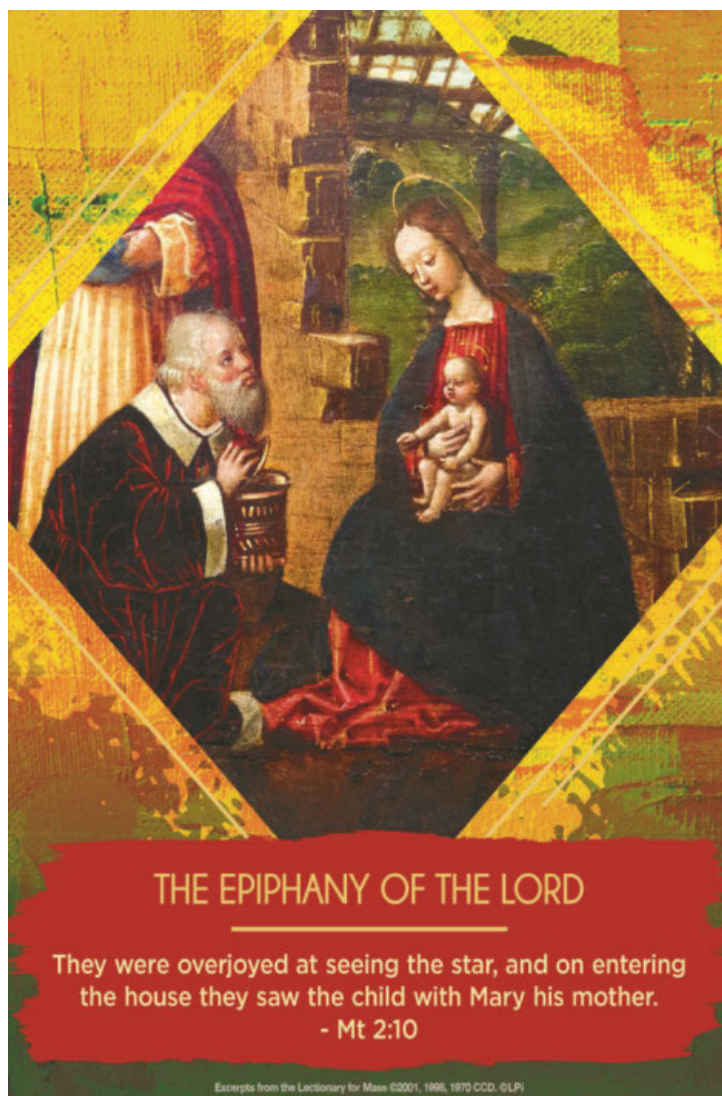
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering
the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

- Mt 2:10

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—January 6th

4:00PM Timothy Haylon (birthday) req. of family

Sunday—January 7th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Charles Edward Patrock (6th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM George DePasquale (mem.) req. of family

Tuesday—January 9th

7:00AM Gasper Doci (Living— for better health) req. of a friend

Wednesday—January 10th

7:00AM Marvin Degen (4th anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—January 11th

7:00AM Gregory Parker (mem.) req. of Leo Quinn

Friday—January 12th

7:00AM Krystyna Plewa (mem.) req. of a friend

Saturday—January 13th

4:00PM Normand Lamoureux (mem.) req. of Joe & Carol Carlomagno

Sunday—January 14th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Dr. Robert D. Blute, Jr. (mem.) req. of Richard & Dorothea Glew

11:00AM Timothy Haylon (mem.) req. of Pam Reponen

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Gregory Parker**, the son in law of Leo Quinn, **Kevin McCrea**, the brother of Eleanor “Bonnie” McCrea, and **Tara M. Stacey**.

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.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

We offer ‘low gluten’ hosts. Wheat content less than 0.01%. Go to the priest for Communion.

Thanks for Gum Removal

Last week Anthony Zamarro and Tony Penny and two of their sons, Leo Zamarro and Henry Penny, gave up an afternoon of their time to remove the gum from underneath the pews in the church. It was a major effort. We are very grateful for and cleaning our church in this way. We encourage not to chew or dispose of gum in the church.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (Monday-Friday at 7:00 am; 8:00 am on Saturdays). This week we celebrate **the Baptism of the Lord** (Monday); and **St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Saturday). All other days are **Ordinary Time**.

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Your donations at the Christmas Masses and last weekend’s Feast of the Holy Family are indicated below.

Offertory: \$5,907.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,615.00;
Mass Stipends: \$40.00; **Fuel:** \$55.00; **Donation:** \$100.00; **Friday Night AA Donation:** \$75.00; **Christmas:** \$9,197.00;
Christmas Flowers: \$30.00; **Religious Retirement:** \$80.00;
Immaculate Conception: \$20.00; **Our Religious Education:** \$102.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$272.00; **Catholic University:** \$55.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00.

Total: \$17,648.00

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: 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 in 2024 are thus far: **January 21, April 7, May 5, and June 11**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

Catholic Men’s Conference Returns to DCU Center ‘You Shall Know the Lord’

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important conference, scheduled to take place at Worcester’s DCU Center on **Saturday, March 16, 2024**. **Adult tickets are \$50 until March 4, 2024**; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30. Tickets will **not be available at the door** this year because of advance planning for the luncheon. Visit the conference website at www.catholicmenworc.com for information and to purchase tickets online. Come and hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, James Wahlberg, Michael Nicholson, Bishop Robert McManus and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan. Adoration available all day. Confessions for all mid-day. Closing Mass at 4:00 pm. For further information you can email cathmenworc@gmail.com.

You Who Are Weary

“Every religion, every program, every self-help book is about steps you have to take. Jesus is the only One who becomes the step - *to take you*...Christ becomes the one step we can never take - and takes us. He comes to us not in spite of our failings - but precisely because of them. Ours is the God who is drawn to those who feel down. Ours is the God who is attracted to those who feel abandoned. Ours is the God who is bound to those who feel broken. Everywhere stairways for the sinners, everywhere ladders for the lost, everywhere gateways to God. This is grace.”

Excerpt from **Ann Voskamp**, *The Greatest Gift: Unwrapping the Full Love Story of Christmas*.

First Communion Parents Meeting

We remind our parents of the Parents' Meeting scheduled for **this Wednesday evening, January 10, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** The meeting will take place in the Johnson Room. If there are childcare issues only one parent need be present. Monsignor Sullivan, Anne Thompson and Leah DiPilato will be present.

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope and healing. The Church encourages you to come forward. You may meet with Bishop McManus or his delegate, Mrs. Judith Audette, the Victim Services Coordinator (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-726-2880). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

New Parish Book Club Are You Interested?

Victoria DiMassa has organized a monthly parish book club to enjoy fiction and nonfiction literature, largely around religious themes, from 7 to 8 pm on the first Thursday of the month. Discussion and enjoying each other's company. The first meeting was held on January 4. The group will select the books. A leader will provide topics and questions for each meeting. The level of interest will determine where at the church we would meet. If interested in joining, please contact Victoria by calling her or texting her at **440-522-7700**. Make sure to ask Victoria what the next book will be. You can also email her at **dimassavictoria@gmail.com**.

Service to *The Mustard Seed*

CTK parishioners serve food at *The Mustard Seed* on the last Wednesday of the month. If you can help, we begin food preparations at 2:30 pm in the downstairs kitchen. If you can help us please call Margaret Abboud at 508-735-7614 or email her at **maglons@msn.com**.

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** about patients listed by their parishes. **Therefore, you must call the rectory if you would like Msgr. Sullivan to visit a loved one.**

'In Hour of Need' Shelter January 21-27

Our next week of service to the homeless families at the IHN shelter begins, **Sunday, January 21** through **Saturday, January 27**, at 91 June Street, Worcester. Donations of grocery gift cards, cash donations, meals, paper goods such as paper towels, toilet tissue, diapers and household cleaning products are greatly appreciated. Please consider helping with the gift of your time by donating a few hours of evening chaperoning or staying overnight as a volunteer. Please call **Celeste Hedge** (508-735-3997) or **Janet Rauktis** (508-450-7496) to volunteer and assist in this important ministry.

Msgr. Sullivan a Notary Public

Msgr. Sullivan is a notary public. Should you something notarized call him, 508-754-5361. No fee.

Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins. 413-552-7231 or email Mary at: **DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com**.

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.

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 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.

Sunday Morning Coffee Starts Today

Starting today we begin a "coffee shop" in the Johnson Room following the 9:00 am Mass. Enjoy coffee, donut holes and especially one another's company. Let's strengthen our community! There would also be coloring supplies and puzzles for little ones too young for education classes. Volunteers needed. We'd be finished before the 11 am Mass. If you'd be interested in helping or even just coming, please contact **Victoria DiMassa**. You can call or text her at **440-522-7700** or email her at dimassavictoria@gmail.com.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." *St. Augustine*

COFFEE & BOOKS Friday Mornings

Join us on Friday mornings after the 7:00 am daily Mass for our coffee social hour in the Johnson Room. Also enjoy our lending library filled with great books to feed your mind and soul. Stop in for a friendly chat. We look forward to seeing you! We start at approximately 7:30 am.

Have Your Marriage Blessed?

We've learned, over time, that some (civilly) married parishioners have never entered into a sacramental marriage. Please call Msgr. Sullivan about having your marriage "blessed" if you would like to pursue this. 508-754-5361.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan. 7 - Epiphany

10:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.

6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel. Ed.

Monday, Jan. 8 - Baptism of the Lord

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare

Tuesday, Jan. 9

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

Wednesday, Jan. 10

6:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

7:00 pm - 1st Communion Parents Meet

7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 11

7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 12

7:30 am - 'Coffee & Books,' Johnson Room

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

Saturday, Jan. 13

8:30 am - Men's Conference Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 14

1:00 pm - Parents' Baptism Prep

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

Classes for CGS through Grade 6 resume today, Sunday morning, **January 7, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am**. Classes for **Grades 7-10** will meet tonight, Sunday evening, **January 7, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**.

No classes are scheduled for next weekend because of the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

St. Peter Elementary School Open House - Sunday, Jan. 28

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, located at 865 Main Street, will host an Open House on Sunday, January 28, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. All are welcome. The school has openings in grades Pre-K through 8. For further information please call Marybeth Soucy at 508-791-6496 or email her at marybeth.soucy@stpetercc.com. You can visit the school's website at www.stpetercentralcatholic.com.

January Pro-Life Mass

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on **Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on Jan. 19, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

Today:
The Solemnity of the Epiphany
'Three Kings' Seek, Find, and Worship the Lord

The story of the "Adoration of the Wise Men" is one of the best known in the life of the Lord and a favorite subject in religious expressions of art. The star that guided the Magi has become an example of the Gospel proclamation to all people. The brief story in Matthew's Gospel, which says that Wise Men from the East, guided by a star, arrived in Bethlehem to worship the newborn Child, was well-known from the Church's beginnings. These men of high rank arrive from the East following a star. They've also been called "astrologers," Magi and the "Three Kings." Their coming from the "East" makes one think of Persia, where the Parsee priests of Zoroaster encouraged the interpretation and importance of stars.

The Wise Men symbolized strangers, foreigners or pagans, hence, completely diverse people. Yet they received salvation, just like the People of Israel. Their search, discovery, worship and belief in Jesus filled them with "great joy." Obedient to a warning, they returned to their own country "by another way." The homage that the first representatives of paganism, henceforth kings, paid to the King of Kings enabled them to share in the divine Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The Magi who came from the East, important figures, were men of their time who asked critical questions and sought meaning for life. They asked seriously, they sought tenaciously, and they set out readily. By asking and seeking, the Wise Men discovered and encountered the Lord. They felt "great joy." This "joy" is the peace that God has bestowed upon us through the Incarnation of the Son.

The Magi fell down on their knees, prayed and offered their gifts. Adoring God thus means giving oneself totally to him and professing him. Through his Incarnation, his death and his Resurrection, Jesus revealed to all humanity the total gift of himself.

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