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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

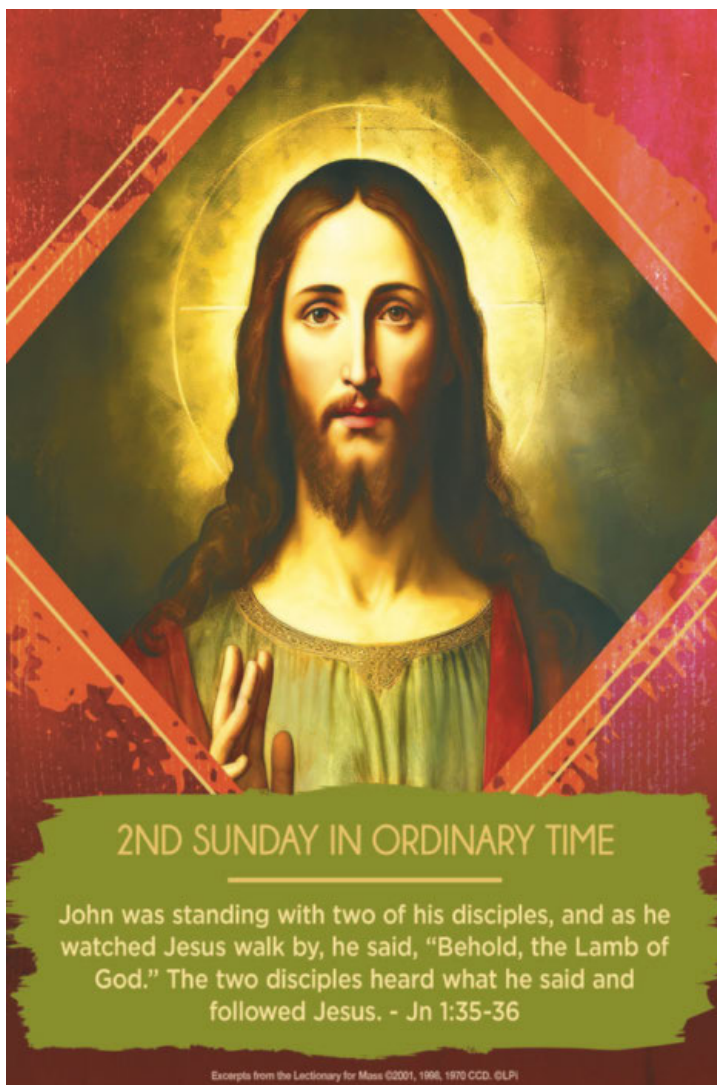
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—January 13th

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

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

Monday—January 15th

7:00AM Fred Elliott (1st anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—January 16th

7:00AM Barry Johnson (birthday) req. of family

Wednesday—January 17th

7:00AM Judy Wesson (mem.) req. of Julie & Jim Pepi

Thursday—January 18th

7:00AM Daniel McCann (mem.) req. of Fred & Pat Rushton

Friday—January 19th

7:00AM Mary 'Va' Callahan (mem.) req. of Roger Frost

Saturday—January 20th

8:00AM Gregory Parker (mem.) req. of Leo Quinn

4:00PM Krystyna Plewa (mem.) req. of a friend

Sunday—January 21st

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Dennis Ferrante (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Katherine "Kathy" Torrey (mem.) req. of Mary Hovenesian Hines

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **John F. O'Connell**, the brother of James O'Connell, **Jay E. McCune**, **Rita B. Tirella**, **Eileen M. Kneeland**, and **Joseph V. Miliauskas**, the brother of Bernadette Harris.

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

Two weeks ago 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 all not to chew or dispose of gum or candy 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 **St. Anthony, Abbot** (Wednesday); and **St. Sebastian, Martyr** (Saturday). All other days are **Ordinary Time**.

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Your donations for last weekend are indicated below.

Offertory: \$6,287.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,230.00;
Mass Stipends: \$370.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$1,000.00; **Fuel:** \$135.00; **Donation:** \$825.00; **Christmas:** \$35.00; **Religious Retirement:** \$30.00; **Immaculate Conception:** \$10.00; **Our Religious Education:** \$361.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$869.00; **Catholic University:** \$50.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$20.00.

Total: \$11,222.00

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: **2024: 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Parish Council meets this Wednesday evening, January 17 at 7:00 pm in the Johnson Room.

January Pro-Life Mass

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life **this 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!

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 Has Begun and Will Enjoy New Members

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 **second** meeting will be held on **February 1**. The group will be reading Father James Martin's *My Life with the Saints*. The group meets in the Conference Room in the lower level of the church, adjacent the parish hall. If interested in joining, please contact Victoria by calling her or texting her at **440-522-7700**. Hopefully, you can read the book in advance. The group decides the next book. 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.

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.

Msgr. Sullivan a Notary Public

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

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.

Confirmation Class of 2024

We have been notified that our parish Confirmation class will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop McManus on **Sunday, April 28, at 3:00 pm**, at St. Paul's Cathedral. In addition to Christ the King Parish, candidates from the following parishes will also receive the sacrament that day: Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Providence, Our Lady of the Angels, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Vilna, St. George, and St. Aloysius-St. Jude in Leicester.

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, ctkwork.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 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.

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. **We're sorry we had to cancel last Sunday because of the snowstorm.** 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

"Live simply so that others may simply live." *St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton*

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, Jan. 13

8:30 am - Men's Conference Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 14

1:00-2:30 pm - Parents' Baptism Prep

Monday, Jan. 15 - MLK Day

7:00 am - Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 16

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

Wednesday, Jan. 17

6:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 18

7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 19

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

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

Saturday, Jan. 20

12:30 pm - Private Baptism

Sunday, Jan. 21

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.

11:00 am - 2 Baptisms at Mass

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

Evening - IHN ministry begins

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

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

Classes for **CGS through Grade 6** resume next Sunday morning, **January 21, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.** Classes for **Grades 7-10** will meet next Sunday evening, **January 21, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.**

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.

We're Now In 'Ordinary Time'

Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. There's no truth there. We entered Ordinary Time again last Tuesday. Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which we celebrate the fact that Christ walks among us, speaks the whole Gospel, and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time - for those days when there is no special feast - is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations. Ordinary Time refers to all those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which is the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. The second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.

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