



Christ the King Parish

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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

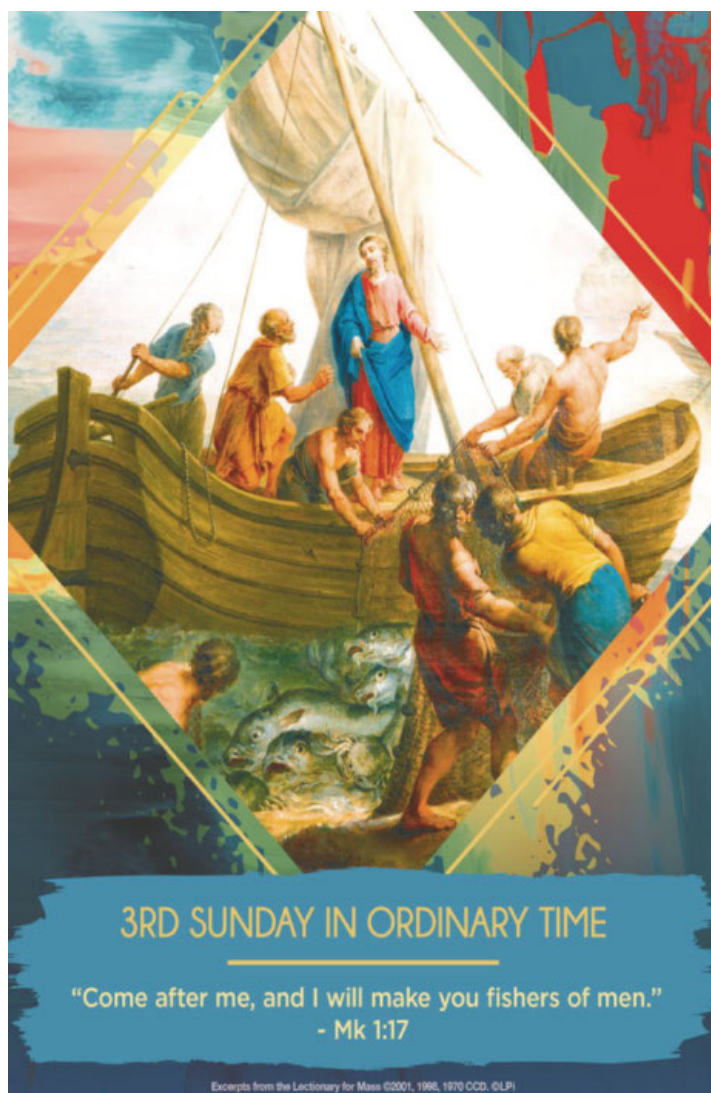
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately. Please see information inside this bulletin.

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 20th

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

Monday—January 22nd

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory req. of a friend

Tuesday—January 23rd

7:00AM Anthony Sereti (birthday) req. of family

Wednesday—January 24th

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

Thursday—January 25th

7:00AM Veronique Tritle (Living-birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

Friday—January 26th

7:00AM Jane Allen (Living) req. of Fran & BettyAnn Warner

Saturday—January 27th

8:00AM Margaret Tumeinski (mem.) req. of The Brennan Family

4:00PM Kevin and Maria Donahue (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—January 28th

7:30AM Helene and Clarence Moss (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Timothy Haylon (mem.) req. of Helen Fitzgerald

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Margaret E. O'Connor, Frank A. Oftring, Rev. Michael Sheridan, and Mary Laplace**, the sister of Ann Fortier.

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 **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** (Monday); **St. Vincent, Deacon** (Tuesday); **St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder, and Doctor of the Church** (Wednesday); **The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle** (Thursday); **Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops** (Friday); and **St. Angela Merici, Virgin** (Saturday).

Offertory

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

Offertory: \$6,435.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,505.00;
Mass Stipends: \$210.00; **Funeral Stipend:** 600.00; **Fuel:** \$535.00; **Christmas:** \$55.00; **Religious Retirement:** \$30.00;
Our Religious Education: \$50.00; **Catholic University:** \$135.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$10.00.

Total: \$9,565.00

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: **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.

An Invitation from Bishop McManus

**You are cordially invited to
a special Italian Dinner...
Supporting *Partners in Charity***

As ongoing supporters of **Partners in Charity** I want to cordially invite the parishioners of Christ the King to a special **Partners in Charity 2024 Italian Dinner** scheduled for **this Tuesday, January 23**, at St. Joseph Church Parish Center, located at 68 Central Street in Auburn. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Please kindly RSVP by calling 508-929-4366 or send an email to development@worcesterdiocese.org.

I look forward to welcoming and seeing you along with your pastor as we launch the upcoming appeal.

Gratefully,
Bishop McManus

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 The Hour of Need' Shelter This Week - January 21-27

Our week of service to the homeless families at the IHN shelter begins today, **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, 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 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 Has Begun

We have begun our Sunday "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 finish before the 11 am Mass. If you'd be interested in helping 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

"Whenever you are given a cross, be sure to embrace it with humility and gratitude. If God, in His infinite goodness, favors you with a cross of some importance, be sure to thank him in a special way." *St. Louis de Montfort*

Please enjoy 'WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE'

For several years our parishioners have enjoyed our parish subscription to *Word on Fire Engage* through our *Flocknotes* messaging system. Every parishioner has free access to its digital library. The programs are produced by Bishop Robert Barron. Every parishioner in our *Flocknotes* system has 100% access to the *Word on Fire Digital Library* so you can watch any of the films and study programs on any device, whenever you'd like.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

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

Tuesday, Jan. 23

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

Wednesday, Jan. 24

6:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

7:30 pm - Folk Group rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 25

5:30 pm - Closed A.A. Meeting

7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 26

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall

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

Sunday, Jan. 28

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

6:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

Classes for CGS through Grade 6 resume today, Sunday, January 21, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Classes for Grades 7-10 resume tonight, Sunday evening, January 21, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Classes for CGS through Grade 6 are scheduled for next Sunday, January 28, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The Confirmation class will meet next Sunday night, January 28, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Classes for Grades 7-10 will not meet next Sunday night, January 28.

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

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, located at 865 Main Street, will host an Open House next 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.

Tomorrow ~ A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

What follows are excerpts from the letter that Bishop McManus recently published and was inserted into our bulletin last weekend...

Tomorrow, Monday, is a particular day of prayer and penance, reminding us of our preeminent priority to pray and work for an end to the tragic scourge of abortion. All the faithful throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. While the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the case *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health* thankfully overturned the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. throughout all nine months of pregnancy, the issue of the legalized abortion has now returned to the states. Our work is far from over.

Millions of lives have been lost. Countless persons have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy. We need to re-commit ourselves to defending life. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice tomorrow, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer." Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God's grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

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