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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 Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

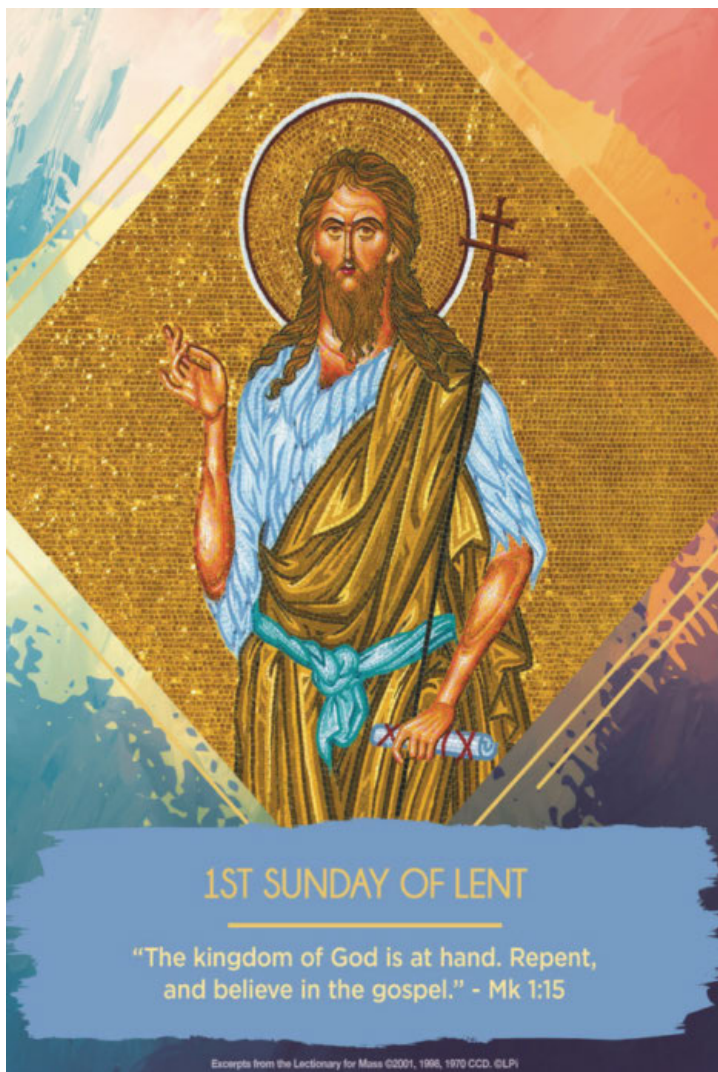
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—February 17th

4:00PM Gerard Lefebvre (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—February 18th

7:30AM Joseph Baniukiewicz, Jr. (21st anniv.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Leo Sheehy (13th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—February 19th

7:00AM Anthony Ritacco (anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—February 20th

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

Wednesday—February 21st

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

5:30PM Mary Colorio (mem.) req. of Paul & Mary Ann Franco

Thursday—February 22nd

7:00AM Maria Nga (mem.) req. of family

5:30PM Emily Czyzewski (mem.) req. of Mark & Monique Czyzewski

Friday—February 23rd

7:00AM Joseph Long (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—February 24th

7:00AM Dorothy Doyle (mem.) req. of Leo Quinn

4:00PM Catherine Black (5th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—February 25th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Kirwin and Elizabeth Matthews (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Normand Lamoureux (mem.) req. of Robert & Maureen Simoneau

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Rev. Walter J. Riley, Marc G. Lefebvre, and Irene Mary Merrill**, the mother of John Merrill.

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.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays

We celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. The time is **3:00-3:30 pm** and they will be led by Msgr. Sullivan.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses - Monday-Friday at 7:00 am (and 5:30 pm during Lent) & 8:00 am on Saturdays. This week most days are **Lenten weekdays**. The exception is **Thursday** when the Church observes the feast of the **Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**.

Offertory

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

Offertory: \$5,182.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,570.00;
Mass Stipends: \$130.00; **Fuel:** \$470.00; **Catholic Home Mission:** \$394.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$80.00; **Ash Wednesday/Priest Retirement:** \$130.00; **Good Friday:** \$5.00; **Easter:** \$5.00.

Total: \$7,966.00

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 **next 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.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

"COME HOME TO GOD'S MERCY"
Tuesday Evening Confessions During Lent

Msgr. Sullivan will be hearing confessions each Lenten Tuesday **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God's mercy in this extraordinary Sacrament. Confessions will be heard on **February 20 and 27**; and **March 5, 12, 19 and 26**. Additional times will be scheduled during Holy Week.

**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 next meeting will be held on **March 7**. The group will be reading Shūsako Endo's book, ***Silence***. 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.

FREE HOME PICK-UP!
By St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester and Hampden Counties is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books, and household items. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need of food, clothing, rent, and utilities. To schedule a free home pick-up, visit our website at <https://svdpworchester.org> and click on the "How You Can Help" tab, then choose "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Complete the form, and you're done! You may also contact our partner (CMRK) at **508-474-8966**. Please Help us help our neighbors in need! Thank you!

**Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes
And Barcelona**

Father Stephen Gemme is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona from October 13th to 22nd. You may wish to participate in this exciting pilgrimage, a wonderful faith journey through France, Portugal and Spain. There are cost savings if you book now. For further information you can contact Lauren Maldonado at **508-277-4827** or email her at laurenmm@msn.com. You can read about the entire journey at: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1227248>

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.**

**40 Days for Life Participation
by Christ the King Parishioners
Set for Thursday, Feb. 29 - Please Join Us!**

Please sign on for one hour if you can.
We have **sign-ups** at all Masses today.

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We will pray again that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion in Worcester. We pray outside the **Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street**. Christ the King parishioners will be praying there between the hours of **8:00 am and 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 29**. You can also "sign on" to participate anytime now by contacting either of these parish leaders: **Joyce Dubuque** (Tel: 508-826-0703; email address: jhdubuque@aol.com); **Ralph Weirich** (Tel: 508-791-0678; email address: weirich.ralph@gmail.com) or **BettyAnn Warner** email address: bacwarner@hotmail.com.

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on **Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent**.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on **Good Friday**. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

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, ctkwor.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 Coffee Shop

There will **not** be Sunday Morning Coffee shop **today or next Sunday** because of the school **vacation**. Our leaders have elected to offer this hospitality on the first and third Sundays of the month. Come and join us 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! 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.

CTK Women's Guild's Lenten Evening of Recollection Monday, February 26

Christ the King's Women's Guild invites all women to their Annual Lenten Evening of Recollection on Monday, February 26. **Father Stephen Gemme**, a chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital, is the presenter. His theme is **'Lent: Prayer, Almsgiving, Holiness and Charity.'** Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a light dinner at 6:15 pm and presentation in the Johnson Room. Donation for the evening is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. To make a reservation or if you have any questions, please contact Donna Byrnes by February 23 at 508-753-3024 or email her at dbyrnes@charter.net.

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

Saturday, Feb. 17

4 pm - 40 Days for Life Sign-Up

Sunday, Feb. 18

All Masses - 40 Days for Life Sign-Up

Monday, Feb. 19

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
4:00 pm - Girl Scouts, Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00-8:00 pm - Lenten confessions
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 22

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, Feb. 23

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
3:00-3:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Saturday, Feb. 24

8:00 am - Mass
4:00 pm Mass - *Partners in Charity*
In-Pew Appeal

Sunday, Feb. 25

All Masses - *Partners in Charity*
In-Pew Appeal
10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6 Rel Ed
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel Ed

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

There are **no religious education classes today, Sunday, February 18**, because of the start of school vacation. Classes will **resume next Sunday**, February 25, for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and Grades 1-6 from 10:00 to 11:00 am and for those in Grades 7-10 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Your accumulated offenses do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies; your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill." *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

2024 Partners in Charity Appeal ~ In-Pew Appeal Next Weekend

My dear fellow parishioners,

I write to ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2024 *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. We are now formally launching our parish appeal. I'm confident that you are already aware that this appeal supports all our essential diocesan charities. We need the help of all parishioners more than ever to meet our diocesan needs. Many of us have witnessed all that is accomplished through *Partners in Charity*. Tens of thousands of people receive direct assistance through our personal gifts. Among others, those thousands are children needing protective shelter and/or education ~ youth and young adults throughout the Diocese ~ those preparing for the priesthood and the diaconate ~ seniors receiving home health care ~ and over fifty retired priests. **25** diocesan ministries are supported through this appeal. Partners in Charity agencies work for all our people **365** days a year.

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. **Our parish goal is \$110,700. The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year** and that will take a lot of us pitching in to achieve it! If you have not already made a gift (a few have) be prepared to do so at Mass next Sunday. If you plan to use a **check**, it should be made **payable to Partners in Charity** (not Christ the King). You can also donate **online** by going to **partners-charity.net/donate**.

I am most grateful to so many of you who have enabled our parish's success year after year. May the Lord bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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