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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.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:17

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—March 2nd

4:00PM Eileen Kneeland (mem.) req. of Paul & Mary
Ann Franco

Sunday—March 3rd

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM John Maki (4th anniv.) req. of family
11:00AM Krystyna Plewa (mem.) req. of a friend

Monday—March 4th

7:00AM For Thanksgiving

Tuesday—March 5th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday—March 6th

7:00AM Fr. Walter Riley (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce
Dubuque

Thursday—March 7th

7:00AM Mary Cotterman (mem.) req. of a friend
5:30PM Margaret Hart Kelly (mem.) req. of Mark &
Monique Czyzewski

Friday—March 8th

5:30PM Fr. Walter Riley (mem.) req. of Renee Johnson

Saturday—March 9th

8:00AM Fernand Leclezio, Jr. (anniv.) req. of Alice
Fenlon
4:00PM Nancy O'Connell (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—March 10th

7:30AM Florence C. Dulude (45th anniv.) req. of family
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM Normand Lamoureux (mem.) req. of The
Rushton Family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Michael J. Shulman**, the son of Carol Shulman.

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.

'Worcester West Parish Neighbors' Magazine

This is a free magazine that many of our parishioners have been receiving for a couple of years now. It highlights the activities of Christ the King, Immaculate Conception, and the Catholic churches in Paxton and Rutland. There is no cost to us or the other parishes. We believe most of our parishioners have been receiving it. If you have not been receiving a copy and would like to receive one each month (no charge) you can email your name and mailing address to sshields@decidedexcellence.com. He will ensure your name will be added to the mailing list.

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 each day is a **Lenten weekday**. No saints are commemorated in a special way this week.

Offertory

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

Offertory: \$5,156.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,905.00;
Mass Stipends: \$230.00; **Fuel:** \$340.00; **Catholic Home Mission:** \$15.00; **Ash Wednesday/ Priest Retirement:** \$200.00;
Donation from Friday Night AA: \$75.00; **Wedding Stipend:** \$250.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$10.00.

Total: \$8,181.00

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: next Sunday, 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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"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 **March 5, 12, 19 and 26**. Additional times will be scheduled during Holy Week.

Parish Book Club This Thursday

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 is this week, **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!

St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass Here Next Saturday, March 9 4:00 pm Mass

For many years there has been a special Mass the day before the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Over the years that Mass has been celebrated at St. Paul's Cathedral. This year it is being held here at Christ the King. It will be next Saturday, March 9, at our 4:00 pm Mass. Bishop Robert McManus will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. All are welcome! The Mass will be slightly longer. We welcome all guests. Many CTK parishioners have been associated with the Parade and this Mass over the years. Among them is Erin Zamarro who coordinates these events. The Parade Committee is hosting a reception to follow in the Johnson Room.

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.

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.**

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.

Please Support! *2024 Partners in Charity Appeal*

We have launched our annual parish appeal which supports all our essential diocesan charities. **18% of our parishioners have now donated.** We need the help of all parishioners more than ever to meet our diocesan needs. 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.

We hope all will consider making a gift from their 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! If you have not already made a gift be prepared to do so at this time. If you 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.

May the Lord bless you for your goodness and generosity!

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.

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 be coffee shop this morning. 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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Christ has no body now on earth, but yours. No hands but yours. No feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth. Yours are the feet by which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands by which he is to bless us now." - *St. Teresa of Avila*

Msgr. Sullivan a Notary Public

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

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>

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, March 3

10:00 am - Coffee Shop in Johnson Room
10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6 Rel Ed
6:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, March 4

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park
4:00 pm - Girl Scouts, Hall

Tuesday, March 5 - Primary Elections

7:00 am - 8:00 pm - Voting in hall

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

Wednesday, March 6

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00-8:00 pm - Parish Book Club
7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, March 8

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
3:00-3:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Saturday, March 9

4:00 pm Mass - Bishop McManus celebrates
St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass here, reception
Follows in Johnson Room

Sunday, March 10

No morning Rel. Ed. classes
1:00 pm - Parent Baptism Program
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel. Ed.

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

There are classes **today, March 3**, for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and Grades 1-6 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The **Confirmation class** meets tonight, **March 3**, from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Grades 7-10 do not meet tonight.

There are **no classes for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and Grades 1-6 next Sunday morning, March 10**, because of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have learned from experience that few come! However, there **will be evening classes** for those in **Grades 7-10 next Sunday night, March 10**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten Message

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments," to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it must mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt - often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses - today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more - in the words of the prophet Hosea - the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people; he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life.

If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to open our eyes to reality. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt." Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.

It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbor are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbor. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us.

Pope Francis

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