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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

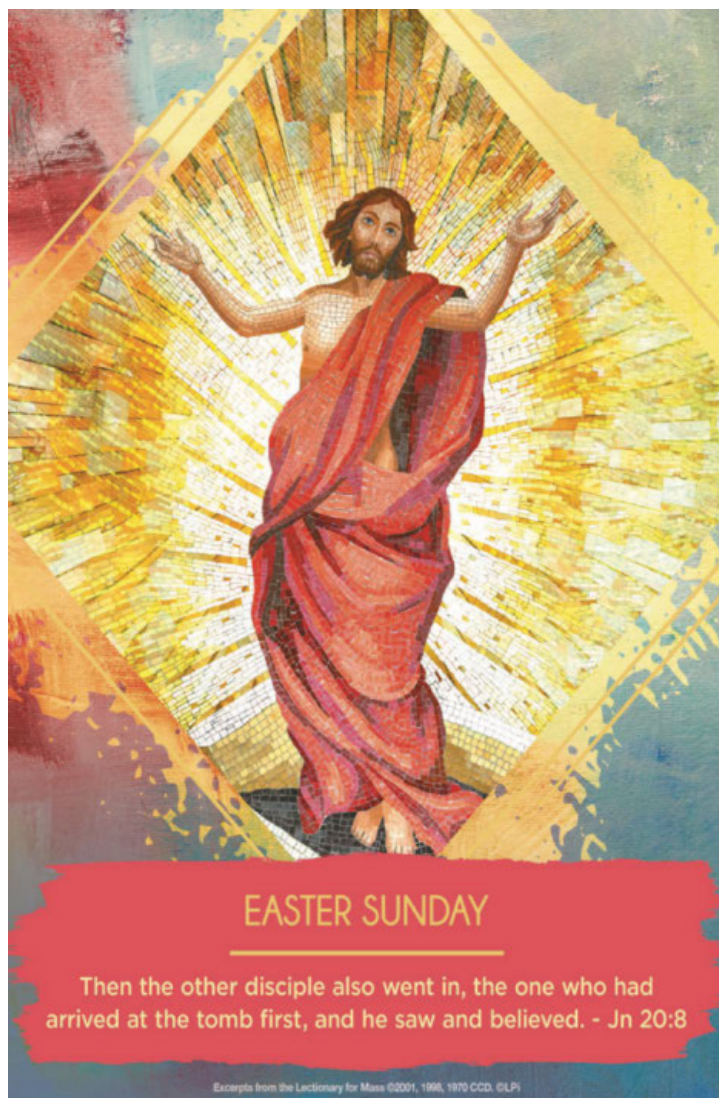
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



EASTER SUNDAY

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had
arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Sunday—March 31st

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Timothy Haylon (mem.) req. of family
11:00AM Richard Buyniski (mem.) req. of family

Monday—April 1st

7:00AM Richard Oliver (birthday) req. of family

Tuesday—April 2nd

7:00AM Thomas C. Walles (6th anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—April 3rd

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

Thursday—April 4th

7:00AM Susan Leahy Strait (mem.) req. of family

Friday—April 5th

7:00AM Louise King (mem.) req. of Margaret Morin

Saturday—April 6th

8:00AM E. Jay Tierney (12th anniv.) req. of Judy and family

4:00PM Mary Ann Bowden (24th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—April 7th

7:30AM Frank Coppinger (mem.) req. of family
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM Normand Lamoureux (mem.) req. of Normand & Lorraine Lupien

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Constance R. Donohue**, the mother of Sandra Donohue and **William F. Cummings**.

'In The Hour of Need' Shelter April 21-27

Our semiannual week of service to the homeless families at the IHN shelter begins **Sunday, April 21** through **Saturday, April 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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." - *St. Rose of Lima*

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses - Monday-Friday at 7:00 am and 8:00 am on Saturdays. This week all the daily Masses are those for the Octave of Easter.

Offertory

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

Offertory: \$7,196.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,120.00;
Mass Stipends: \$40.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$400.00; **Fuel:** \$14.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$630.00; **Good Friday:** \$83.00; **East-er:** \$140.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$90.00.

Total: \$9,713.00

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 session** (*Sundays, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the rectory*) is **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, June 2 and 16**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

Diocesan Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

Lord Jesus Christ, who by the gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church in Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives.

Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with the perfect sacrifice, which you offered on the altar of the Cross. Good and loving Shepherd, teach us how to lead your children home, that we might long together to glorify your name at the Supper of the Lord. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

All children are welcome to join us after the 9:00 am Mass this Easter Sunday morning for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn.

Bishop McManus' Easter Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ brought profound joy and hope to the early Church. That joy was particularly pronounced because it followed the shock and gloom of Good Friday when Christ's death seemed to dash all hope.

Two millennia later, a world tragically marred by war, injustice, and division desperately needs the transforming joy of Easter. Our commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ again brings us the certain hope that, in the end, the righteousness, peace, and joy of God's Kingdom, will prevail. We need the hope and confidence flowing from Christ's triumph not only at Easter but every day. And we can have it.

At every Mass we celebrate the memorial of Christ's saving Passion and wondrous Resurrection. This is more than just calling to mind the greatest events of history. It is making those events, their saving effects, and Christ Himself truly present to continue the redemption of our weary world.

In this final year of our National Eucharistic Revival, we would do well to reflect upon some of the actions and gestures at Mass that remind us of the mysteries of our faith made present in the Eucharist. Just as God's Son was truly born of the Virgin, Christ truly becomes present in the Eucharist after the priest calls down the Holy Spirit over the gifts and pronounces Christ's words, "This is my Body." "This is My Blood." Just as Christ was lifted up on the Cross and died by the shedding of His Blood to give glory to His Father, at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we offer all glory and honor to the Father when the priest lifts up the Body and Blood of Christ separately and apart (representing His death). Right before Communion, a small piece of the consecrated Host is placed in the Chalice, reuniting His Body and Blood (representing His Resurrection).

I pray that you and your family are renewed in your Christian joy and hope this Easter and that that joy and hope are strengthened and deepened each Sunday at Mass.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

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.**

Please Support! 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal

Our annual parish appeal which supports all our essential diocesan charities. **One third 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. 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. **Gift cards are available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule. You can direct it back to use here in an envelope marked 'Partners in Charity.' Or we can send you a gift card through the mail.** 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!

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.

Hiring! RightSized Living Is a Move management company that works with seniors on all aspects involved in moving, de-cluttering, and downsizing. We are looking for part-time help M-F, mother's hours, have own transportation and able to lift 20 to 25 pounds. If this interests you, please call Jennifer at 508-887-1891. For information www.rightsizedliving.net.

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 Coffee Shop

Coffee shop takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month. Come and join us in the Johnson Room. 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.

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.

Parish Book Club This Coming 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 **Thursday, April 4**. The group will be reading Martin Laird's '*Into the Silent Land*.' 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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

Monday, April 1

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

6:00 pm - Women's Guild meeting

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus meets

Thursday, April 4

7:00-8:00 pm - Parish Book Club

Friday, April 5

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

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

7:30-8:30 pm - Men's Prayer Meeting

Sunday, April 7 - Divine Mercy

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6

11:00 am - Baptism at Mass

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

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

No classes are scheduled for this Easter Sunday, March 31.

There are classes **next Sunday, April 7**, for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and Grades 1-6 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. **Grades 7-10 meet next Sunday, April 7**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group' April 5, 7:30-8:30 pm

We meet for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. We incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. Following the hour the men may get a bite to eat off campus. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. The group will meet this coming Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

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>

HAPPY EASTER!

Dear fellow parishioners of Christ the King,

"We were indeed buried with him through baptism into his death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6: 4) These words of St. Paul are heard at the Easter Vigil Mass. With them the Church joyfully proclaims to the world *that newness of life* which is the gift of the Risen Christ!

At that same Mass a new spark is struck to light a new paschal candle, fresh water is blessed and made holy, white cloths are spread on our altars, and the tabernacle is filled with newly consecrated hosts, testifying to the continuing and living presence of the Risen Lord. We are beginning all over again. Precisely through his Easter triumph, Christ overpowers our slavery to sin and the apparent finality of death. At Easter we are made new!

It is always spring for Christians. Though some think the Church's days numbered and our teaching outdated and our rituals mere sentiment, through the living Christ, raised up at Easter, ours is an invitation to new life in Christ. As we grow in our love for Jesus, the vitality of the Church is measured anew by fresh shoots of devotion and charity, put forth continually, from age to age. The very sound of our joyful song, *"Christ is risen,"* reassures us that all is made new.

The solemn proclamation, *"Christ is risen,"* neither loses its force with age nor becomes stale by repetition. Life for the fervent Christian disciple is an opportunity to grow in holiness with every worthy celebration of the Sacraments, every moment of forgiveness, every gesture of peacemaking, every act of charity.

Through lives of genuine faith, undaunted hope, and courageous love, let us reflect to the world our belief in the Risen Christ and be made ever new.

On behalf of our whole pastoral staff ~ Monsignor Richard Reidy, Father John Gavin, SJ, Mindy Dulude, Anne Thompson, and Ellen Linn ~ I wish you a Blessed Easter!

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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