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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

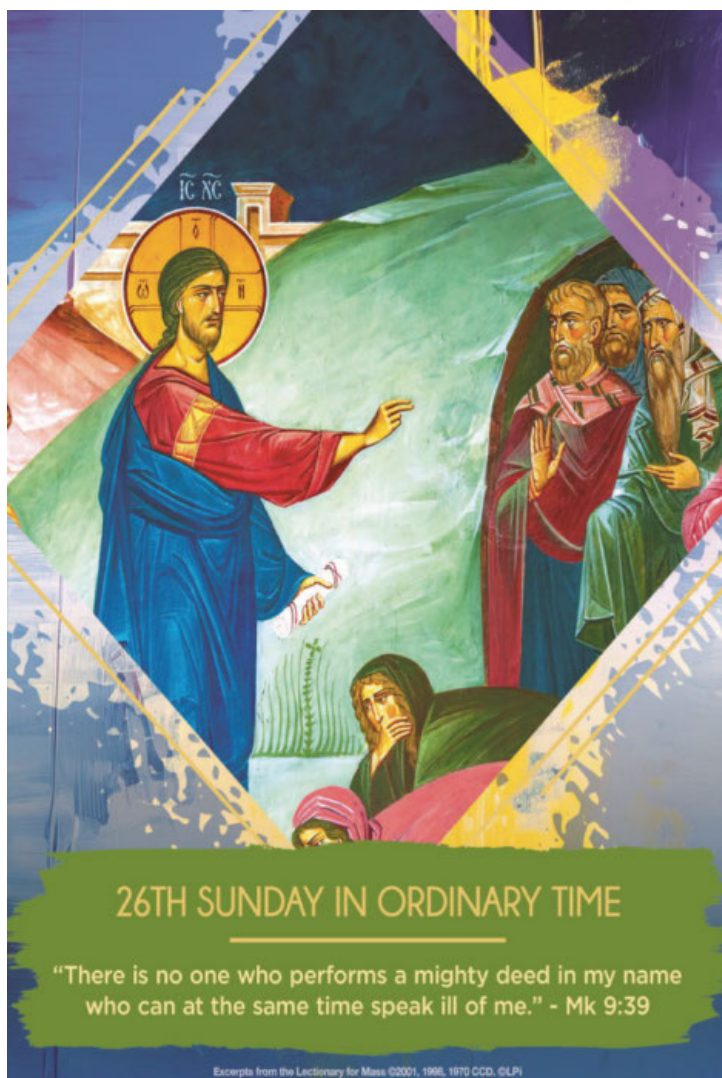
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—September 28th

4:00PM Timothy Haylon (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—September 29th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Frank Birch (4th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Richard Gaudette (5th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—September 30th

7:00AM Anthony Sereti (3rd anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—October 1st

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

Wednesday—October 2nd

7:00AM Joseph Lien V Bui (mem.) req. of family

Thursday—October 3rd

7:00AM Nicole Lynch (Living) req. of Linda Harrington

Friday—October 4th

7:00AM John Schnur (Living) req. of Elisa Schnur

Saturday—October 5th

8:00AM Matthew Schnur (Living) req. of Elisa Schnur

4:00PM John Ryan (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—October 6th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Ronald McCrohon (13th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Deceased Members of the Festival Choir

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for all the souls of the faithful departed.

Holy Hour ~ October 4 This Friday ~ Please Come!

A monthly Holy Hour takes place on the First Friday evening of each month. The hour includes Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and a brief spiritual reflection. **Please come on Friday, October 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

St. John's Fall Open Houses

Thursday, **October 17**, at 6:00 pm & Saturday, **November 16**, 9:00 am. During this event, prospective families and students will have an opportunity to hear from Saint John's faculty, staff, and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to boys and young men in grades seven through twelve. To register, visit www.beapioneer.org/experience.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Nothing would be done at all, if a man waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it." - *Saint John Henry Newman*

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 we celebrate: **St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Monday); **Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** (Tuesday); **The Holy Guardian Angels** (Wednesday); **Saint Francis of Assisi** (Friday) and **Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin** (Saturday).

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Your donations for last weekend will be presented in next week's bulletin because Mindy Dulude has been on a scheduled vacation.

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. **Upcoming scheduled meetings** take place from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on the following Sundays: **in 2024: today, September 29 and November 10** and **in 2025: January 5, February 23, March 30, April 23 and June 1**. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to register for a time to meet. **Baptisms** usually take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass. The remaining available dates in 2024 are **October 20 and November 24**. **In 2025 the available dates are: January 12, March 2, April 27, June 15**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

The Sacrament of 'The Anointing of the Sick' At All Masses October 12-13

On the weekend of October 12 & 13, at all our Masses, we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to any person who wishes to receive it. It has been our custom to offer the sacrament in this manner twice a year. We hope that anyone afflicted by a serious physical or emotional illness, those recovering from or preparing for surgery, or those who experience age-related limitations will receive the sacrament. In the sacrament we always receive the grace of God's healing. The two essential parts of the sacrament are the 'laying on' of hands and the anointing with the *Oil of the Sick*. The celebration of this Sacrament, with the whole community present and praying for one another, is always a powerful and beautiful experience.

**Novena to St. Joseph
Continues Tomorrow Night
With Kris Correira**

Our 13th Annual Novena to St. Joseph continues tomorrow, **Monday, September 30**, at 7:15 pm. Each evening lasts just 45 minutes and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **Kris Correira**, our parishioner, will make tomorrow's presentation. The Novena includes prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be **mailed** to our rectory office, or called in to **508-754-5361**, or emailed to Msgr. Sullivan at **tsullivan5@mac.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.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

'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.

**Parish Book Club
Meets Again Thursday**

Our parish book club, which meets monthly in the academic year, enjoys fiction and nonfiction literature, largely around religious themes, from **7 to 8 pm** on the first Thursday of the month. There is discussion and enjoying each other's company. The next meeting is **this Thursday, October 3**. The group will be reading Henri Nouwen's '*The Return of the Prodigal Son*.' 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 DiMassa by calling her or texting her at **440-522-7700**. You can also email her at **dimassavictoria@gmail.com**. Hopefully, you can read the book in advance. The group decides the next book.

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.**

Consider Joining A Choir Here

Our two church choirs - the **Folk Group** and the **Festival Choir** - are always looking for new voices. Would you consider joining one of them?

The **Festival Choir** sings at the 11:00 am Mass each Sunday morning in the academic year (they take the summer off). They also sing on special holy days like Christmas and some of the services of Holy Week and Easter). The Festival Choir **rehearses most Thursday nights** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. They just had their first rehearsal of the year this past Thursday night but it is certainly not too late (in never is) to join.

The **Folk Group** sings on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 am Mass. If there is a fifth Sunday in a month they generally sing at that too. They rehearse on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:30 to 9:00 pm** but **only on the Wednesday that precedes a Sunday** they will sing. So, on average, two rehearsals a month.

Should you have any interest please be in touch with **Ellen Linn**, our music director, by calling her at **774-823-4013** or by emailing her at: **ellen.linn@gmail.com**.

Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public

For many years Monsignor Sullivan has been a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized you are welcome to call upon him. There will be no fee for any notarizations. He is simply happy to assist you. Just call the rectory should you need this service.

ANNUAL 'BABY BOTTLE' DRIVE

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** will begin here **next weekend ~ October 5 & 6** ~ and go through the end of October. It has been sponsored by our Women's Guild for many years. It is one way in which we put our faith into practice. The funds generated by the **Baby Bottle Drive** support the mothers and newborn children who receive such high-quality hospitality and care through **Visitation House**, which has provided a residence and care for well over three hundred pregnant women and their infants since 2005.

Women's Guild volunteers will be on hand at every Mass to give you a donation envelope at the end of Mass. If you would like to bring a check in advance it should be made **payable** to **Visitation House, Inc.** (and not Christ the King). You can also donate online at **visitationhouse.org**.

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.

Catholic Women's Conference

Register Now! All women are invited to the exciting Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart," to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on **Saturday, October 5, 2024**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Fr. Carlos Martins, Pamela Acker, and Ester Munt Brooks. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

Celebrate Priesthood: Taste of the Diocese

Join our 11th annual Celebrate Priesthood event on **Thursday, October 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm** at St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School on Granite Street and visit with priests and parishioners from around the Diocese while enjoying tastings from dozens of vendors and ethnic delicacies and various refreshments, beer and wine. All proceeds benefit the Priests' Retirement Fund. Visit worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood to learn more, buy tickets, advertise in the program book, or donate to the fund.

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.

Saint Mary's School Open House

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 - 8:30 to 10:30 am. 16 Summer Street, **Shrewsbury**. Serving children from preschool to grade 8. No registration is required. For more info, email admissions@stmarysparish.org.

Mini Retreat for Women

The diocesan Commission for Women will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women with Francesca LaRosa on **Saturday, Nov. 16, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm** at St. Anne's Parish, Shrewsbury. Francesca is an internationally recognized Catholic composer, most well known for her settings of the Psalms and prayers set to music. To receive a registration flyer or more information, email: worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, September 29

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Rel. Ed. Grades 1-6
1:00 pm - Parent Baptism Prep, Rectory

Monday, September 30

7:15 pm - St. Joseph Novena

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting
7:15 pm - 'Intro to Catholicism'

Wednesday, October 2

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus

Thursday, October 3

7:00-8:00 pm - Parish Book Club
7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 4

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, October 5

4:00 pm Mass - Baby Bottle Drive

Sunday, October 6

All Masses - Baby Bottle Drive
10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Rel. Ed. Grades 1-6
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel. Ed.
6:00-7:30 pm - Confirmation Program

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and **Grades 1-6** will meet today from **10:00 to 11:00 am**. There is no evening program tonight.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and **Grades 1-6** will meet **next Sunday, October 6, from 10:00 to 11:00 am**. **Grades 7-10** will meet **next Sunday, October 6, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**. The **Confirmation program** will meet **next Sunday, October 6, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** in the **Johnson Room**.

Adults Seeking Confirmation!

Many of our adults, even some regularly at Mass, have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have a simple process that can help you with this final Sacrament of Initiation. As he has in the past, Msgr. Sullivan will offer a preparation course this year. The program will be conducted on Thursday evenings (7:00-8:00 pm) on the following dates: **November 7 & 21, December 5 & 12, & January 9**. Bishop McManus will confirm these adult candidates at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February of 2025. Please consider it! Contact Msgr. Sullivan at **508-754-5361** or by email at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

40 Days for Life

CTK's Day is Wednesday, October 16!

Sign-up after all Masses Today!

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We pray that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion in Worcester and elsewhere. Join fellow parishioners on **Wednesday, October 16**, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. We pray across the street from the **Planned Parenthood** abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street.

Sign up in-person here today for an hour of prayer. Our aim is to ensure that a minimum of two adults be present during each prayer hour. If someone can bring a companion, that will be wonderful, and it is helpful to know in advance.

To sign up you can put your name on the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

Or to sign up you can also contact one of the following: **Kris Correia** (508-654-1798 ~ kriedpa@live.com) **OR BettyAnn Warner** (508-826-9293 ~ bacwarner@hotmail.com).

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