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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

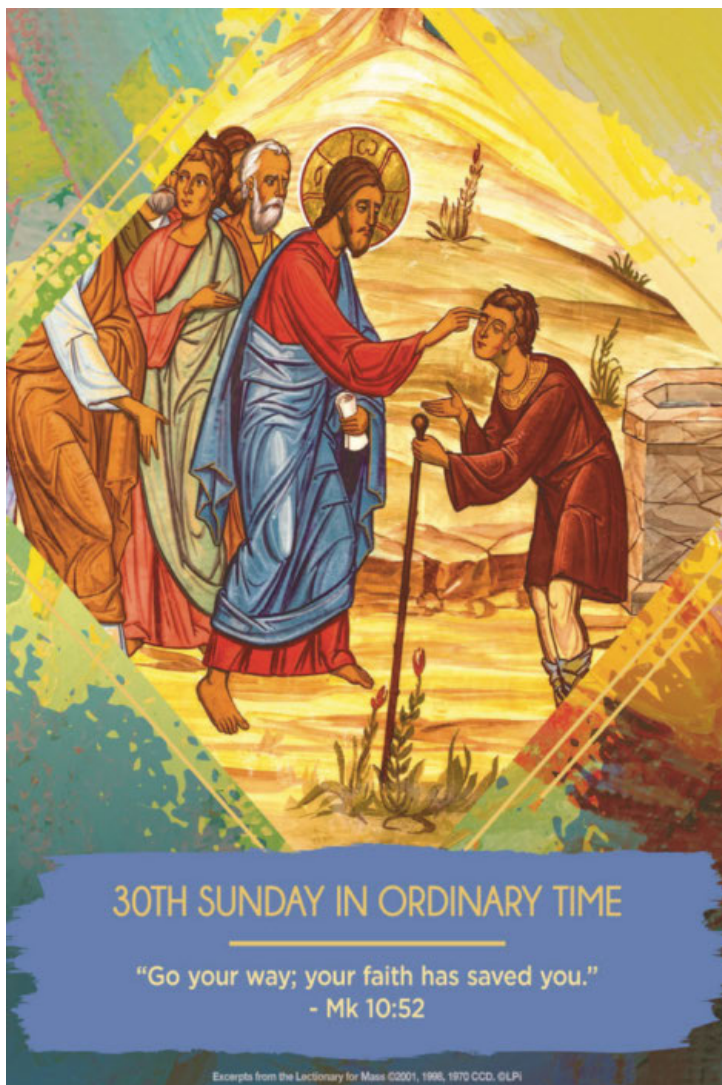
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go your way; your faith has saved you."

- Mk 10:52

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—October 26th

4:00PM Patricia Daly (9th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—October 27th

7:30AM Jane Allen (mem.) req. of Fran & Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM Madelyn Hickey Pocoski (8th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—October 28th

7:00AM Lisa Martin (mem.) req. of The Derr Family

Tuesday—October 29th

7:00AM Tina Harrington (mem.) req. of Linda Harrington

Wednesday—October 30th

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

Thursday—October 31st

7:00AM Mildred F. Lahey (mem.) req. of Catherine Wilcox

4:00PM Timothy Mullen (mem.) req. of Dennis O'Connor

Friday—November 1st

7:00AM Virginia Blanchard (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

12:00NOON James and Gertrude Ryan (mem.) req. of Mary Hovenesian Hines

6:00PM Kelly Herlihy (mem.) req. of Steve & Kathy Brothers

Saturday—November 2nd

8:00AM Ruth C. Brennan (mem.) req. of family

4:00PM John B. Hughes, Jr. (mem.) req. of Neil & Carol Carmody

Sunday—November 3rd

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Mark Lefebvre (birthday) req. of Kathleen Toomey

11:00AM Tara Keegan Stacey (birthday) req. of family

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: **Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles** (Monday); **the Solemnity of All Saints** (Friday); the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed ~ All Souls Day** (Saturday).

Offertory

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

Offertory: \$7,781.00; **Online giving :** \$1,325.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$287.00; **Donation:** \$50.00; **Fuel:** \$35.00;
All Saints: \$5.00; **World Mission:** \$1.00.

Total: \$9,484.00

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. **Upcoming scheduled meetings** take place from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on the following Sundays: **in 2024: 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 date in 2024 is **Sunday, November 24**. In 2025 the available dates are: **January 12, March 2, April 27, and June 15**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Margaret "Peggy" A. Sorenson**, the sister in law of Isabelle Bowler

Venerini Open House Wednesday

Venerini Academy, a private Catholic elementary (PK-3 through Grade 8) school, will host an Open House **this Wednesday, October 30th** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Explore the boundless opportunities awaiting your child! During this event you'll hear inspiring stories from our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students, showcasing the vibrant and supportive community there. To register please contact admissions@veneriniacademy.com.

Last Weekend's 'Pew Count'

Last weekend all the parishes in the Diocese of Worcester conducted the annual 'Diocesan Pew Count.' This is an exercise to assist with overall pastoral planning for the Diocese. At Christ the King our attendance at Mass on October 19 & 20 was as follows: **4:00 pm, 162** (last year 129); **7:30 am, 96** (last year 106); **9:00 am, 142** (last year 150); and **11:00 am, 198** (last year 169). The **total number** of people who came to Mass here last weekend was **598**, or **32%** of the parish community. There are **1,941** registered men, women and children in the parish (**791** registered families). And here are the numbers for the Diocesan Pew Count at Christ the King for the last thirteen years: 2023 (554); 2022 (536); 2021 (477); 2020 (458); 2019 (813); 2018 (815); 2017 (934); 2016 (690); 2015 (805); 2014 (918); 2013 (927); 2012 (837) and 2011 (848).

**Novena to St. Joseph
Continues Tomorrow Night
With Father James Boulette**

Our 13th Annual Novena to St. Joseph continues tomorrow, **Monday, October 28**, at 7:15 pm. Each evening lasts just 45 minutes and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **Father Boulette** will offer the homily. He is the pastor of St. Roch Parish in Oxford. His parents are members of Christ the King. 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**.

**Information Sessions
on the Permanent Diaconate**

Do you feel that Christ is calling you, but you are not sure what it is He is calling you to do? He may possibly be calling you to serve His followers as a Permanent Deacon. If you are a male between the ages of 30 and 59, single or married, this form of service may just be the answer to what you may be looking. To learn more about the program, please come to one of our information sessions. We are currently in the process of putting together our next class that would begin in 2025. Information sessions are as follows: St. Mary in Shrewsbury on **Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 pm**, and Our Lady of Loreto parish hall in Worcester on **Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6:00 pm**. For more information or to register for a session please contact Deacon Donald Pegg at **dpegg@worcesterdiocese.org**.

**Volunteers Needed
Bishop's Holiday Dinners**

Last year, with the incredible support of nearly one thousand volunteers, we served **over 6,500 Thanksgiving and Christmas meals** to those in need. We extend our deepest thanks to you all - our volunteers, sponsors, and donors - for making this possible. Catholic Charities needs volunteers for Thanksgiving and Christmas meal packaging, deliveries, and the sit-down dinner events! Here's how you can get involved on Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Visit **www.ccworc.org/bishopsdinnervolunteer/** Thank you.

**Holy Hour ~ November 1
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, November 1 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**. All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

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.**

Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Congratulations to the three children who were baptized last Sunday by Monsignor Sullivan and to their parents. Baptized were **Stephanie Marie Casey**, the daughter of Michael and Danielle (Servideo) Casey; **Jacen Robert Aldo Epstein**, the son of Matthew and Samantha (Ruddock) Epstein; and **Kennedi Ryan Anderson**, the daughter of Ryan Anderson and Rebekah Fairbanks. Children, may you always live in the light of Christ!

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.

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.

March for Life Registration!

Plan now to attend the 52nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 24, 2025!** Buses will leave from St. Paul Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 23 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at Cathedral at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25. Cost is \$150 per seat. Registration deadline is December 13. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. For more details and to download registration forms, visit **www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life** or the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider donating to help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways." - *Pope St. John Paul II*

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.

Plan now to join us for a spectacular & free concert
at Christ the King Church
Friday, November 8 at 7:00 pm
Featuring
Ron Williams, baritone
& Olga Rogach, piano

Entitled 'Crossing over into Campground' this will be a program of African American spirituals and piano works by African American women composers. **Ron Williams** and **Olga Rogach** will collaborate to present beautiful arrangements of many of the African American spirituals sung by slaves prior to their emancipation. You will hear their story through music and narration. In addition, Olga will present solo piano works of 20th century Black women composers including Florence Price, Margaret Bonds and Betty Jackson King. **Ron** is a renowned singer, lecturer, and vocal instructor. He has achieved national recognition for his outstanding work with opera companies including the San Francisco Spring Opera, Detroit Opera, Opera San José, and the Boston Lyric Opera. He has been the bass soloist for a production of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at Boston's Hatch Shell. **Olga**, a pianist, performs extensively in New England and is acclaimed for her recitals and collaborations with instrumentalists and vocalists. She received a Master of Music degree in piano performance from Russia's famed St. Petersburg Conservatory and became a faculty member. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1991 and made Worcester her home. A leading regional piano teacher she also offers private instruction to students at Worcester's Polytechnic Institute. A reception will follow in the Johnson Room.

Parish Book Club Next Meeting

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 **Thursday, November 7**. The group will be reading **C.S. Lewis'** important work, ***The Great Divorce***. 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.

'BABY BOTTLE' DRIVE

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** continues through the end of October. The funds 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. Checks should be made **payable** to *Visitation House, Inc.* (not Christ the King). You can also donate online at visitationhouse.org.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, October 27

10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed, CGS, Grs 1-6

Monday, October 28

7:15 pm - St. Joseph Novena

Tuesday, October 29

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

7:15-8:30 pm - 'Intro to Catholicism'

Wednesday, October 30

1:00 pm - Mustard Seed cooking

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, October 31

4:00 pm - All Saints Vigil Mass

Friday, November 1 - All Saints

Masses: 7 am, 12 noon, 6:00 pm

7:00-8:00 pm - Adoration & Benediction

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, November 2 - All Souls

4 pm Mass - Diaper Drive begins

Sunday, November 3

All Masses - Diaper Drive begins

9:00 am Mass - Grade 2 Class present

10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed, CGS, Grs 1-6

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

6:00-7:30 pm - Confirmation Class

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and **Grades 1-6** will meet **today, October 27**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. **Grades 7-10** will **not meet tonight**.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and **Grades 1-6** will meet **next Sunday, November 3**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. **Grades 7-10** will **meet next Sunday, November 3**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The **Confirmation program** will meet **next Sunday, November 3**, 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**. These adult candidates will be confirmed on **Sunday, February 16, 2025** at a 3:00 pm Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral. Please consider it! Contact Msgr. Sullivan at **508-754-5361** or by email at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

‘ALL SAINTS DAY’ ~ THIS FRIDAY

The Church will honor all the holy men and women who have gone before us, the famous and the not so famous - all those who have been canonized and beatified and who are venerated throughout the world, and those who have not achieved such acclaim and never will, those we have known and lived with and loved. That combination makes this a wonderful feast. One of the great teachings of the Church is that of “the communion of saints” - that mystery that connects the dead with the living - they praying for us, we praying to them - reinforcing that we are not alone - that we have wonderful friends who, throughout eternity, are helping us.

A great French novelist died in 1970. He was **Francois Mauriac** and once said it this way: “*We are all molded and remolded by those who have loved us, and though that love may pass, we remain, none the less, their work. No love, no friendship can ever cross the path of our destiny without leaving some mark upon it forever.*” Well, the saints have loved us and left their mark on us. In this celebration, the Church reminds us that heaven is our destiny, our eternal home. It reminds us that all of us are called to holiness. Unfortunately, some feel that the saint is to be a “goody two-shoes” or someone not living in the real world. Nothing could be further from the truth. The saints were not weak but the strongest among us. Our vocation is to become like those heroic individuals who have gone before us who live the Christian life at the level of “sublime extravagance.” **Sublime**: showing a moral beauty at its highest degree ~ **Extravagance**: where the indwelling of God in us is so powerful that it produces extraordinary effects. Sanctity, holiness, the vocation of us all, is a love of God and others so wonderful that it defies ordinary human understanding.

**Masses will be celebrated here this Thursday, October 31, at 4:00 pm
and on Friday, November 1, at 7:00 am, 12 noon, and 6:00 pm**

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