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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

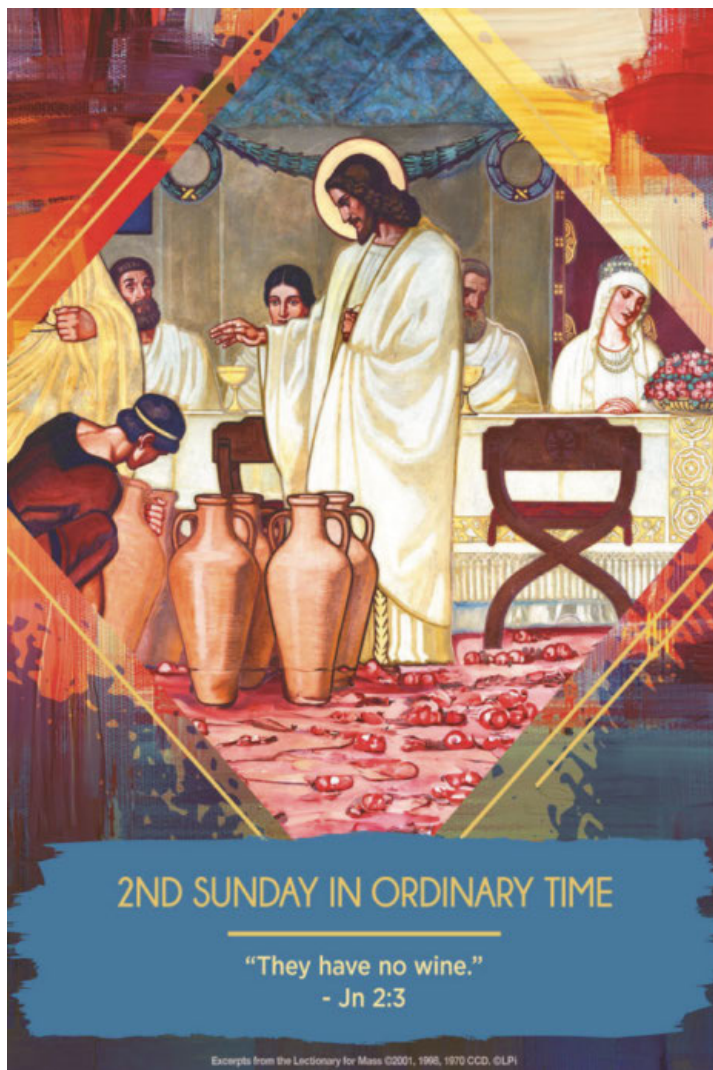
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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—January 18th

4:00PM Richard and Nita Woelflein (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—January 19th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Dennis Ferrante (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Sr. Mary Joseph (mem.) req. of Arlene Taylor

Monday—January 20th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday—January 21st

7:00AM The Sokoli Family (Living) req. of a friend

Wednesday—January 22nd

7:00AM In Thanksgiving

Thursday—January 23rd

7:00AM Anthony Sereti (birthday) req. of family

Friday—January 24th

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

Saturday—January 25th

8:00AM Raymond Luring (mem.) req. of The Breakfast Club

4:00PM Monica O'Brien Abdella (mem.) req. of Bill & Kathy Adams

Sunday—January 26th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Margaret Tumenski (mem.) req. of son, Mark Tumenski

11:00AM Carole Paskalis (10th anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Joanne M. McCann, Kathy Beck**, the mother of Monique David, and **Brian Donahue**, the brother of Erin Zamarro.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Idleness is the enemy of the soul." - *St. Benedict*

Congratulations, Extraordinary Minister

At the 9:00 am Mass last Sunday, Monsignor Sullivan formally installed a new Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. He is **John R. St. Marie**. It is a joy to see John present at Mass with his family each Sunday. John, may God bless your new ministry!

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: **Saint Sebastian, Martyr** and/or **St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr** (Monday); **St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr** (Tuesday); **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** (Wednesday); **St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr** (Thursday); **St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Friday); and the **Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle** (Saturday).

Offertory

Thank you for your continuing generosity as we meet the financial needs of the parish. We really do need your support and are always grateful for your goodness. What follows below are your donations for last weekend:

Offertory: \$6,103.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,115.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$280.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$800.00; **Christmas:** \$40.00; **Fuel:** \$936.00; **Our Religious Education:** \$180.00; **Catholic University:** \$60.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$50.00.

Total: \$9,564.00

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 2025** (for the first half of the year) - **February 23, March 30, 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. **In 2025** the available dates (for the first half of the year) are: **March 2, April 27, and June 15**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

Diocesan Jubilee Prayer

Merciful Father, protector of all who hope in you: you sent your Only Son to rescue us from sin and death, and through his Cross have joined us to the wonder of your mercy. May this, our Diocesan Jubilee, move sinners to repentance, heal the broken and ashamed, and restore the lost to your embrace.

Bless us on our pilgrim way, preserve us in your love, defend us from all evil, that freed from sin, we may rejoice in the immeasurable depth of your forgiving love. We ask this through Christ, your Son, for whom we wait in joyful hope in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Worcester Catholic Men's Conference

The Annual Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 5, at the DCU Center, 50 Foster Street in Worcester. Registration begins at 7:30 am with the first speaker beginning at 9:00 am. Men of all ages are invited to hear inspiring talks from Father Donald Callaway, MIC; retired U.S. Navy Seal, Sam Blair; Father Derek Mobilio; renowned Catholic theologian and co-founder of FOCUS, Dr. Edward Siri; and Mr. Artie Doyle, presenting his miraculous survival account. The day will feature an all-day adoration chapel; dozens of priests will be available for confessions; and over fifty relevant vendors will be present. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus at 4:00 pm. Tickets (which include lunch) are \$50 for adults through March 26. \$60 thereafter and at the door. Student tickets are always just \$30. Tickets and further information are available at: www.catholicmenworc.com. Any questions may be directed by email to catholicmenworc@gmail.com.

Congratulations Newly Baptized!

Congratulations to **Ines Alonso**, the daughter of Alvaro Alonso and Alejandra Rodriguez who was baptized last Sunday by Msgr. Sullivan (their sixth child). And congratulations to **Owen Thomas McGoldrick**, the son of Christopher McGoldrick and Melissa (Travers) McGoldrick who was baptized at the same Mass. Ines' godparents are Bruno Ferrari Melo and Olivia Ferrari Gonya. Owen's godparents are Matthew and Caitlin McGoldrick. May Ines and Owen always live as children of the light of Christ!

This Wednesday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Catholic Church throughout the United States will observe this day. It reminds us of our preeminent priority to pray and work for an end to the tragic scourge of abortion. We pray for the right to life. And it is a day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Legalized abortion is now an issue for individual states to resolve. Our work is far from over. Let us together unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice that day.

Bishop McManus has written, "As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our prayers, charitable works, and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed."

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.**

Parish Book Club February's 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. The **next scheduled meeting** will be on **Thursday, February 6**. The group will be reading George MacDonald's important work, *Phantastes*, for that evening's session. 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. The group decides the next book.

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.

'IN THE HOUR OF NEED' FAMILY SHELTER HOSPITALITY WEEK Begins Today, Sunday, January 19 Runs to Next Saturday, January 25

Christ the King will again be hosting the *In the Hour of Need* Family Shelter Program at 91 June Street in Worcester - **January 19 through January 25**. In the past, CTK parishioners have responded to their needs with overwhelming generosity in the provision of meals, chaperoning and overnight support. For the past twenty-eight years we have gathered parish volunteers to host our community's homeless families. Please feel free to call either of our coordinators to offer your time, meals or grocery card donations (any donation amount is appreciated) to this ministry: **Celeste Hedge, 508-735-3997** or **Janet Rauktis, 508-450-7496**. **Donations of grocery store or CVS gift cards** are appreciated to allow the guests the opportunity to shop for their own food & personal needs. And any level of participation is welcome and appreciated for this ministry.

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.

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.

Worcester West Parish Neighbors New Digital Platform

This print magazine, enjoyed by so many, now has a digital platform that is free for all members. You can check out and subscribe to this Catholic app at: <https://web.tabella.app/community/WorcesterWestParishNeighbors>

Available Copies of the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim’s Guide and Jubilee Prayer

In the pamphlet rack in the vestibule are numerous copies of the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim’s Guide and Jubilee Prayer cards. Bishop McManus has designated ten churches in the Diocese as pilgrimage sites, where you and those who accompany you may wish to visit and, in the process, seek a plenary indulgence. These pilgrim sites are all colorfully depicted in the Guide. We hope that some of our parishioners will make visits to these churches during this important Jubilee Year.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, January 19

I.H.N. Service Week begins
11:00 am - Adult Confirmation

Monday, January 20 - MLK Day

& Inauguration Day
& Notre Dame v. Ohio State

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

Legal Protection of Unborn Day

6:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall
7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 26

10:00-11:00 am - CGS and Grades 1-6
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Today and Next Weekend

There are **no classes** scheduled this weekend because of the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Grades 1 through 6 will meet next Sunday, January 26, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Grades 7 through 10 will meet next Sunday, January 26, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

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.

Our Lady of the Angels School Open House - Sunday, January 26

Come see what Our Lady of the Angels School has to offer at our Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Tour the school, meet our wonderful teachers, and see why at OLA “success starts here.”

The Decree of Bishop McManus on the Jubilee Year

A Jubilee, or Holy Year, is a special year of forgiveness, reconciliation, conversion and celebration. In Jewish tradition, the Jubilee Year was a time of joy, the year of remission or universal pardon. "Thou shalt sanctify the fiftieth year, and shalt proclaim remission to all the inhabitants of thy land: for it is the year of jubilee." (Leviticus 25:10). In the Roman Catholic tradition, Jubilees date back to Pope Boniface VIII who convoked a Holy Year in 1300. Since then, ordinary Jubilee years have been celebrated every 25 or 50 years. An important part of a Holy Year is making a pilgrimage to sacred places, particularly the designated Churches in Rome and passing through the Holy Door at the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter. The Jubilee Year 2025 has been called for by our Holy Father, Pope Francis as a Year of Hope. As the Holy Father wrote in the Bull of Indiction for the Holy Year, "Hope, together with faith and charity, makes up the triptych of the "theological virtues" that express the heart of the Christian life. In their inseparable unity, hope is the virtue that, so to speak, gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers."

In view of this, I, The Most Reverend Robert Joseph McManus, Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester, in union with his Holiness, Pope Francis, encourage the faithful of this Diocese to observe prayerfully and with renewed devotion the Jubilee Year of the Lord 2025. In addition to pilgrimages to Rome, I have designated ten churches in our Diocese as official "Churches of Pilgrimage." Those faithful visiting these churches will receive the spiritual graces and benefits of this Jubilee Year. I hereby designate the following as Churches of Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year 2025:

The Cathedral of Saint Paul, Worcester; Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church at Annunciation Parish, Gardner; Our Lady of the Rosary Church at Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish, Spencer; Notre Dame Church at Saint John Paul II Parish, Southbridge; Saint Cecilia Church, Leominster; Saint Paul Church at Divine Mercy Parish, Blackstone; Saint John the Evangelist Church at Saint John, Guardian of our Lady Parish, Clinton; Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Milford; Saint Matthew Church, Southborough; and Saint Joseph Basilica, Webster.

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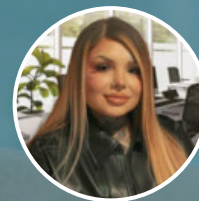
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