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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

PHONES

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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

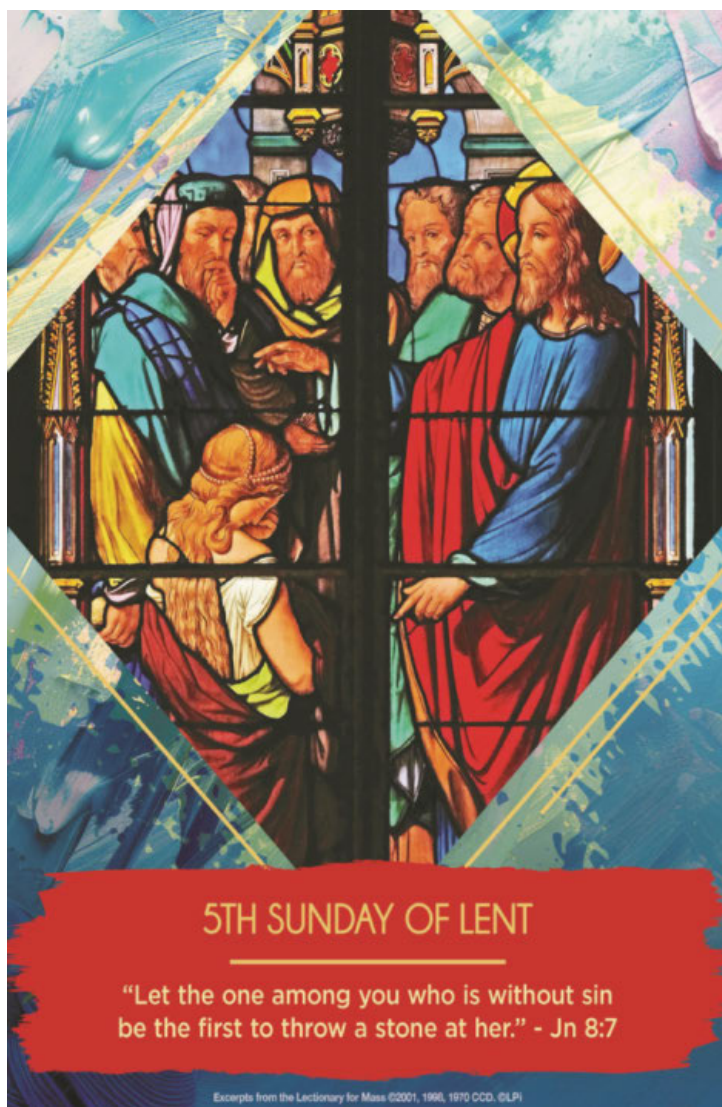
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:7

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—April 5th

4:00PM E. Jay Tierney (13th anniv.) req. of Judy St. Amand

Sunday—April 6th

7:30AM Frank Coppinger (mem.) req. of family
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM The Cousineau and Curran Families

Monday—April 7th

7:00AM Mary Ann Bowden (25th anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—April 8th

7:00AM Charlene Griffin (mem.) req. of Mary Sullivan
5:30PM Joseph Carlomagno (1st anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—April 9th

7:00AM Mary Lawless (birthday mem.) req. of Mary Lorion

Thursday—April 10th

7:00AM Kathleen Kelley (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque
5:30PM Margaret Hart-Kelly (mem.) req. of Mark & Monique Czyzewski

Saturday—April 12th

8:00AM Elizabeth Fyrberg (12th anniv.) req. of family
4:00PM William Cummings (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—April 13th

7:30AM Ellen Urbano (mem.) req. of a friend
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM Kelly Herlihy (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Sister Teresa Rose Carchidi, MPV.**

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT

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.

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.

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 - and 8:00 am on Saturdays. This week, we celebrate all Lenten weekday Masses.

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: \$6,075.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,430.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$80.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$400.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$183.00; **Easter:** \$10.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$50.00; **Fuel:** \$35.00; **Ascension:** \$10.00; **Donation for Bishop Elect Reception:** \$100.00.

Total: \$8,373.00

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. **An upcoming scheduled meeting** will take place from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on **June 1**. Or 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 next dates are: **April 27**, and **June 15**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism. Sometimes baptisms are celebrated privately (not at a public Mass).

Extra Daily Mass in Lent

In addition to our daily Mass at 7:00 am, we have a **5:30 pm Mass** each weekday during Lent. Daily Mass during the holy season of Lent is a rich spiritual experience.

Tuesday Night Confessions During Lent

We will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance; confessions) on Lenten Tuesdays **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God's mercy through this sacrament of healing. In addition to Saturday afternoons (2:45-3:45 pm), we will offer confessions on Tuesday evening **April 8**. During Holy Week confessions will be offered several afternoons and evenings.

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.

Consider a 'Cursillo' Weekend

A Cursillo weekend is a three-day Catholic retreat designed to deepen faith, offer spiritual growth, and foster a sense of community among participants. It emphasizes prayer, community, and evangelization, aiming to help individuals live a more authentic Christian life. The word Cursillo, meaning 'short course' in Spanish, is a movement that brings essential Christian truths to life in a way that is both personal and communal. There are Cursillo weekends for Men and others for Women. The local retreats take place at Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam, CT. The next **scheduled weekends for men** are May 15-18 and November 20-23 in 2025; and June 11-14 and December 3-6 in 2026. The next **scheduled weekends for women** are October 9-12 in 2025; and April 9-12 and October 15-18 in 2026. For information for the women's retreats please contact Pam Hamilton at phamilton1284@gmail.com. For information for the men's retreat please contact our parishioner, Joan Laracy, at JoanLaracy@yahoo.com. You may also visit www.fourthday.org.

40 Days for Life Participation by Christ the King Parishioners This Wednesday, April 9

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We will pray again that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion in Worcester. We pray outside the **Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street**. Christ the King parishioners will be praying there between the hours of **8:00 am and 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 9**. You can also "sign on" to participate by contacting: **Joyce Dubuque** (Tel: 508-826-0703; email address: jhdubuque@aol.com).

Next Parish Book Club 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 is this Thursday, May 1**. We will announce the next book as we know it. 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.

Annual Visitation House Dinner May 17

You may wish to consider joining in on the fun of the Annual Visitation House dinner which takes place on Saturday evening, May 17, at the Hogan Campus Center at Holy Cross. 5:30-9:00 pm. The main speaker is Joe Williams, a founding Board member. The dinner celebrates 20 years of supporting young mothers and their children. Free parking behind the Hogan Center. Cocktail hour and seated dinner. Auction. \$120 per individual. For further information call **Rebecca Urban** at 508-798-8002 or email her at rebeccaurban@visitationhouse.org.

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.**

Farewell Mass Here for Bishop-Elect Richard F. Reidy

Bishop-Elect Richard F. Reidy is well into his planning (with diocesan officials in Norwich) for his episcopal ordination and installation as the Sixth Bishop of Norwich on April 29th. He will offer his **Farewell Mass** here at **4:00 pm** Mass on **Saturday, April 26**. Bishop Robert J. McManus will preside at the Mass *in choir*. Msgr. Sullivan and Father John Gavin will concelebrate. All parishioners are invited to this Mass. A reception will follow in the Johnson Room. You will have an opportunity to greet him and offer congratulations. We now begin to plan for the reception. If you can assist with providing baked goods and/or beverages, please contact Janet Rauktis. You can volunteer by calling Janet at **508-450-7496** or by emailing her at: Janet.rauktis@ipfs.com.

Why Go to Confession **BEFORE EASTER?**

Sin is a fact of life. We all fall prey to sin, no matter the time of year. Some sins are called *venial*, because they weaken the life of grace and make it more likely that a person will fall into *mortal* (serious) sin - the kind of sin, which because of its gravity, extinguishes the life of grace. But all sin separates us from God.

Jesus wants to free us from sin and give us the life of grace. The first step along that path is to make a good, sincere, confession of our sins. Even if it has been a long time since a person last went to Confession, there's no reason to be afraid. Discover Christ's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Your Holy Week and Easter will be a better one for having gone to confession. Monsignor Sullivan is offering the following times for confessions: this Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 to 8:00 pm; Saturday, April 12, 2:45 to 3:45 pm; Monday, April 14, 3:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday, April 15, 3:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm; Wednesday, April 16, 3:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm; and Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday, 2:45 to 3:45 pm.

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.

Venerini Academy Open Houses

Venerini Academy, a private Catholic elementary (PK-3 through Grade 8) school, will host Open Houses **April 29**, 5:00-7:00 pm; **May 1**, 6:00-7:30 pm; **May 12**, 5:00-6:30 pm and **May 20**, 5:00 to 6:30 pm. 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 call 508-753-3210 or visit www.veneriniacademy.com.

Stations of the Cross Lenten Friday Afternoons

We celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. We resumed this practice 3 years ago, and a good number of people come. The time is **3:00-3:30 pm**. We encourage you to join in.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"If we love Jesus, we shall be loved in return by Him, and that is perfect happiness." - *St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*

Open House ~ St. Mary's Elementary 16 Summer Street, Shrewsbury

Tuesday, April 8. 8:30 am to 10:00 am. Visit with our faculty, staff, and students. Student-led campus tours. Learn what makes the school special. Apply today at school.stmarysparish.org/ application. For more information, please email Tina Gillaspie, Admissions Director: admissions@stmarysparish.org.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 6

10:00 am - CGS, Grs 1-6, Rel. Ed.
10:00 am - Coffee Shop, Johnson Room
12:30 pm - Baptism
6:00-7:00 pm - Grs 7-10, Rel. Ed.
6:00-7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, April 7

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park
6:00 pm - Women's Guild Meeting

Tuesday, April 8

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, April 9

CTK's Day in 40 Days for Life

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts
7:30 pm - Folk Group rehearsal

Thursday, April 10

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, April 11

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
3:00-3:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm - Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Today and Next Weekend

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and classes for **Grades 1-6 will meet today, April 6**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Classes for **Grades 7-10 will have their final classes for the year tonight, April 6**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and will take the annual diocesan inventory as part of the evening program. Attendance is mandatory.

The **Confirmation** program will have its final class for the year tonight, **April 6**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

No classes are scheduled for next Sunday, **Palm Sunday**, or the following Sunday, **Easter Sunday**. The next classes for the morning program are scheduled for Sunday, April 27.

Coffee Shop!

Coffee shop takes place on the first Sunday of the month after the 9:00 am Mass. Come and join us in the Johnson Room. Enjoy coffee, donut holes and especially one another's company. Let's strengthen our community!

HOLY WEEK COMING - SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 14-16 ~ 3:00-4:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 19 ~ 2:45-3:45 pm - Confessions

WEEKDAY MASSES ~ MONDAY-WEDNESDAY - APRIL 14-16 ~ 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Rosary: 6:30 am ~ Morning Prayer: 7:00-7:15 am ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament - church open until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Rosary: 6:30 am ~ Morning Prayer: 7:00-7:15 am ~ Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Rosary: 7:30 am ~ Morning Prayer: 8:00-8:15 am ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets: 10:00 am

Confessions: 2:45-3:45 pm ~ The Easter Vigil Mass: 7:30 pm (3 baptisms and 7 Confirmations)

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 20

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

An Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the east lawn following the 9:00 am Mass

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