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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

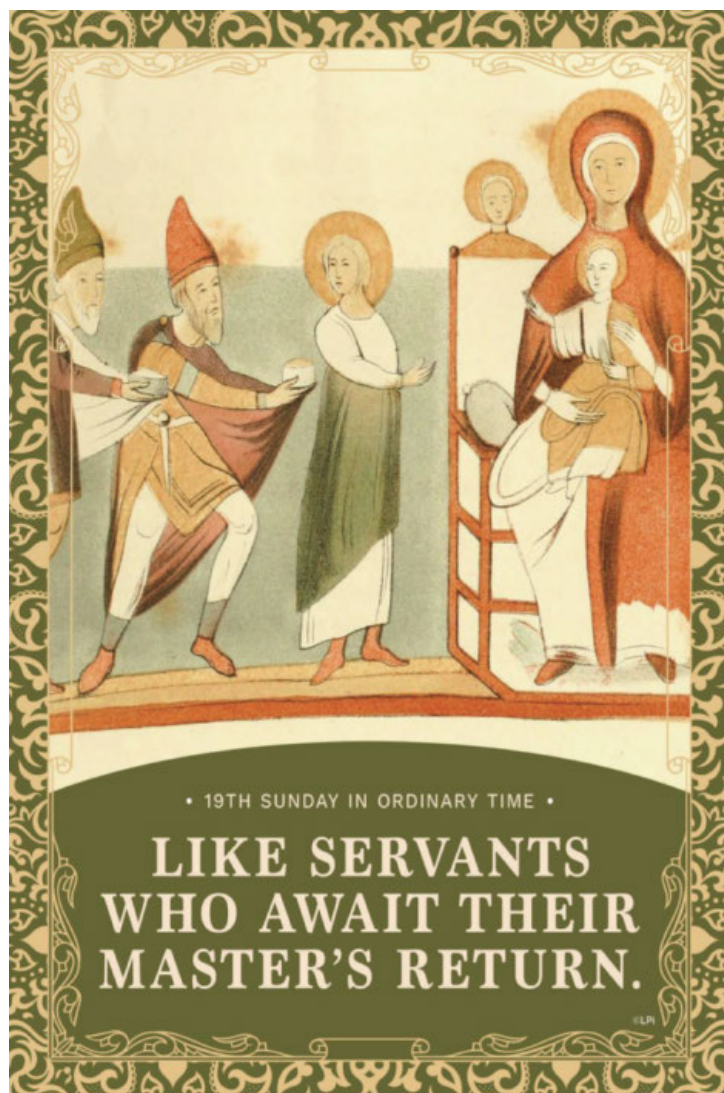
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—August 9th

4:00PM John Hackett, Sr. (7th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—August 10th

7:30AM John Bowler (2nd anniv.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Frederick Rushton (mem.) req. of Marion
Giacomelli

Monday—August 11th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory req. of a friend

Wednesday—August 13th

7:00AM Francisco Thanh Nguyen (mem.) req. of a
friend

Thursday—August 14th

4:00PM John Baptist Lang Lai (mem.) req. of a friend

Friday—August 15th

7:00AM Mary Ann Spychalski (Living birthday) req. of
Alice Fenlon

12:00 NOON Maria Dam Pham req. of family

6:00PM Michael Laviolette (mem.) req. of Fran & Ann
Weeks

Saturday—August 16th

4:00PM Margaret T. Pappas (11th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—August 17th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Francis Riley (1st anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Father Dermot Fenlon (anniv.) req. of Alice
Fenlon

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **John F. Marzilli, Patricia Zambarano, and Todd J. Walles.**

PARISH PICNIC COMING IN SEPTEMBER

The Parish Social Activities has just announced its plan to host a Parish Picnic for all our parishioners on Sunday afternoon, **September 7th**. The event takes place from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm that day. All are welcome and there are no costs. All the food and beverages are free of charge. We want you to come, be with other parishioners and just enjoy yourselves with the rest of our families in the parish. More information will be forthcoming in the later part of the summer. Please just mark your calendars now.

Upcoming Mass Schedule: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Solemnity and holy day of obligation is always celebrated on August 15. Our Mass schedule is as follows: **Thursday, August 14, Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm;** and **Friday, August 15, at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm.**

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses. We celebrate Mass at 7:00 am each weekday. Mass on Saturday mornings is at 8:00 am. We celebrate the lives of some saints at Mass this week: **Saint Clare, Virgin** (Monday); **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious** (Tuesday); **Saint Pontian, Pope, and Saint Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs** (Wednesday); **Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr** (Thursday); **the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; holy day** (Friday); and **Saint Stephen of Hungary** (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. Your donations for last weekend are as follow:

Offertory: \$7,075.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,135.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$60.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$400.00; **Confirmation registration:** \$80.00; **Rel. Ed registration:** \$240.00; **Donations:** \$25.00; **Central/Eastern Europe:** \$130.00; **Assumption:** \$155.00; **Fuel:** \$100.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$200.00.

Total: \$9,600.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM For this Summer

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) or email him (tsullivan5@mac.com) to schedule a time to meet. Sometimes baptisms are celebrated privately (not at a public Mass). **During this summer** it is likely that baptisms will be scheduled individually and apart from Mass. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

14th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Begins September 8 Homilists Announced

Please join us for this fall's Novena to St. Joseph. We hope that you will participate in this important annual event as the pressure increases on the state legislature to make physician assisted suicide the law in Massachusetts. The Legislature of the State of New York just passed this legislation. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. We pray for the sick, pray for improvements in palliative care, and pray to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. The schedule of homilists is Sept. 8, Bishop Robert J. McManus; Sept. 15, Father Donato Infante; Sept. 22, Father José Carvajal; Sept. 29, Father Derek Mobilio; Oct. 6, Father John Laroche; Oct. 13, Father John Gavin, SJ; Oct. 20, Father Robert Grattaroti; Oct. 27, Father Lucas Laroche; and Nov. 3, Msgr. Sullivan. **In August** 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.

**Do You Need to be
Confirmed as an Adult?**

Were you baptized and received Holy Communion but were never confirmed? Do you want to be able to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor? If any are interested, our parish has preparation sessions each year for those adults who were never confirmed. The program is for adults who were baptized and received First Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion) but never completed their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Msgr. Sullivan conducts the 5-session program on Thursday evenings (**October 30; November 13; December 4 & 18; and January 8**) from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. An optional retreat (Sunday afternoon into the early evening) is given for people from throughout the Diocese. Last year it was here at Christ the King. The Confirmation ceremony takes place at St. Paul's Cathedral on a Sunday afternoon in **mid-winter or perhaps this year in early spring** (we have not been told yet). Bishop McManus celebrates this final Sacrament of Initiation for adults from throughout the diocese. Adult candidates for Confirmation should be already going to Sunday Mass. Obviously, a candidate does not have to be married but if they are married it must in the Catholic Church. We can assist with that. If you are interested, please contact Msgr. Sullivan at either 508-450-2556 or by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

**Please support
THE 2025 ANNUAL
PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL
Diocese only at 85% of Goal**

JUST 3 WEEKS TO GO

41% of our parishioners have made a gift thus far. This appeal funds the essential agencies and ministries of the entire Diocese each year. We could not conduct our Diocese without it. Pledge cards are available at the top of the pamphlet display in the vestibule or at the rectory. Or you can donate online by going to partners-charity.net/donate.

We hope all our parishioners will consider giving to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal in these last weeks of the appeal. We need the help of everyone to have a successful drive. The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year and that will take a lot of us participating in making a gift! Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving.

Agencies & Ministries Supported by the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal are:

Charity: Catholic Charities, Pernet Family Health Service, Priests' Retirement, Retired Priests' Health Ministry, Diocesan Cemetery System

Ministry: African Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Hispanic Apostolate, Minister to Priests, Office for Divine Worship, Hispanic and Latino Ministry, Office of Marriage and Family, Office of the Diaconate, Respect Life Office, St. Paul's Cathedral, Vocations Office, Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Education: Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity, Catholic Schools Office, Communications Ministry, Grant-in-Aid for Schools, Office of Religious Education, Ongoing Priestly Formation, Seminarian Education, Diocesan Schools grants.

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.**

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.

Sales Support Specialist Wanted

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The Wisdom of the Saints

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." - *St. John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Christ the King offers CGS on Sunday mornings in the school year. The 3-6-year-old child is particularly capable of enjoying the announcement of God's love especially experienced through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Materials on the life of Jesus Christ and his teachings help to make the mystery of God concrete for the child. The child enters the mystery of the Eucharist by first learning the names of the articles used on the altar and then through our most important gestures. They become aware of the Last Supper, Christ's death and resurrection. Questions? Email **Jackie Penny** at jpenny@mwa.org.

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.

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.

Do You Wish to Become Catholic or Complete Your 'Initiation' Into the Catholic Church?

A vibrant Catholic parish invites people into the life of Jesus Christ and the Church! There are many adults and youths who are not baptized, confirmed and/or have never received Holy Communion. We'd love you to become full and active members of the Catholic Church. Perhaps you're one of them or you know someone who has thought about becoming a fully initiated Roman Catholic. We invite you to enter one of our loving, learning processes through which the Church welcomes and prepares adults and youths for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Consider these options FOR YOU, your relatives and friends! Please tell others about God's love for them and invite them to become a Catholic.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) - For non-baptized adults; for baptized Christians who wish to become Catholic; for baptized Catholic adults (without First Communion or Confirmation) and with little or no religious formation.

For Adult Confirmation Preparation - see the related article in this bulletin.

In either case, contact **Monsignor Tom Sullivan** at 508-450-2556 or tsullivan5@mac.com.

TODAY! CTK's Participation in the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal

For decades every parish participates in Mission Coop Appeal, a special collection most often taken up during the summer months. A religious priest, brother or sister speak at all four weekend Masses, and a **special, second collection** is taken up to support the missionary activities of that order. That visit occurs **today, August 9 and 10**. We welcome **Bishop Siby Matthew Peedikayil**, HGN ("Heralds of Good News"). He is the Bishop of the Diocese of Aitape, located in Papua New Guinea, a nation in Oceania, neighboring Indonesia, Australia and the Solomon Islands. Let us all be generous in this special collection. All **checks** should be made payable to **Christ the King**. Following this collection the parish sends one consolidated check to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith of the Diocese of Worcester, and our donations are forwarded to the Diocese of Aitape.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, August 9 & Sunday, August 10

All Masses - Visiting Missionary Bishop
Mission Coop Appeal

Monday, August 11

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare

Tuesday, August 12

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Thursday, August 14

4:00 pm - Assumption Vigil Mass

Friday, August 15 - ASSUMPTION

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

REGISTER NOW FOR 2025-2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Two weeks ago Religious Education registration forms were mailed to all those families (registered in the parish and known to us) for next year's classes. Please complete the simple forms and get them back to us with your check for the religious education fee. If you did not receive one (or perhaps mislaid it) please **call us at 508-754-5361** and we can send one in the mail or by email.

Italian Festival 2025 This Week

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish invites you to its Italian Festival at 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. Held: **Thursday, Aug. 14 (5-10 pm), Friday, Aug. 15 (5-10 pm), Saturday, Aug. 16 (Noon-10 pm), and Sunday, Aug. 17 (Noon - 6 pm)**. Come and enjoy Fried Dough, Sausage Sandwiches, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Beer & Wine, and, of course, Italian cookies! There will also be participation by Boulevard Diner, a Cannoli Truck, an Ice Cream Truck, and other great vendors. For entertainment we will have Boom Box, XS Band, Decades by Dezyne for the adults, Bouncy Houses for the kids, and Italian Novelties, as well as a Money Raffle. We will also honor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto at our shrine. For more information check their website, mtcarmelfestival.org

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 Picnic Help

Our Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 7. If you can help with planning, please call Janet Rauktis at 508-450-7496 or email her at rauktisj1@gmail.com.

History of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Friday, August 15th is the day that Catholics have long celebrated what is called '*the Dormition*' (falling asleep) or *Assumption* of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It celebrates both the happy departure of the Blessed Virgin Mary from this life by her natural death, and her bodily assumption into Heaven. It is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation.

Mary's Assumption into heaven after her death is first expressed in narratives of the 5th and 6th centuries. Though the Bible contains no mention of the Assumption of Mary into heaven the first Church writer to speak of Mary's Assumption is Saint Gregory of Tours (594 AD).

In 1946, Pope Pius XII asked all bishops in the world whether they thought this belief should be defined as a proposition of faith, and whether they with their clergy and the people of their respective dioceses desired the definition. Almost all the bishops replied in the affirmative.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma that "*Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven.*" We have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death. The dates assigned to her death vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the place where she died.

Our parish Masses for this holy day will be:
Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14 at 4:00 pm
&
Friday, August 15 at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm

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