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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

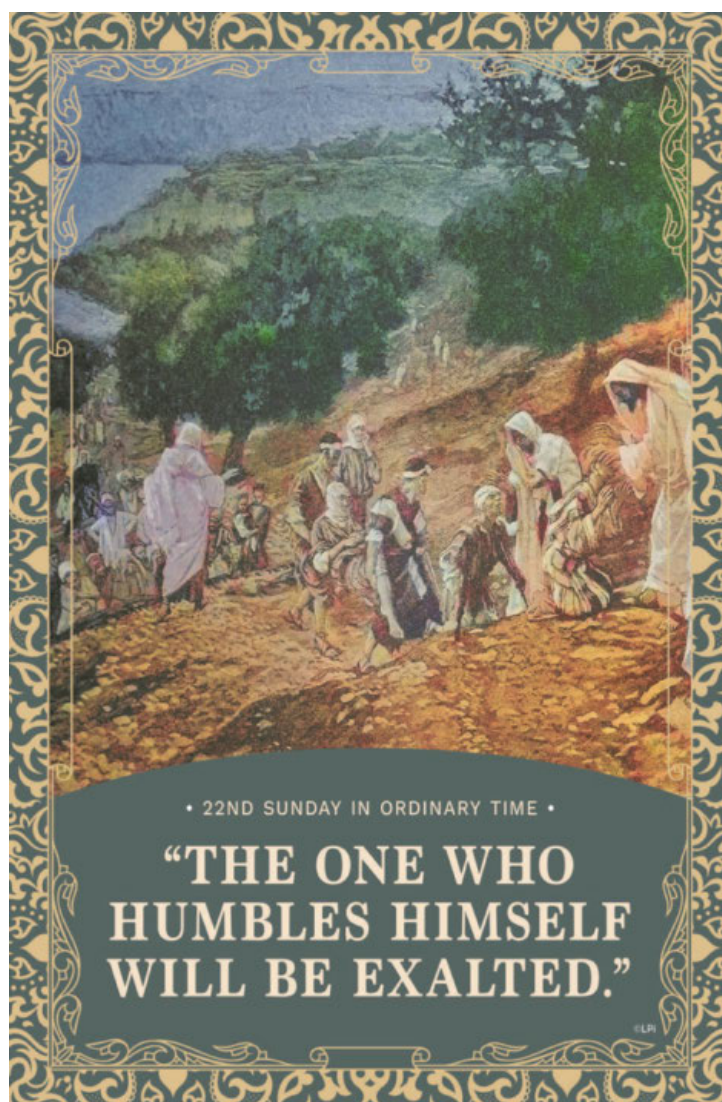
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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 30th

4:00PM Ann O'Leary (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

Sunday—August 31st

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Frederick Rushton (mem.) req. of The Zamarro Family
11:00AM PVT 1st Class John David Kelleher (75th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—September 1st

8:00AM Maria Bang Nguyen (mem.) req. of a friend

Tuesday—September 2nd

7:00AM Barry Kitka (mem.) The Zamarro Family

Wednesday—September 3rd

7:00AM John Marzilli (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Thursday—September 4th

7:00AM Donald Cousineau (mem.) req. of The Zamarro Family

Friday—September 5th

7:00AM Barbara Reidy (9th anniv.) req. of family

Saturday—September 6th

4:00PM Madelyn and Cornelius Hickey (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—September 7th

7:30AM Alec and Evelyn Szuch (mem.) req. of Fran & Betty Ann Warner
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM Mary McKeon (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Rev. Richard A. Fortin.**

LABOR DAY MASS TOMORROW

We remind you that on civic holidays like **Labor Day** our daily Mass begins at **8:00 a.m.**, not 7:00 a.m.

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.

Christ the King a Voting Center for Elections

Christ the King will again be a local voting center **Tuesday, September 2** (local elections). We made this agreement as a contribution to the City's civic life. This agreement will not interfere with our morning Mass at 7:00 am or other parish activities.

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 a couple of saints at Mass this week: **World Day of Prayer for the Concern of Creation** (Monday; also Labor Day; Mass at 8:00 am); **Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** (Wednesday); and the **Blessed Virgin Mary** (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 (**last Sunday was the final day of the Fiscal Year**) are as follows:

Offertory: \$5,647.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,745.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$180.00; **Confirmation registration:** \$40.00; **Rel. Ed registration:** \$280.00; **Central/Eastern Europe:** \$32.00; **Assumption:** \$75.00; **Mission Co-Op:** \$100.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$200.00.

Total: \$8,299.00

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. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (**508-754-5361**) or email him (tsullivan5@mac.com) to schedule a meeting or baptism. Scheduled times for the Parent Planning meetings for **this fall** are on Sundays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on the following Sundays: **September 14** and **November 2**. **For 2026** they are the following Sundays: **January 4; March 1; April 19; and June 14**. Most baptisms occur on occasional Sunday mornings at the 11:00 am Mass since Baptism is a public celebration. The dates for these baptismal celebrations for the year ahead are: **September 28; October 19; November 30; December 28; February 1; March 1; April 12; May 10; and June 14**.

PARISH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The Parish Social Activities will host our Annual Parish Picnic for all our parishioners next 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. Please just mark your calendars now.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." - *Pope Saint John XXIII*

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.

14th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Begins September 8 We Hope You Will Come This Year!

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 New York State passed this legislation, and it may soon be signed into law by Governor Hochul. 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**. The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can now be mailed to our rectory office, or called in to 508-754-5361, or emailed to Msgr. Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Holy Hour on First Friday Each Month ~ Please Come!

A monthly Holy Hour takes place on the First Friday evening of each month. The next scheduled date is this Friday, **September 5**. The hour includes Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and a brief spiritual reflection. Please come 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.**

Inviting all Women of the Parish to the 1st Meeting of the Women's Guild Tuesday, September 9

The Women's Guild of Christ the King cordially invites you join us on **Tuesday, September 9, at 6:00 pm** in the Johnson Room. Please drop in for wine & cheese at our first meeting and hear about our plans for the coming year. We'd love to see you. The Guild strives to foster spiritual development and provide opportunities for friendship, collaboration and service through religious, social and educational programs and events. We have supported the parish for 89 years and the Board invites you to join the Women's Guild by including your \$10.00 check for membership along with your Sunday donation, attn.: CTK Guild.

We provide Evenings of Recollection, one in Advent and another in Lent. The featured speaker provides an enlightening program. A light meal is served. Plus: Visitation House Baby Bottle drive ~ donations to the K of C Coats for Kids program ~ Abby's House ~ hats and mittens to Tatnuck Magnet School ~ Veteran's Inc. ~ and the Mustard Seed. This past year we collected over \$1,300 from parishioners and were able to purchase 4 strollers with car seats for Visitation House. Our Craft Nights are well attended and fun. Everyone goes home with a unique gift! We thank you for your support.

'COATS FOR KIDS' FOLLOW-UP

Our Knights of Columbus Council (#12691) members conducted this annual appeal last weekend. **K of C Supreme Headquarters** has to make an early order for the winter coats. The program ensures that all children have a winter coat. Our Council has distributed thousands of winter coats to local children, the largest amount of any Council in Central Massachusetts. The coats have been distributed at the following sites: Our Lady of Providence Parish, Pernet Family Health Service, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Friendly House, Worcester Boys and Girls Club, The IHN Family Shelter, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dr. Arthur F. Sullivan Middle School, Catholic Charities and Webster Public Schools. You can still contribute by sending your donation to: Wes Cotter (our new Grand Knight), 8 Quaker Road, Worcester, MA 01602. Please make checks payable to *Knights of Columbus Council 12691* (not 'Christ the King').

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 the Catholic Church or complete your initiation. 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. We invite you to participate in the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.)**. It is for non-baptized adults or young people seven years old or older; for baptized Christians (in another denomination) who wish to become Catholic; for baptized Catholic adults (without First Communion or Confirmation) and with little or no religious formation. If you or someone you know is interested please contact **Monsignor Tom Sullivan** at 508-450-2556 or tsullivan5@mac.com.

Reconvening the Parish Book Club This Thursday, September 4, 7:00-8:00 pm

After the long summer break, we are looking forward to starting a new season of readings and seeing everyone as our monthly meetings resume this September. Our next meeting will be held **this Thursday evening at 7 pm** in the **conference room off the parish hall**. We will be discussing a book by Fr. Gregory Boyle SJ, *"Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion."* This is a collection of moving true stories from Fr. Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit priest who founded *Homeboy Industries* in Los Angeles, the largest gang-intervention program in the world. Through encounters with former gang members, Fr. Boyle shares powerful reflections on compassion, forgiveness, resilience, and the surprising ways God's grace breaks through in the most difficult places. Written with humor and deep humanity, the book invites us to see Christ's presence in every person and challenges us to live out a faith rooted in radical love. Good conversation and refreshments await! Bring a friend and please join us. If you have any questions, please email John Finneran at

Thanks for Giving to the Mission Coop Appeal

On the weekend of August 9 & 10, with the appeal of **Bishop Siby Matthew Peedikayil**, we took the special collection in support of the **Diocese of Aitape in Papua New Guinea**, representing our participation in the annual Mission Coop Appeal. Every parish in the Diocese participates in this appeal, each for a different purpose. Our total collection raised **\$11,078**. This is an outstanding amount, raised for such an important purpose. Thank you all and God bless you for your goodness.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Monday, September 1

8:00 am - Labor Day Mass
3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

Tuesday, September 2

City Voting Here
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

7:00 pm - Parish Book Club

Friday, September 5

7:00-8:00 pm - Adoration, Benediction
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, September 6

12:30 pm - Private Baptism

Sunday, September 7

10:00 am - Coffee in hall
12:00-3:00 pm - Parish Picnic
12:00-3:00 pm - CGS in Atrium

REGISTER NOW FOR 2025-2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 14

We Need to Complete our Class Sizes!

In early July 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 as soon as you can...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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Three-to Six-Year-Olds **OPEN HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY**

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. We are sponsoring an **Open House** in our **Atrium** (adjacent the Parish Hall) at the same time as our **Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 7, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm**. 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.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Please plan on having your family join us for this fun-filled day!
All parishioners are invited. In the Parish Hall.

The Ponies will be here on the front lawn.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Desserts and drinks will be provided.

There will be children's games and a chance to meet and
greet your fellow parishioners.

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