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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

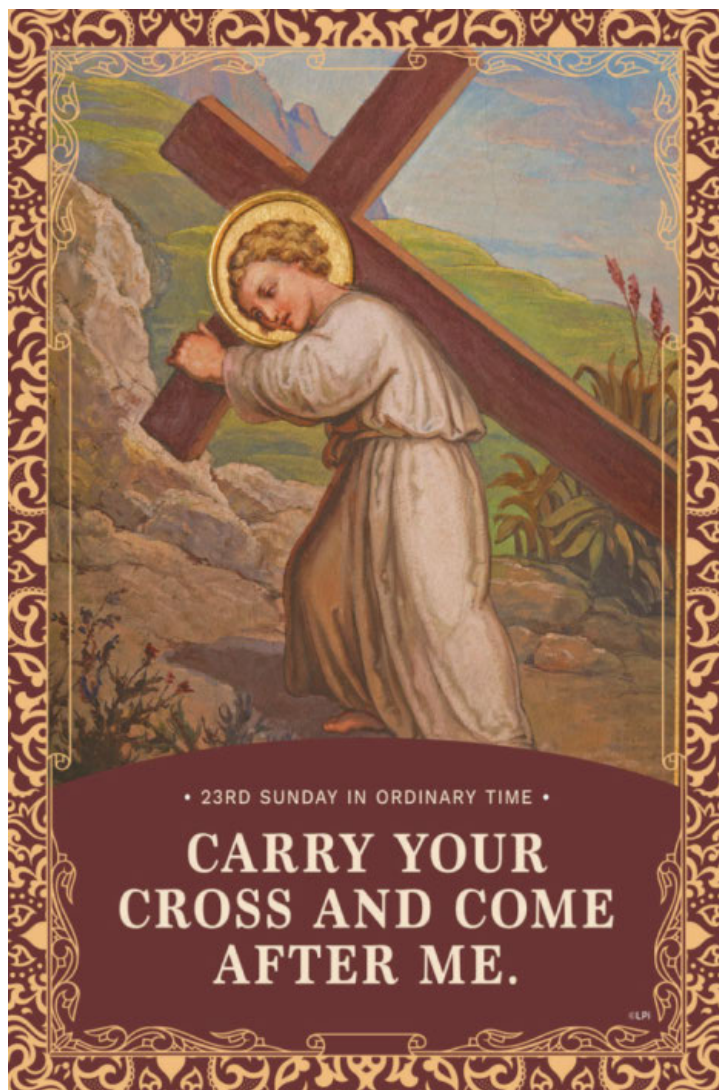
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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—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

Monday—September 8th

7:00AM Maria Bang Nguyen (mem.) req. of a friend

Tuesday—September 9th

7:00AM Francis Patrick O'Leary (mem.) req. of Neil Carmody

Wednesday—September 10th

7:00AM Frederick Rushton (mem.) req. of Fran & Ann Weeks

Saturday—September 13th

8:00AM Frederick Rushton (birthday) req. of family

4:00PM James E. Farquhar (5th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—September 14th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Marsha Bombard (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Maria Simoes (mem.) and Jason Simoes (mem.) req. of husband and family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Cornelius J. Doherty**, the brother of Seamus Doherty.

Worcester Public Schools Sex Ed. In the Spring of 2021, the Worcester School Committee adopted a very problematic K-12 sex education curriculum for the Worcester Public Schools. The curriculum, *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* is explicit, age inappropriate and without moral grounding. It will be taught in all grades beginning with kindergarten again this Fall. Under Massachusetts law, parents have the right to opt their children out of sex-ed programs, but **they must opt out again each year**. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School Students to review the *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* curriculum (www.3rs.org/3rs-curric-search) and to opt their children out. Opt-out forms were sent to you through a Flocknotes message on August 28. Please share this information with friends and neighbors who may be unaware of the content of this program or of their rights as parents to opt their children out. Thank you.

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.

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: **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Monday); **Saint Peter Claver, Priest** (Tuesday); **the Most Holy Name of Mary** (Friday); and **St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (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 follows:

Offertory: \$4,846; **Online Giving:** \$1,130.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$100.00; **Rel. Ed registration:** \$340.00; **Central/Eastern Europe:** \$10.00; **Assumption:** \$10.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$10.00; **Fuel:** \$112.00; **Partners in Charity:** \$100.00.

Total: \$6,658.00

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 TODAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The Parish Social Activities will host our Annual Parish Picnic for all our parishioners this 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.

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

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." - *St. Gregory Nazianzen*

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 Tomorrow, September 8 With Bishop McManus

We Hope All Will Come This Year!

Bishop Robert J. McManus will open our Novena to St. Joseph this year by presiding at tomorrow evening's service. Please come and join us for the event. We hope all 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 other homilists are Sept. 15, **Father Donato Infante**; Sept. 22, **Father José Carvajal**; Sept. 29, **Father Derek Mobilio**; Oct. 6, **Father Lucas LaRoche**; Oct. 13, **Father John Gavin, SJ**; Oct. 20, **Father Robert Grattaroti**; Oct. 27, **Father John Larochelle**; 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.

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.

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 This Tuesday, September 9

The Women's Guild of Christ the King cordially invites you join us this **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 two weekends ago. **K of C Supreme Headquarters** must 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.

Regular Visits with Holy Communion at the Jewish Healthcare Center

A few weeks ago, two of our parishioners, **Mary Beth Burke** and **Elise Jacques**, began weekly visits to the Jewish Healthcare Center on Salisbury Street to bring Holy Communion, the Eucharist, to the residents. We are very grateful for their goodness and generosity of spirit. The residents and staff of the JHC are very grateful for this new ministry, as am I.

Prior to the pandemic there were several of our parishioners who did this on weekdays and Sundays and did so for many years. And then we could no longer do it. The number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion dropped considerably, and others could no longer continue to do it.

Personally, I offer Mass at the JHC once a month on the second Monday. I also cover all emergency anointings and special requests there and am often there several times a week. But I have never had the time to bring the Eucharist to the residents by going room to room.

Others will soon be starting this ministry at Tatnuck Park on May Street. Again, I offer Mass there monthly and am occasionally called for emergencies. But the population there is much smaller and the emergencies far fewer.

With gratitude,

Msgr. Tom

Two Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Mercy Church 341 June Street

Saturday, September 13, 9:30 am to 12 noon: **Mother Daughter Tea**. Ages 9-13 for daughters. \$15 per participant. **Register** by tomorrow, **September 8** - at www.cedaroflebanonfrc.org

Middle Eastern Festival - Sunday, September 28, 11:30 am to 6:00 pm. Rain or shine. Middle Eastern foods and desserts, face painting.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, September 7

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

Monday, September 8

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare
7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, September 9

6:00 pm - Women's Guild, Johnson Room
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11

7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 12

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, September 14

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6
1:00-2:30 pm - Parent Baptism Prep
in Rectory
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10

REGISTER NOW FOR 2025-2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY - SEPT 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 to 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.

IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GIFTS TO *THE ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL*

My dear fellow parishioners,

I wish to thank all those who contributed this year to the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. I really appreciate your generosity and goodness. **42.2%** of our parishioners responded to this annual appeal which funds the essential pastoral, educational and charitable endeavors of the Diocese at large. Please know that your gifts will truly assist the Diocese in trying to meet its financial and charitable challenges and needs in the year ahead.

As the Appeal ended last Sunday (August 31st is always the last day of the diocesan fiscal year), Christ the King parishioners contributed **\$211,654**. We achieved **191.2%** of our annual goal of \$110,700. This is more money than was raised by any other parish in the Diocese. It is almost certainly the case that no parish in diocesan history has ever raised this much for *Partners in Charity* (or by its former name, *The Bishop's Fund*). So, you are to be commended.

Unfortunately, the Diocese did not meet its goal of \$5 million. The Diocese raised only 90% of its goal and will be \$500,000 short.

However, you and I and all those parishioners across the Diocese who have participated can take satisfaction in the knowledge that we will help thousands of needy people in the year ahead through assistance given through two dozen diocesan charities and agencies. Please know my gratitude for your gifts. Your support is an example of your care for others. God bless you!

Monsignor Tom

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