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Monday—Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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.

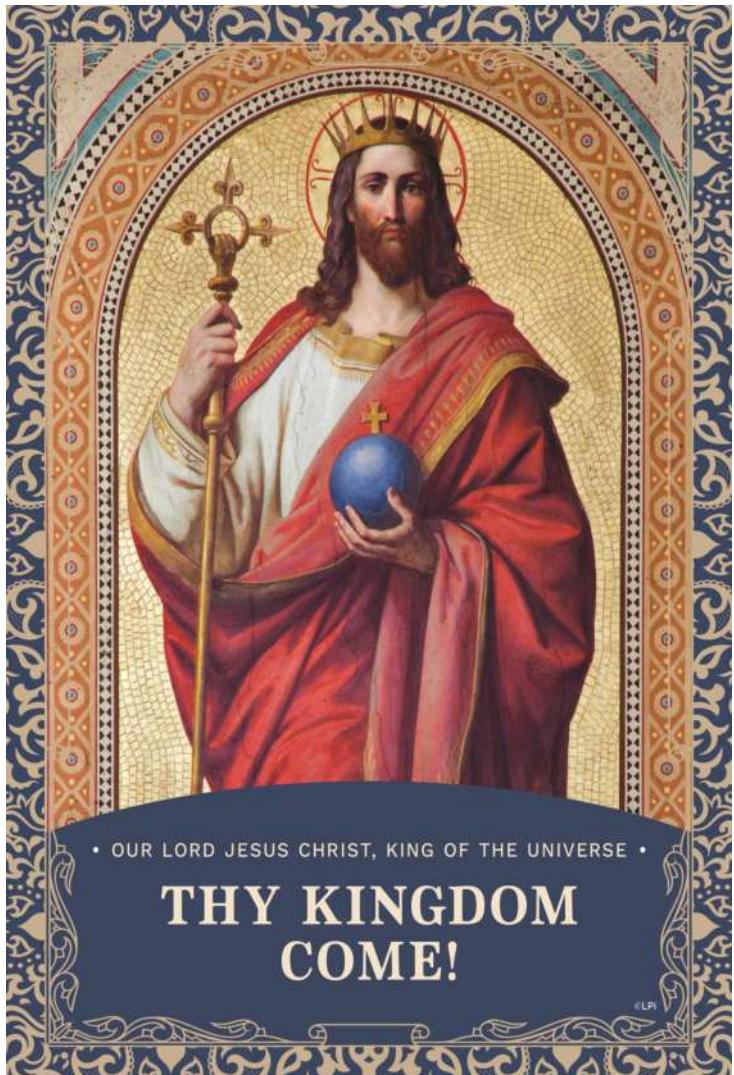
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK
Please call Msgr. Sullivan for the Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion.

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





Saturday—November 22nd

4:00PM Carol Carmody (6 months) req. of family

Sunday—November 23rd

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Catherine Bokossa (10th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Joseph and Carol Lysiak (mem.) req. of family

Monday—November 24th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday—November 25th

7:00AM Anne Hai Nguyen (anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—November 26th

7:00AM Jane Allen (mem.) req. of Fran & BettyAnn Warner

Thursday—November 27th

8:00AM John Bowler (mem.), Helen Zalauskas (mem.) and Magaret Sorenson (mem.) req. of family

Friday—November 28th

7:00AM Clyde Pax (mem.) req. of Roseann Fitzgerald

Saturday—November 29th

8:00AM Paula Kosky Hamann (mem.) req. of Janet & Bill Kosky

4:00PM Barbara Kelleher Argento (1st anniv.) req. of The Argento Family

Sunday—November 30th

7:30AM James and Stacia Hammon (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Kathy Torrey (2nd anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Timothy R. Kearney**, the brother of Kevin Kearney, **Mary E. Hughes**, and **Catherine Wilcox**.

**Advent Evening Masses
Continue This Year
Start Monday, December 1**

Our custom of celebrating a **daily Mass each weekday (Monday -Friday) at 5:30 pm** will continue during the holy and penitential season of Advent. This is in addition to the 7:00 am Mass (Monday-Friday). On Saturday mornings our Mass will continue at 8:00 am as always. The season of Advent begins in just three weeks. The First Sunday of Advent is on Sunday, November 30. The Advent season will last for three and a half weeks this year. The daily Mass is a great way to prepare for Christmas! Please consider coming to these evening Masses.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

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 Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** (Monday); **St. Catharine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr** (Tuesday); **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday at 8:00 am); 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 are as follows:

Offertory: \$7,105.68; **Online Giving:** \$1,775.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$115.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$800.00;

Donation: \$300.00; **Fuel:** \$165.00;

Human Development: \$110.00; **All Saints:** \$5.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$183.00.

Total: \$10,558.68

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. The scheduled times for the remaining **Parent Preparation meetings for this academic year** are on **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 remaining dates for the actual baptisms in 2025: November 30; December 28; and in 2026: February 1; March 1; April 12; May 10; and June 14.

**Come, See the Nativity Pageant!
December 19**

All are invited to join us on Friday, December 19, for our Children's Nativity Pageant at 6:30 pm, following the 5:30 pm Advent Mass. More than thirty of our parish youths will be preparing throughout Advent to share the beauty, joy, and wonder of the Christmas story through Scripture, narration, and song. A light reception will follow in the Johnson Room.

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*

Happy Thanksgiving!

“Thanks are the highest form of thought, and gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” So wrote G.K. Chesterton. He espoused a sense of wonder and appreciation for life, delighted in the ordinary, and vowed not to surrender to the boredom which strips so many people of joy. All of life should enthrall us and it will if we don’t take things for granted or languish in entitlement. Gratitude and wonder go hand in hand, of course, with a commitment on our part to uphold the dignity of each human life. To be grateful for life is to defend it, with all our hearts and with every word and in every deed. Real Christians offer their thanks for all that God has done and continues to do.

We at Christ the King have so much for which to be thankful: the warmth of rich family lives, an abundance of food, our precious national freedoms and much more. So, let us be grateful on Thanksgiving Day and each day. Let us thank God for our very existence, even as we take great joy in the lives of everyone else.

Monsignor Tom

CHRIST THE KING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS conduct its LITTLE BOTTOMS DIAPER PROGRAM

Our parish Knights of Columbus Council (#12691) serves the needs of many poor mothers in Worcester County by working with *Catholic Charities*. For many years they've sponsored a program where diapers are purchased at a low, wholesale price.

The typical monthly cost for poor mothers is \$80 per month per child. This is insurmountable for many struggling families in our area. State benefit programs such as *Women, Infants and Children* (WIC) and *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance* (SNAP) do not pay for diapers. Most licensed day care providers require that babies be in disposable diapers (sometimes up to 12 a day). Our Knights hope to raise \$5,000 to assist Catholic Charities in their hope of purchasing and distributing tens of thousands of diapers in the year ahead. We hope you can help us.

Your gift would be most welcome. Please make a check payable to: **Knights of Columbus Council 12691**, and send it to Knights of Columbus, c/o Christ the King, 1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602. We will be receiving donations through the end of November.

Discover Hidden Treasures at *The Little Store*

Located at 242 Canterbury Street in Worcester, *The Little Store* is a welcoming neighborhood thrift shop filled with affordable clothing, furniture, household goods, and everyday essentials. It is run by the Catholic organization, **Urban Missionaries**. Every purchase directly supports our mission of community care and outreach - so shoppers can find what they need while giving back. We invite you to stop by and see what treasures await!

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.**

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER

With many food programs in jeopardy, we as a parish would like to work together to assist families in need. Your donation of food would nourish our neighbors and help keep pantry shelves stocked. **Beginning on December 11**, we are setting up a program collecting non-perishable food items on the **Second Thursday of each month (only)**, between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Items would be dropped off at the back of the rectory in front of the garage door closest to the church hall. Requested donations: non-perishable gluten-free foods; spices and condiments; healthy snacks (nuts, granola bars, canned and dried fruits, menstrual care products and hygiene items, cereals, rice, pasta, canned pasta sauce, all varieties of dry beans, low-sodium broths, soups, stews, chili, 100% fruit and vegetable juices. We will need the help of volunteers. Volunteers would collect the food and/or healthcare items. They will be delivered to the Worcester County Food Bank. If you can volunteer, please send an [email to Janet Rauktis, rauktisj1@gmail.com](mailto:rauktisj1@gmail.com), with dates and times available and she will coordinate a volunteer schedule. You may also call her on her cell phone 508-450-7496. Thank you in advance for your kindness in helping this very needed cause. Dates are (only these) - Dec 11, 2025 ~ in **2026**: Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 & Dec 10.

The “Giving Tree” Program Starts Next Weekend

We hope that you will participate again this year in securing Christmas gifts for underprivileged local children. The Urban Missionaries are making available the following options for giving. Their website is www.urbanmissionaries.com.

Option 1: When you come to church on Nov. 29 or 30 you can select a tag. Return the gift to the church **by Dec. 14 (Pick-Up Day)** with the tag fastened to it. **Option 2:** You can obtain a “virtual tag” for a gift that a mother has asked for one of her children. Go to the website and click on the tab “To join our virtual Christmas Giving Tree.” You will receive your tag via email. If you purchase the gift and bring it home, then print off the email tag, attach it firmly to the gift and return it to church. You might opt to ship the gift directly to Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope, 242 Canterbury St. Worcester MA 01603. Please put the tag ID number in the comment section of your order. **Option 3:** Go to the “Go fund me” tab on the website and make a cash donation. The Missionaries will purchase a gift for you.

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 mindyd1052@gmail.com.

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.

Parish Book Club Meeting

Our growing parish book club, which meets monthly, 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 Thursday, December 4**. The book we will be reading is *You Will Be Peter* by Jerry Lathan. The book draws on the four Gospel accounts to weave Simon Peter's story into one seamless tapestry. 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.

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.

ADVENT WREATHS ON SALE TODAY

Pack 37 Cub Scouts, based here at Christ the King, will be selling handmade Advent wreaths after **each Mass today**. The scouts have been working on these wreaths at den meetings the past two months and are excited to offer them to you! 100% of the proceeds will go directly to funding scout activities. Each wreath is \$20. Cash or check payable to "Pack 37" will be accepted. Thank you!

Please Join CTK's Women's Guild For An Evening of Recollection on: 'The Prefaces of Advent' Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 5:30 pm

The evening will begin with **Mass at 5:30pm**, offered by Msgr. Sullivan followed by a light dinner with a spiritual presentation by **Fr. Derek Mobilio**, the pastor of Our Lady of the Angels Parish. '*The Prefaces of Advent*' is Father's theme. The cost for the evening is **\$18.00 for members** and **\$20 for nonmembers**. Please call **Donna Byrnes** by this **Tuesday, November 25**, at **508-753-3024** or email her at dbyrnes@charter.net to make a reservation or if you have any questions.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, November 23 - Christ the King

All Masses - Cub Scouts
Advent Wreath sales
10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6
1:00 pm - Ministries Luncheon, Boylston

Tuesday, November 25

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, November 26

Afternoon: Mustard Seed Cooking

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving

8:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 28

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, November 29

4:00 pm - Giving Tree Tags Out

Sunday, November 30 - ADVENT

All Masses - Giving Tree Tags out
11:00 am - Mass with a Baptism

Coffee Shop!

Coffee shop takes place on the **first Sunday of the month** after the 9:00 am Mass. We hope to see you at our next Sunday morning coffee shop on **Sunday, December 7**. Come and join us in the Johnson Room. Enjoy coffee, donut holes and especially one another's company. Let's strengthen our community and meet new friends!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS Food for the Needy

It's a tradition at CTK that parishioners bring donations of non-perishable food to the 8:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27. The holidays and cold weather increase the needs of many families. A need exists for canned soups and vegetables, tuna, pasta, rice, peanut butter and cereals to fill the pantry shelves. Please NO glass containers. (BE AWARE OF EXPIRATION DATES ON ANY ITEMS BEFORE YOU DONATE THEM. WE CANNOT DISTRIBUTE EXPIRED PRODUCTS.) Help us to help others. If you prefer, cash donations may be put into the offering basket at the altar that day. The parish appreciates your help. Some Mass-goers that day will be asked to carry the food items downstairs and put them on the waiting truck outside from Our Lady of Providence Parish.

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.

Thanksgiving!

At this time of year, our thoughts turn to apple cider, cozy sweaters, and crackling fires in the hearth. Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Almost everyone has one or more Thanksgiving traditions that they hold dear. Besides the traditional family dinner, there's the friendly game of touch football, popping in a favorite movie while devouring your slice of pumpkin pie, or going for a walk around the neighborhood while the turkey roasts. In this day of instant gratification, the time is ripe to slow down and count your blessings. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to start new traditions that reflect our gratitude towards God. Here are some suggestions:

Start the Day with Prayer

Start your day by counting your blessings at Mass. While there, reflect on three or four qualities or talents you have been blessed with and how you can best share these gifts with others.

Help Someone

Extend your generosity and blessings beyond your immediate family and friends. Distribute food baskets from the parish to those in need, serve dinner at your local homeless shelter, or simply help an elderly neighbor rake leaves or take out their recyclables. Small steps can make a huge impact.

Adopt-a-Family-Member for the Holidays

Share your Thanksgiving meal with someone who is alone this year. Look for a neighbor, coworker, fellow parishioner, or college student who may be separated from family for the holidays. A few hours of good food and authentic conversation does everyone good. What are some of your favorite ways to show gratitude?

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