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HOURS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
 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

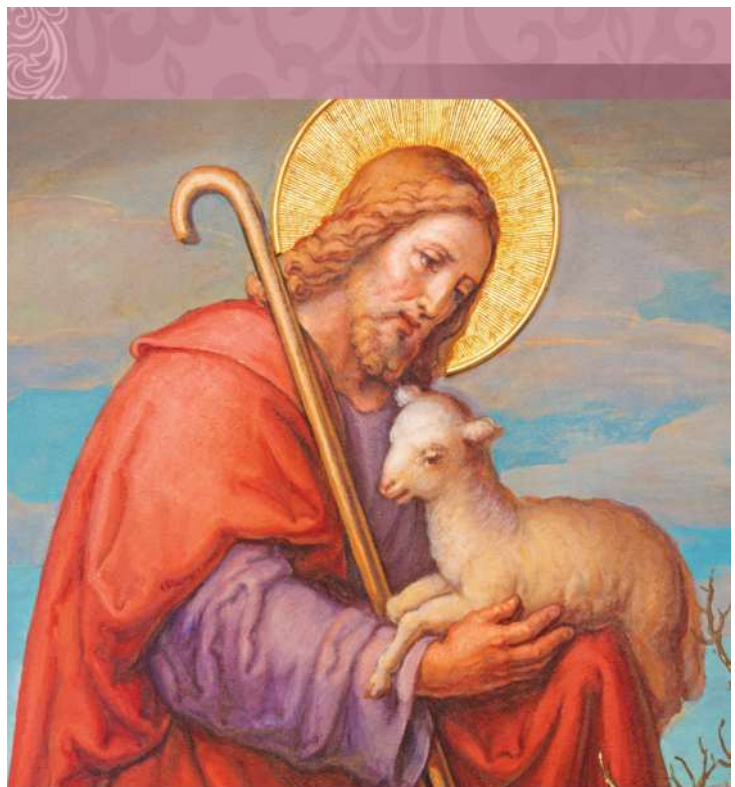
HOLY MATRIMONY
 Couples planning a Christian marriage should contact Msgr. Sullivan following their engagement.

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.

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



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

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Saturday—November 29th

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

Monday—December 1st

7:00AM Mary Beth Goeser (Living) req. of the Daniel Maher Family

5:30PM Andrew Black (mem.) req. of family

Tuesday—December 2nd

7:00AM James Andrews (mem.) req. of brother, Mark Andrews

5:30PM Gerardo Rodriguez (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday—December 3rd

7:00AM John T. O'Connor (birthday) req. of family

Thursday—December 4th

7:00AM Jim & Denise Heisler (Living) req. of the Daniel Maher Family

Friday—December 5th

7:00AM Fernand Leclezio, Sr. (anniv.) req. of Alice Fenlon

5:30PM Gerardo Rodriguez (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—December 6th

4:00PM Joanne V. and Philip G. St. Martin (mem.) req. of their daughters

Sunday—December 7th

7:30AM Cornelius Doherty (mem.) req. of Seamus Doherty

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Ruth Terrill (mem.) req. of Don & Elaine Cousineau

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses. We celebrate Mass at 7:00 am each weekday. And during the Advent season each weekday evening at 5:30 pm. Mass on Saturday mornings is at 8:00 am. We also celebrate the lives of some saints at Mass this week: **Saint Francis Xavier, Priest** (Wednesday); **St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); and **St. Nicholas, Bishop** (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. Due to the deadline for publishing our bulletins prior to last weekend (Thanksgiving holiday-related), your **donations for last weekend could not be published** in this bulletin. We will be publishing the donations in the next bulletin.

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 are in 2025: December 28. And in 2026: February 1; March 1; April 12; May 10; and June 14.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **all the faithful departed**.

First Penance Celebration Next Saturday

Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) for youths who will receive it for the first time next Saturday morning, December 6, at 9:30 am. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

**Advent Evening Masses
Starting Tomorrow, Dec. 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 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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus." - *Pope Saint John Paul II the Great*

**Adoration & Holy Hour
Every First Friday! Please Come!**

A monthly Holy Hour takes place here at Christ the King on the First Friday of each month. All are invited to come. **The next occasion for this event is this coming Friday night, December 5, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** The hour includes Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and a brief spiritual reflection. All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

**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. 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.

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.

**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.

**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**, 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.

***SPECIAL COLLECTION DECEMBER 13-14
FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS***

We will have a **special second collection on December 13 and 14** to support our **senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests** who spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies - often for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Show your appreciation for those who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime. **Checks** should be made **payable to Christ the King**, then we send one check to the Diocese. In the **memo line**, please note for **'Retired Religious.'**

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](mailto:mindy1052@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 this coming 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.

***The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Masses:

Monday, December 8

7:00 am, 12:00 pm Noon & 5:30 pm

This is a holy day of obligation. The 'Immaculate Conception' means that Mary, whose conception was brought about naturally, was conceived without original sin or its stain. Mary was preserved from original sin by God's grace and from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace.

Please Join CTK's Women's Guild

For An Evening of Recollection on:

'The Prefaces of Advent'

This Tuesday, December 2, 5:30 pm

The evening will begin with **Mass at 5:30pm**, offered by Msgr. Sullivan, and 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 non-members**. Please call **Donna Byrnes TODAY**, at **508-753-3024** to make a reservation.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

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

Monday, December 1

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

Tuesday, December 2

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
6:00 pm - Evening of Recollection
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, December 3

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus Meet
6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, December 4

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00-8:00 pm - Parish Book Club
7:00-8:15 pm - Adult Confirmation Program
7:00-8:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 5

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00-8:00 pm - Holy Hour / Adoration
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 6

8:00 am - Mass
9:30 am - First Penance
12:30 pm - Private Baptism
4:00 pm Mass - Special Collection

Sunday, December 7 - ADVENT II

All Masses - Special Collection
10:00 am - Coffee Shop
10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel. Ed.

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!

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.

The Annual “Giving Tree” Program Starts Today

We hope that you will participate again this year in securing Christmas gifts for underprivileged local children. Because of the increasing needs of local children we will have more opportunities for giving this year.

The **Urban Missionaries** make available the following options for giving.

Option 1: You can select from an abundance of tags on tables near the altar. Return the gift to the church **by 12:00 noon sharp on Sunday, December 15 (Pick-Up Day)** with the tag fastened to it. Please do not wrap the gift.

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 **www.urbanmissionaries.com** 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 **www.urbanmissionaries.com** and make a cash donation. The Missionaries will purchase a gift for you.

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