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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

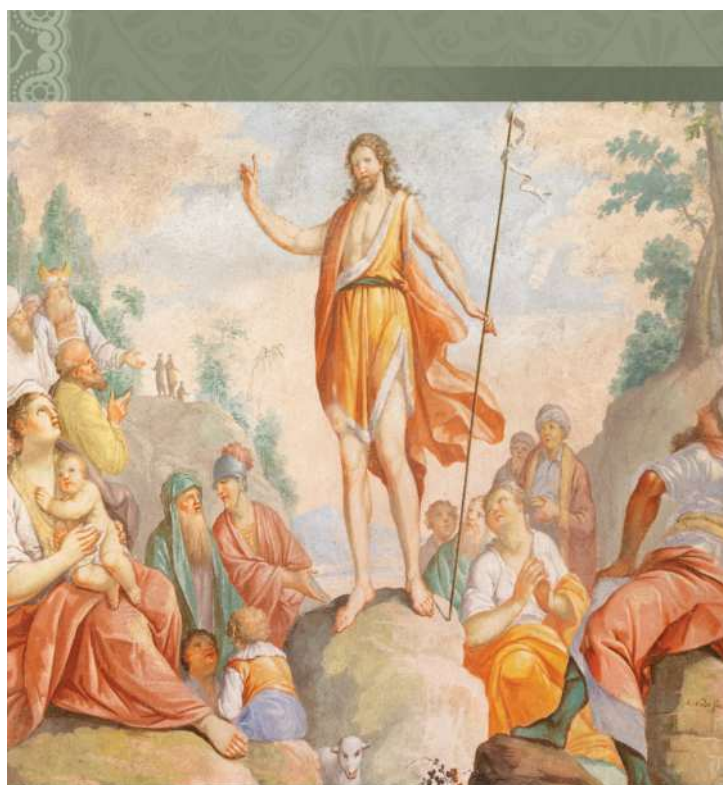
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the
desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" - Mt 3:1

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



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

Monday—December 8th

7:00AM Mary McAuliffe (5th anniv.) req. of family

5:30PM Robert Conroy, Sr. (birthday) req. of family

Tuesday—December 9th

7:00AM Ann Fortier (1st anniv.) req. of a friend

5:30PM Karole Ann Astania (mem.) req. of the Daniel Maher Family

Wednesday—December 10th

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

5:30PM James H. Looney, Sr. and Anne Lennon Looney (mem.) req. of Kathleen O'Connor

Thursday—December 11th

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

Friday—December 12th

5:30PM Sister Mary Joseph Heisler (mem.) req. of the Daniel Maher Family

Saturday—December 13th

8:00AM Kathy Brothers (Living—return to health) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

4:00PM James J. Pappas (18th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—December 14th

7:30AM Deacon Joseph M. Baniukiewicz (4th anniv.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Amos E. Wasgatt, III (mem.), Elizabeth "Betty" Wasgatt (mem.), Amos E. Wasgatt, Jr. (mem.), Kenneth Anderson (mem.), Barbara Wasgatt (mem.) and Joseph D'Ambra (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Robert Paul Baxter**.

Advent Evening Masses Continue Until Christmas

Our custom of celebrating a **daily Mass each weekday (Monday-Friday) at 5:30 pm** continues 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 lasts for two and a half weeks more this year. The daily Mass is a great way to prepare for Christmas! Please consider coming to these evening Masses.

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: **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Monday); **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin** (Tuesday); **Our Lady of Loreto** (Wednesday); **Saint Damasus I, Pope** (Thursday); **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (Friday); **St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr** (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 the **PAST TWO WEEKENDS** were as follows:

Offertory: \$12,691.40; **Online Giving:** \$2,555.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$210.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$800.00;
Donation: \$435.00; **Donation in memory of Mary Hughes:** \$150.00; **Donation to Music:** \$2,000.00; **Fuel:** \$195.00;
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Total: \$21,617.40

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 next months ahead** 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**.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

Remember the 4 Pillars of Advent

The four pillars of Advent are **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. They all spring from our belief in Jesus Christ.

**The Knights of Columbus
thank you
for the 'Coats for Kids' Appeal
&
'The Diaper Drive'**

The Knights of Columbus Council (#12691) of our parish wishes to express its deepest thanks to all those who donated to their recent 'Coats for Kids' appeal and the 'Diaper Drive' for Catholic Charities. Both appeals met with historic success. Both appeals had a goal of \$5,000 this year.

The **Coats for Kids** appeal raised an historic **\$7,438.**, exceeding previous years, and did so in the late summer and early fall. The Knights recently distributed **422 winter coats** to places of special need: *Christ the King Parish, Our Lady of Providence Parish, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Pernet Family Health Center, Friendly House, Worcester Boys & Girls Club, St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester's Dual Language Magnet School, Worcester's Sullivan Middle School, Webster Public Schools and Catholic Charities.* Special thanks to those who picked up the coats once they were shipped to us and then made these institutional deliveries: Wes Cotter, Mike Lynch, Dick Lane, Allen Stansky, Bill Doyle, Ed Burke, Phil Salmon, and Fran Warner. We are also grateful to Cubmaster Tony Penny of our Cub Scout Pack 37. The Pack members donated many winter gloves, hats and mittens which were distributed with the coats. And the Knights added to these through purchasing additional ones.

The **Knights' Annual Diaper Drive** also had a goal of \$5,000. Our Knights work in concert with Catholic Charities which distributes these diapers to mothers in need throughout Worcester County. We raised **\$12,867** for this drive. This translates into **over 60,000** diapers for local mothers.

The **most special thanks** go to you, our parishioners, who made these successes so wonderful. These appeals can only be accomplished because of **YOUR generosity!**

**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!

**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.

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
Starting: December 11**

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 Rautkis, rautkisj1@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
FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS
NEXT WEEKEND**

We will have a **special second collection next weekend, 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,**

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.

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. Since the first Thursday of January is New Year's Day, the club has set its next meeting date for **Thursday, February 5**. In the coming bulletins we will announce the next book chosen to be read. 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.

Rescheduled Women's Guild's Evening of Recollection on: **Monday, December 15** *'The Prefaces of Advent'*

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** at **508-753-3024** to make a reservation.

Congratulations Newly Baptized

We congratulate **Sadie Violette Ladino** who was baptized here last Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass by Monsignor Sullivan. Sadie is the daughter of **Jonathan Ladino** and **Laura (Violette) Ladino**. Her godparents are Edward and Margaret Violette. Welcome to Christ's family, Sadie! *"May you live always as a child of the light."*

First Penance Congratulations

We congratulate all those young parishioners who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Penance) early this weekend (Saturday morning). It is an awesome thing to approach God asking the forgiveness of our sins and equally wondrous to be forgiven. Those making their first confession were: **Audrey Binek, Jack Boisjolie, Sophia Borek, James Brazile, Samantha Cruz, Rey Meléndez, Matilda Murray, Jaxson Sala, Miles Rosario, Fintan Stacey** and **Roland St. Marie**. May the Lord bless these youngsters with peace! Please keep them in your prayers.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, December 7 - ADVENT II

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

Monday, December 8

Sol. of Immaculate Conception

Masses at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon & 5:30 pm
10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center

Tuesday, December 9

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group rehearsal

Thursday, December 11

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00-8:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 12

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 13

4:00 pm Mass - Special Collection

Sunday, December 14 - ADVENT III

All Masses - Special Collection
10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6
12:00 noon - Giving Tree Gifts Picked Up
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel. Ed.
6:00-7:30 pm - Confirmation Program

Coffee Shop Today!

Coffee shop takes place on the **first Sunday of the month** after the 9:00 am Mass. We hope to see you this more morning, **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, ctkwor.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 Wisdom of the Saints

"Be a Catholic: When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel." - *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation Tomorrow, December 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8. This is the day on which we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way. Tomorrow, we will offer **Masses at 7:00 am, 12:00 noon and 5:30 pm.** (In addition, Msgr. Sullivan will have a morning Mass at the Jewish Healthcare Center at 10:45 am).

The 'Immaculate Conception' means that Mary, whose conception was brought about naturally, was conceived without original sin or its stain. That's what 'immaculate' means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence, she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings. The Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin so that God might prepare a worthy mother for His Son. Mary is given the gift of *sinlessness* so that she can be a light to draw sinners to her Son. For the simple truth is this: It is ***not within ourselves to save ourselves.*** Only God saves!

We all need to know, and need to reinforce within ourselves, that the source of our eternal happiness is not found within ourselves! Only God, in His mercy, saves us. And salvation brought by Christ became visible for the first time in Mary's Immaculate Conception when God spared her from original sin.

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