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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.

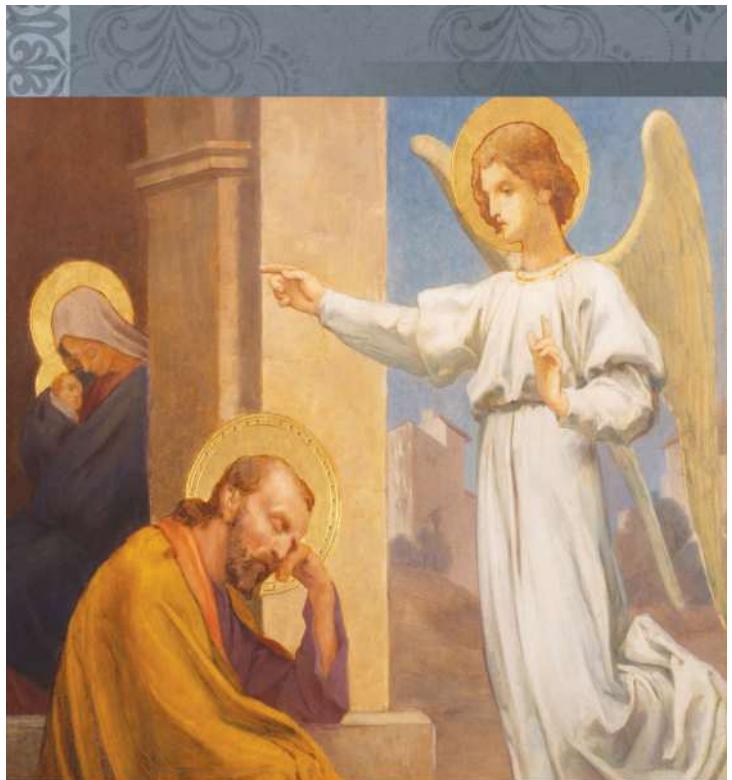
HOLY BAPTISM
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary
your wife into your home." - Mt 1:20

Excerpts from the Liturgy of the Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



Saturday—December 20th

4:00PM Joseph Carluomagno (birthday) req. of family

Sunday—December 21st

7:30AM Claire McMahon (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Patricia Generelli (mem.) req. of family

Monday—December 22nd

7:00AM The donor of Jim Lang's transplanted heart

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

Tuesday—December 23rd

7:00AM Leah Derr (mem.) req. of Pulcherie KBangor

Wednesday—December 24th

4:00PM Timothy Haylon (mem.) req. of family

6:00PM Parishioners of Christ the King

Thursday—December 25th

8:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

10:00AM Kim Tuyen Le (mem.) req. of family

Friday—December 26th

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

Warner

Saturday—December 27th

8:00AM Rev. Matthew J. O'Connor (9th anniv.) req. of family

4:00PM Kim Tuyen Le (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—December 28th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Richard and Frances Oliver (wedding anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Kim Tuyen Le (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Hon. Judge Joseph Lian, Jr.**, the father of Cynthia Henderson, **Mitchell August**, the husband of Margaret Phillips, **Rita Daigle**, the mother of Ken Daigle, and **Kevin M. Shea**, the brother of Kathy Brothers.

**EXTRA PRE-CHRISTMAS
CONFESIONS**

Msgr. Sullivan will hear confessions at these extra times: **Monday, December 22**, 3:00-4:00 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm and **Tuesday, December 23**, 3:00-4:00 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm. Going to confession and receiving absolution for our sins is one of the best ways to prepare for Christmas.

Thanks for the Nativity Pageant!

More than thirty of our parish youths prepared throughout Advent to share the beauty, joy, and wonder of the Christmas story through Scripture, narration, and song at the Nativity Pageant which was held this past Friday night. We thank the children and those adults who coordinated the Pageant and all those involved in providing food and beverages for the event.

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. The first days of this coming week (Monday through Wednesday morning) are Advent weekday Masses. **Wednesday evening** is **Christmas Eve**. **Thursday Masses** are for **Christmas**. On **Friday** we celebrate the Feast of **St. Stephen**, the Church's first martyr. **Saturday morning** is the **Feast of St. John the Evangelist**.

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. **This bulletin had to be shipped to the printer prior to last weekend's Masses. Donations for the weekend December 13 and 14 will be reported in the next bulletin.**

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.

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 the 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. Scheduled dates for the first half of **2026** are: **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.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24
Masses at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Christmas Day Morning
Thursday, December 25
Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bishop McManus' Christmas Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

This brief biblical text from the Gospel of St. Matthew summarizes the mystery and wonder of Christmas – out of divine love for us, Jesus took on human flesh in the virginal womb of Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit, to save all people of all times and places from their sins. The birth of the Christ Child in the manger of Bethlehem was unlike any other event in human history because this birth has transformed the ultimate destiny of humanity, giving men and women the hope of spending an eternity of peace and joy in the presence of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that the birth of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, true God and true man, is the theological basis for our unshakeable hope for the gift of eternal life in heaven, a gift that makes each baptized person a pilgrim of hope, a theme that has been a focal point of our Jubilee Year, 2025 that is quickly drawing to an end.

I have often preached at Confirmation liturgies that our goal as disciples of Jesus Christ is “to get to heaven” and “to bring with us as many people that we possibly can,” beginning with those people we love most in life. The true peace and joy of Christmas is to embrace the hope of eternal life that the Infant Jesus, with outstretched arms, offers to each of us once again this Christmas Day, 2025, especially through our worthy reception of Holy Communion.

During this Christmas Season, I invite you to welcome Jesus, our Lord and Savior, as if for the first time, into your life and the lives of your loved ones. Strive to share your gift of hope in eternal life in heaven with others by keeping your hearts and minds fixed on the one thing that really matters, life on high in the eternal presence of the God who is Love itself.

I extend to all of you my prayers for a Blessed and Merry Christmas and I invite you to join your prayers to the prayers of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as he prays for peace, a peace our war-wearied world needs so desperately these days.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop McManus

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope and healing. The Church encourages you to come forward. You may meet with Bishop McManus or his delegate, Mrs. Judith Audette, the Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-929-4363). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

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. We are setting up a program collecting non-perishable food items on the **Second Thursday of each month (only), between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.** 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 in **2026**: are Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 & Dec 10.

Thanks to all those who gave to THE RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

We thank all those who contributed to the special collection to support our retired religious, those who spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies - often for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices left their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gifts 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. If you haven't already done so, you can still give 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.'**

The Wisdom of the Saints

“Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart. Following her, you will never lose your way. Praying to her, you will never sink into despair. Contemplating her, you will never go wrong.” - *St. Bartholomew*

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.

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**. The next book the group will be reading is Saint John Henry Newman's novel, ***Loss and Gain***, which is the semi-autobiographical story of his own conversion in the early 1800s. 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.

'Baby Bottle' Drive Thanks from Visitation House

Dear Parishioners of Christ the King,

I wanted to personally thank you for hosting a Baby Bottle Drive again to benefit Visitation House. As a parish you were able to raise **\$4,270** this past October for Visitation House, Inc.

We receive no government funding, and we rely on donations from individual donations and fundraisers from parishes such as yours to keep our doors open. Thanks to your support, this past May (on the Feast of the Visitation), we were able to celebrate 20 years of helping the most vulnerable members of our community, namely the expectant mothers and babies residing here at Visitation House, Inc. May God bless you for your generosity!

Sincerely,
Rebecca M. Urban
Executive Director

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 Masses Continue Until Wednesday Morning

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 just until this Wednesday morning. The daily Mass is a great way to prepare for Christmas! Please consider coming to these evening Masses.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, December 21 - ADVENT IV

Monday, December 22

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
Confessions: 3 pm to 4 pm
Confessions: 7 pm to 8 pm

Tuesday, December 23

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
Confessions: 3 pm to 4 pm
Confessions: 7 pm to 8 pm
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, December 24

Mass, 7:00 am, Last Advent Mass
4 pm - Christmas Eve Mass
6 pm - Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas

8 am - Christmas Morning Mass
10 am - Christmas Morning Mass

Friday, December 26

Mass at 7:00 am
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, December 28 - Holy Family

Sunday Morning Coffee Shop!

Coffee shop takes place on the **first Sunday of the month** after the 9:00 am Mass. We hope to see you on **Sunday, January 4**. 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!

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.

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.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Our dear fellow parishioners,

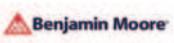
“Whatever came to be in him found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it.” (John 1: 4-5)

We hear these stirring words of Saint John the Evangelist on Christmas Day. They point out to us that Jesus Christ was the bright star that illuminated the long night in which the people of his time had lived. For those who were willing to welcome and step into the light, He was a new and radiant life. As we experience and celebrate the birth of our Savior we see fear overcome, hopelessness turned into joy and darkness turned to light. The world into which Our Lord was born was one of uncertainty, filled with fear and darkness. Jesus taught all those he met, however, that there are good things of which they can be certain. And he overcame the darkness of hatred, of ignorance and of indifference to one's fellow man with his example of love.

The world in which we live today is, in some ways, not very different from that in which our Savior was born. Many are still plagued with fear, uncertainty and darkness but Christ is among us today, just as he was in Bethlehem. He stands ready to dispel our fears and fill our lives with light. We have only to believe in him and allow him to lead us from darkness to light.

We Christians, for our part, must receive the gifts that have been given to us through our incarnate Savior with gratitude. First and foremost is the Eucharist, the Mass itself, through which we obtain the grace of God. We must then recommit ourselves to sharing our gifts with others. May the gift of Jesus, the Light of the world, fill your heart and your home with abundant blessings this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

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