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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

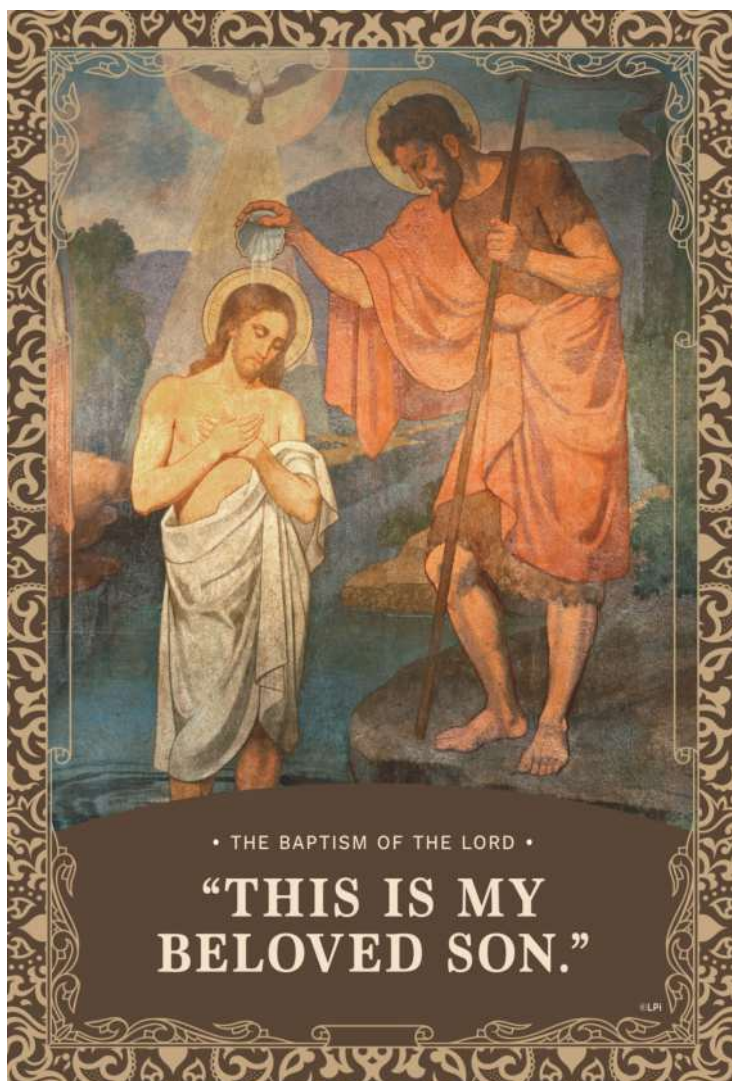
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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—January 10th

4:00PM Kathy Beck (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—January 11th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Eileen M. Kneeland (2nd anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Frank Buffone (mem.) and Angela Buffone (mem.) req. of family

Monday—January 12th

7:00AM Kevin Michael Shea (month's mind) req. of Steve & Kathy Brothers

Tuesday—January 13th

7:00AM Theresa Hearn (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday—January 14th

7:00AM Marvin Degen (6th anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—January 15th

7:00AM Jean T. Donahue (mem.) req. of Bill & Mary Sullivan

Friday—January 16th

7:00AM Barry T. Johnson (birthday) req. of family

Saturday—January 17th

4:00PM Fred Rushton (mem.) req. of The Rautkis Family

Sunday—January 18th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM William E. Dulude, Jr. (1st anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Judith A. Ofcark (mem.) req. of Christ the King Choir

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Jeannine P. Gratton, Zachary Dawe**, the nephew of Jean Dalbec, **Jean C. Wamback**, the mother of Matthew Wamback, and **June T. Generelli**, the brother of Francis Tighe.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

Our Parish Council will meet at 7:00 pm this Tuesday evening, January 13, in the Johnson Room.

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. This week we celebrate the Feasts of **St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Tuesday) and **St. Anthony, Abbot** (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. Because of the recent need to send in bulletins early because of the holidays the donations shown below are for Christmas Masses, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's) and last weekend (Epiphany):

Offertory: \$20,032.98;

Online Giving: \$3,420.00;

Mass Stipends: \$250.00;

Donation: \$4,835.00;

Donation in Memory of Patricia McKeon: \$200.00;

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Immaculate Conception: \$60.00;

Christmas: \$9,805.00;

Our Religious Education: \$417.00;

Haiti Twinning: \$50.00;

Parish Outreach: \$1,000.00;

Catholic University: 408.00;

Solemnity of Mary: \$2,055.00

Total: \$43,019.98

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: 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**.

BEWARE of Email Scams that appear to come from the parish

All too often, email scams are appearing that use the pastor's name or a parish staff name asking for gift cards or donations of some sort. BE VIGILANT and delete these. If you look closely, they often use an email address that appears to be very close to the real email address of the pastor or some staff person but is not real. Know that our parish will only seek donations through normal, announced requests, not an individual email looking for donations to be personally sent to someone. When in doubt, DELETE.

Tickets On Sale Now For 2026 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference

"Be Not Afraid"

The Worcester Catholic Men's Conference is back in its 25th year! Tickets which are available now on the conference website: catholicmenworc.com. The Conference will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at the DCU Center.

We have another incredible lineup of Catholic leaders for 2026, including former "Shock-Jock" Kevin Matthews ("Broken Mary") who will give his remarkable transformation and redemption story; Former D1 Quarterback, Father Joe Freedy from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA who will speak of his life in football before the priesthood and bringing our loved ones back to the Church; the incredible John Martinoni, formerly of EWTN Radio's "Open Line Monday," best selling author and prolific expert on all things Catholic, presenting "Blue Collar Apologetics;" Father Fred Fraini (Auburn pastor) who will prepare us for Reconciliation who will be both very touching as well as hilarious; and a very special appearance by Father Peter Jai Choi of Toronto, Canada as we go international!

Joining us for the first time, professional musician/pianist, Mr. David Twiss (who has performed with major figures in the world of entertainment), will lend his talent to the day by providing traditional Catholic music. And we are bringing back Master of Ceremonies, Jim Polito, from iHeartRadio, so popular at the last Conference.

We will again feature Adoration all day; Mid-Day confessions, and the Rosary will be featured in a very special manner this year. Over 50 vendors will be present, and the day will conclude with a 4:00 pm Mass with Bishop McManus. Adult Tickets are \$60 (through March 11th) and Student Tickets are always just \$30. All Tickets include lunch. Please join in solidarity with your fellow Catholic Men from all over New England as this Conference is a regional event.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER

Our next collection day is Thursday, February 12.

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 March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 & December 10.

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.**

A Recent Message from the Pastor at Les Anglais, Haiti

Dear Monsignor Sullivan,

Days have passed without my writing to you. This silence is mainly due to a lack of time given the activities that keep me busy. So, I am very happy to be able to write to you at this time to share some news and receive yours.

We celebrated Christmas in peace and joy. We ask God the liberator to free us and finally free our beloved Haiti. We pray for our sister parish, Christ the King.

On behalf of myself and each of my parishioners and students, I thank you for what you mean to us. Throughout 2025, you have been a shelter, a father, a brother, a companion, a sincere and faithful friend, and a generous giver. Thanks to you, the community of Les Anglais is making great progress on all levels. We thank you with all our hearts.

We wish you a happy and prosperous 2026. May God bless every moment of this new year to come and may He keep our brotherhood strong. My parishioners love you; my students love you; we all love you! And we will always remain attached to you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and to every brother and sister in our sister parish at Christ the King.

Your humble collaborator,
Father Pierre Gérard Sincère

December 30, 2025

Key Upcoming Events...Coming Up

On Sunday, January 18, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm, Christ the King will host the annual retreat for all those adults throughout the Diocese who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop McManus in February.

On Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, we will offer the Blessing of Throats at all the Masses.

On February 7 & 8 we will conduct the Partners in Charity in-pew appeal.

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, we will offer our customary six Masses with ashes imposed at each.

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**. 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.

Pope Leo's first Encyclical Letter?

Speculation has it that the title of Pope Leo's first encyclical may be called *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"). Vatican officials have confirmed that the pope has been working on a **foundational document**. Signals seem to be that the encyclical would address artificial intelligence and "the general situation of society." *The letter would place human dignity at its center*, insisting that humanity remains "magnificent" even when threatened by technological acceleration, economic exclusion, or cultural fragmentation.

In 1891, Leo XIII, in *Rerum Novarum* ("Of new matters") confronted **problems of the industrial age**: vast inequality, the concentration of wealth for a few and the exploitation of workers. He articulated principles that would anchor Catholic social teaching: the right to private property, just wages, rest from labor, and special protection for the vulnerable. In 2026 the tension still lies between capital and labor, but also between human life and machine intelligence. Leo XIV has already warned of the impact of AI on the neurological and intellectual development of children and young people. While acknowledging its "extraordinary potential" as a product of human ingenuity, he cautioned that youth must be supported on their path toward maturity and responsibility. Artificial intelligence, used without conscience, will deepen inequality.

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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'til your good is better and your better is best." - *St. Jerome*

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, January 11 - The Lord's Baptism

10:00-11:00 am - CGS and Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Religious Ed. Classes
6:00-7:30 pm - Confirmation class

Monday, January 12

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 15

7:00-8:30 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, January 16

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, January 18

2:00-8:00 pm - Diocesan Retreat for
Adults to be confirmed, Johnson Room
and church

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 there. 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.

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.

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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord The Christmas Season Ends Today!

Today, Sunday, January 11th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings an end to the Christmas season. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or *epiphany*, which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons and daughters of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a preparation for the Baptism of Christ. It moved people to seriously consider repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized outwardly like ourselves, He was absolutely sinless. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolic of what happens in our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity makes it's dwelling place in our lives. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven is opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid sin.

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