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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.

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



• 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**BLESSED ARE THE
POOR IN SPIRIT.**



Saturday—January 31st

4:00PM All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday—February 1st

7:30AM Ernest B. Murphy (mem.) req. of daughter, Larissa Murphy
 9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
 11:00AM Barry T. Johnson (12th anniv.) and Rita Finnegan Fraser (42nd anniv.) req. of family

Monday—February 2nd

7:00AM Joseph and Ethel Arduini (mem.) req. of Fran & BettyAnn Warner

Tuesday—February 3rd

7:00AM Phyllis Flaherty (40th anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—February 4th

7:00AM Anjo Capone Riddle (2nd anniv.) req. of Edd & Donna Byrnes and family

Thursday—February 5th

7:00AM Mark Lewis (mem.) req. of family

Friday—February 6th

7:00AM William Scully (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Saturday—February 7th

8:00AM Olivia Zurnas (return to health) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

4:00PM Joseph (mem.) and Anne (10th anniv.) Giangregorio req. of family

Sunday—February 8th

7:30AM Joseph Baniukiewicz, Jr. (23rd anniv.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
 11:00AM James Andrews (mem.) req. of Christ the King Festival Choir

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Elizabeth 'Betty' O'Keefe**.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

Women's Guild's Lenten Evening of Recollection March 2

The Women's Guild invites all women to their Annual Lenten **Evening of Recollection on Monday, March 2**. The evening begins with our **Mass at 5:30 pm**. It is followed by a meal in the Johnson Room. The 'facilitator' for the evening is Father Stephen Lundrigan, the pastor of St. Columba Parish in Paxton and Chaplain at Anna Maria College. The suggested donation for the evening is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. To register please call **Donna Byrnes** at 508-753-3024 or email her at **dbyrnes@charter.net**.

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 **The Presentation of the Lord** (Monday); **St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr** (Tuesday); **St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr** (Thursday); **St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs** (Friday); 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: \$5,729.52; **Online Giving:** \$1,525.00;
Mass Stipends: \$300.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$800.00;
Fuel: \$74.00; **Our Religious Education:** \$20.00; **Christmas:** \$10.00; **Catholic Home Mission:** \$30.00;
Solemnity of Mary: \$5.00.

Total: \$8,493.52

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: **March 1; April 12; May 10; and June 14**.

***The Blessing of Throats
 At all Masses Today***

Tuesday (February 3rd) is the **Feast of St. Blaise**. We offer the traditional **Blessing of Throats** at all the Masses on the nearest weekend. Our Mass priest and others will remain in the sanctuary at the end of the Masses today to offer the blessing. St. Blaise was a 4th century martyr and a Bishop in Armenia. The blessing of throats will also be offered on Tuesday, February 3, at the 7:00 am Mass.

**Holy Hour on First Friday
 Each Month ~ Please Come!**

A monthly Holy Hour takes place on the First Friday evening of each month. The next scheduled date is this Friday, **February 6**. The hour includes Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and a brief spiritual reflection. Please come from **7:00 to 8:00 pm**. All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

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.

Consider a 'Cursillo' Weekend

A Cursillo weekend is a three-day Catholic retreat designed to deepen faith, offer spiritual growth, and foster a sense of community among participants. It emphasizes prayer, community, and evangelization, aiming to help individuals live a more authentic Christian life. The word Cursillo, meaning 'short course' in Spanish, is a movement that brings essential Christian truths to life in a way that is both personal and communal. There are Cursillo weekends for Men and others for Women. The retreats take place locally. For further information regarding these retreats you can be in touch with either John Laracy (laracyjohn@yahoo.com) or Joan Laracy (JoanLaracy@yahoo.com).

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.

Facebook Page for Christ the King

Follow us on Facebook for the daily Gospel, Sunday homilies, and upcoming parish news at Christ the King Parish, Worcester.

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.**

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 Victim Services Coordinator (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-726-2880). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

New Altar Servers Needed

Monsignor Sullivan looks forward to preparing some new altar servers and to serve at any of our Masses. If your son or daughter is interested in learning to be an altar server, please let Msgr. Sullivan know by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com. He will be back in touch with you.

LENT BEGINS IN TWO-AND-A-HALF WEEKS!

The holy season of **Lent** will soon begin. **Ash Wednesday is February 18**, an earlier Lenten season this year (which means an earlier Easter, April 5).

Hopefully, the entire parish community will participate in Mass on **Ash Wednesday** as we initiate, once more, this season of penance and preparation for the great mystery of the Lord's Resurrection on Easter.

As always, there will be six Masses offered on Ash Wednesday, each one with the imposition of ashes. The Mass times will be: **7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 noon, 3:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm**. It is our earnest hope that you will be able to attend one of the Masses. **And please bring your school-age and younger children.** It is our hope that we will see all our parishioners often during Lent and then for Holy Week and Easter.

Please remember that we will have an **additional weekday Mass** (Monday-Friday) during this season at **5:30 pm**.

And there will be additional times for **confessions - each Lenten Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**.

The **Stations of the Cross** will be offered each Lenten Friday afternoon from **3:00 to 3:30 pm**.

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 This Coming Thursday Evening

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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself." - *St. Peter Chrysologus*

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.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER

On January 8th we collected 450 pounds of food. **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 nourishes our neighbors and helps to keep pantry shelves stocked. We have set up a program to collect non-perishable food items on the **Second Thursday of each month (only), between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm**. Items are to be dropped off at the back of the rectory in front of the garage doors. 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. Volunteers collect the food and/or healthcare items. They are 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 as she is coordinating a schedule. You can call her at 508-450-7496. Thank you in advance for your kindness in helping this very needed cause. Other upcoming dates are March 12 and April 9.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, February 1

All Masses: Blessing of Throats
10:00 am - Coffee Shop
10:00-11:00 - CGS & Grades 1-6
11:00 Mass - Prendiville Baptism
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10

Monday, February 2

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park
6:00 pm - Women's Guild

Tuesday, February 3 - St. Blaise

7:00 am Mass with Blessing of Throats
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, February 4

6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus
6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5

7:00-8:00 pm - Parish Book Club
7:00-8:30 pm - Festival Choir rehearsals

Friday, February 6

7:00-8:00 pm - Adoration, Holy Hour
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, February 7

4 pm Mass - Partners in Charity

Sunday, February 8

All Masses: Partners in Charity
9:00 am Mass - Scout Sunday Mass
10:00-11:00 - CGS & Grades 1-6

Sunday Morning Coffee Today!

Coffee shop takes place on the **first Sunday of the month** after the 9:00 am Mass. **So, today, February 1.** 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.

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.

**Next Weekend Monsignor Sullivan will address our need to support
The Annual Partners in Charity Appeal
which supports these essential diocesan ministries...**

Charity

Catholic Charities ~ Priests' Retirement ~ McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys ~ Pernet Family Health Service
~ Retired Priests Health Ministry ~ St. John Diocesan Cemetery System

Ministry

African Ministry ~ Hispanic Apostolate ~ Catholic Campus Ministry ~ Minister to Priests ~ Office for Divine Worship
Office of Hispanic/Latino Ministry ~ Office of Marriage and Family ~ Diaconate Office ~ Respect Life Office
St. Paul's Cathedral ~ Vocations Office ~ Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Education

Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity ~ Catholic Schools Office ~ Communications Ministry
Grant-in-Aid for Schools ~ Office of Religious Education ~ Ongoing Priestly Formation ~ Seminarian Education

The Diocese has a **goal of \$4.8 million**. And the goal of Christ the King has been increased to **\$130,000**. So, we look to every parishioner to participate in our appeal. If you plan on presenting a check next weekend or sending one to us at the parish it should be made **payable to 'Partners in Charity'** (not Christ the King). You can also donate **online** by going to **partners-charity.net/donate**. You can also telephone your pledge to 508-929-4366 (Mondays-Fridays).

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