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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.

WORSHIPPING WITH US?
We hope you introduce yourself and register in our parish.
Please call the rectory to do so.

MASS SCHEDULE

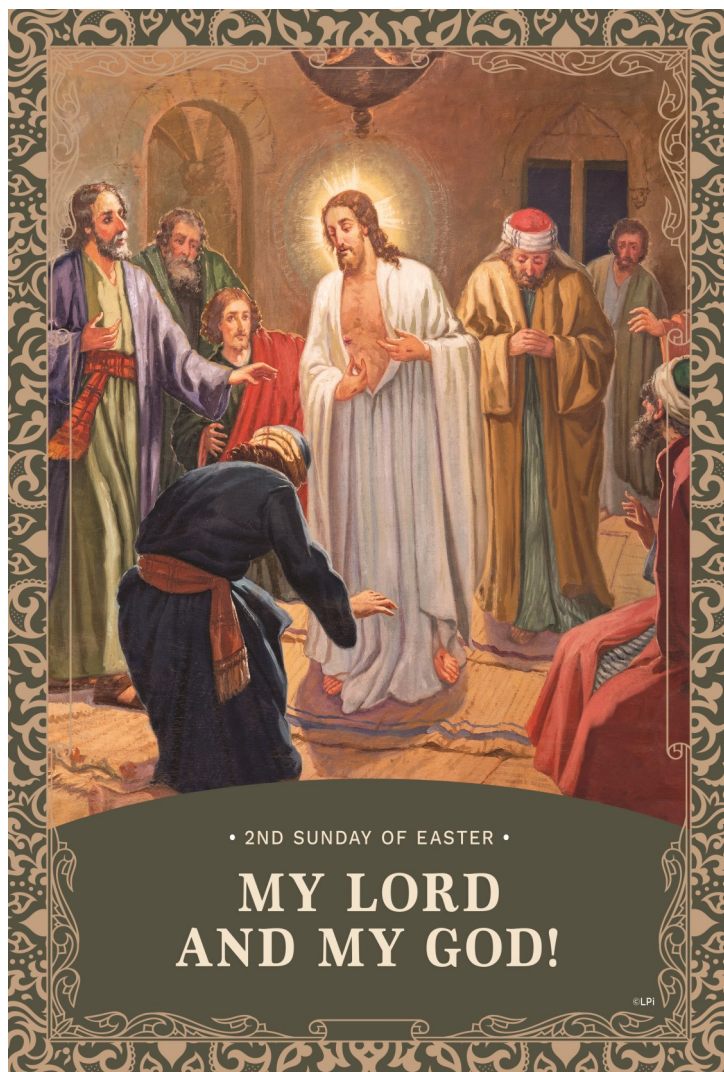
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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 EASTER •

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—April 11th

4:00PM Joanne V. St. Martin (10th anniv.) req. of her daughters

Sunday—April 12th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Marcellaise Brodeur (25th anniv.) req. of Celeste Hedge and family

11:00AM Donald Cousineau (1st anniv.) req. of family

Monday—April 13th

7:00AM Sophia Warner (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Tuesday—April 14th

7:00AM Michael Harrington (mem.) req. of sister, Linda Harrington

Wednesday—April 15th

7:00AM Marie Donnelly (3rd anniv.) req. of Tim & Meghan Stalmok

Thursday—April 16th

7:00AM Caterina Minardi (birthday) req. of family

Friday—April 17th

7:00AM Josephine Foster (mem.) req. of Ellen Killeen

Saturday—April 18th

8:00AM Thomas Waters (25th anniv.) req. of daughter, Carolyn

4:00PM Rev. Tom DiLorenzo (mem.) req. of Mark & Monique Czyzewski

Sunday—April 19th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Elizabeth O'Keefe (mem.) req. of Helen Fitzgerald

11:00AM The Telemaque Family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Catherine A. Ferrante**.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

First Holy Communion Saturday, May 9

On Saturday, May 9, eleven of our young parishioners will receive First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers. Audrey Bieniek, Jack Boisjolie, Sophia Borek, James Brazile, Samantha Cruz, Rey Meléndez, Matilda Murray, Jaxson Sala, Miles Rosario Fintan Stacey and Roland St. Marie.

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 most daily Masses are "Easter Weekday" Masses. The Mass on **Monday**, however, honors **Pope Martin I, a martyr**.

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, Easter weekend, are as follows:

Offertory: \$11,021.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,705.00;

Mass Stipends: \$75.00; **Donation:** \$125.00;

Donation in Memory of Eileen Cofske: \$125.00;

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Good Friday: \$1,978.92; **Easter Flowers:** \$45.00;

Easter: \$4,674.44;

Partners in Charity: \$300.00;

Catholic Free Press: \$39.00.

Total: \$20,138.36

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: 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 next months of **2026** are: **Sundays, May 10 and June 14**.

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.

Thanks from the Worcester County Food Bank

We have received letters from Josh Fask, the Facilities Manager of the Food Bank thanking us for the thousands of pounds of food we have been donating from Christ the King in recent months. He thanks us for our shared belief that "food is a fundamental human right for all people, for neighbors in our community and every community in Worcester County."

New Cancer Support Rosary Group

This new series of weekly gatherings will take place on **Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 pm** and will be offered in a hybrid format: virtually via Zoom and in person at **North American Martyrs Church**, located at 8 Wyoma Drive in Auburn. Please reach out to the parish office at 508-798-0612 or cancersupportrosarygroup@gmail.com for more information about the group or to sign up to attend. The Cancer Support Rosary Group is a gentle and welcoming space for individuals living with cancer to come together in faith, fellowship, and hope. Through praying the Rosary, we will place our intentions in the loving hands of Mary, our Blessed Mother, drawing comfort and strength from the life of Jesus as we meditate on the mysteries. Inspired by the spiritual richness of the Rosary and guided reflections from trusted spiritual writers, our time together will offer moments of peace, encouragement, and shared understanding. Together, we will hold hope in our hearts and lift it up in prayer, trusting that even in uncertainty, we are sustained by God's faithful presence. Whether you are newly diagnosed, in treatment, in remission, or supporting a loved one, this gathering seeks to provide a prayerful community where no one walks alone, and where faith can be a source of courage, healing, and light.

Lent & Easter Thanks

On this week following Easter I wish to thank all those on the parish staff who worked so hard to make our Holy Week spiritually fruitful. Every staff member played a key role in our preparations. Thanks to Mindy Dulude, Rich Dussault, and Debra Pasquale for all their behind-the-scenes work.

Our musicians and vocalists (of the Festival Choir and the Folk Group) were inspiring again this year. And their commitment is always a significant one...with numerous rehearsals. We are very grateful to Ellen Linn for her continuing leadership and to Alana Kearney and Kevin Holm for singing at those times our music groups are not available.

I am grateful to all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Altar Servers for making our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful. They also contributed to our many extra Lenten Masses. I am thankful to those in our Decorating Committee who decorated the church so beautifully for these holiest of days.

I express my gratitude to God for all our catechists, most of whom are under the direction of Anne Thompson, who so regularly commit to the spiritual formation of our young people.

We offer our thanks to Jackie Penny and all her helpers who organized a wonderful Palm Sunday weekend event for all those involved in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and other early grades.

I appreciated the presence of so many parishioners at our Sunday and weekday liturgies. I am also very thankful to those who regularly contribute to the parish and the Diocese, and to those who donated towards our purchase of Easter flowers.

May the Risen Lord bless you all, each and every one!

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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. For years we have **not been able to obtain any information** from **St. Vincent's Hospital, 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. Sadly, Monsignor is entirely dependent on information that you can provide!**

Partners in Charity Appeal

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Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, May 3

On Sunday, May 3, fifteen of our young parishioners will be confirmed by Bishop McManus at St. Paul's Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit lavish His many gifts upon them. Those are the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. This year's class members are: Andrea Castillo Balza, Jesus Castillo Balza, Lauren Church, Rachel Coderre, Brady Dang, Terence Foley, Luca Mailloux, Michael Morano, James O'Brien, Martin Shanahan, Michelle Sicard, Elizabeth Spillane, Joseph Spillane, Sean Sullivan and Leo Zamarro.

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. The next meeting is **Thursday, May 7**. The next book chosen by the group will be announced in next week's bulletin. 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.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER

On March 12th we collected 1,471 pounds of food, which was more than double any previous collection days. Thank you! Our next collection day is Thursday, May 14.

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 Rautkis, 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.

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 Wisdom of the Saints

"Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God." - *St. Mary MacKillop*

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 12

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6
11:00 am Mass - with 1 Baptism
12:30 pm - Two Baptisms
6:00-7:30 pm - Final Grades 7-10
6:00-7:30 pm - Final Confirmation Class

Monday, April 13

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 16

7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 10

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

Sunday, April 19

1:00-2:30 pm - Parent Baptism Prep, Rectory

Congratulations Newly Baptized

We congratulate the two cousins who were baptized on Easter Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass by Monsignor Sullivan. **Elizabeth del Mar Meléndez** is the daughter of Javier and Sarah (Doyle) Meléndez. **Mia Brooke Doyle** is the daughter of Brendan and Amy Lynn (Cuomo) Doyle. Brendan and Sarah are sister and brother and grew up here at Christ the King. The newly baptized are the grandchildren of **Bill and Catherine Doyle**. They are very proud that all five of their grandchildren have been baptized at Christ the King, where Brendan and Sarah were themselves baptized. Elizabeth and Mia, may you all live in the light of the Risen Christ!

Mass for Bereaved Parents

The Annual Pieta Mass to honor and remember our deceased children will take place on **Monday, May 4, at 7:00 pm** at St. George Church, 40 Brattle Street in Worcester. You are invited to attend this annual Mass. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please invite any families who have lost a child. For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or email pieta3@gmail.com. The event is sponsored by the Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents.

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 (official).

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday!

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom.

When she was canonized in 2000 Pope John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with St. Faustina’s visions. Her diary entries focus on God’s mercy, the call to accept God’s mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God’s mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that the human community will experience in the years to come.”

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