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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

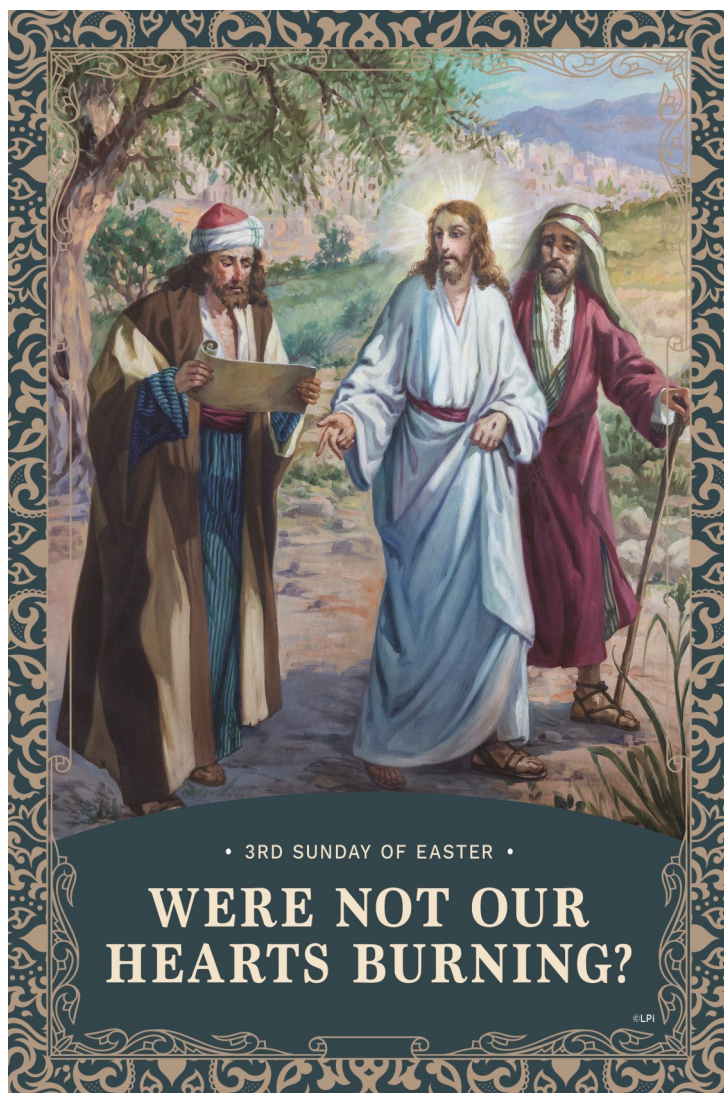
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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—April 18th

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

Monday—April 20th

7:00AM Philip and Catherine Knox (mem.) req. of John Finneran

Tuesday—April 21st

7:00AM Richard Bostwick (mem.) req. of Ellen Killeen

Thursday—April 23rd

7:00AM Wyatt Burgoyne (Living 4th birthday) req. of grandmother, Paula Burgoyne

Friday—April 24th

7:00AM Robert Cyril Rose (mem.) req. of Ellen Killeen

Saturday—April 25th

8:00AM Paula Burgoyne (Living 74th birthday)
4:00PM Rose Fitzgerald (10th anniv.) req. of Wes & Nancy Cotter

Sunday—April 26th

7:30AM Jane Allen (mem.) req. of Fran & BettyAnn Warner
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM James and Gertrude Ryan (mem.) req. of Mary Hines

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Rev. Francis A. Roberge, Maryan E. Butler, Patricia Dennison**, the sister of Janet Rauktis and Shirley Blomquist, and **Beverly Dery Gauthier**, the grandmother of Luke Dery.

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**. Some Masses this week are Easter weekday celebrations. But the exceptions are Tuesday (**Feast of St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**), Thursday (**St. George, Martyr**) and Saturday (**St. Mark, 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. Your donations for last weekend, Easter weekend, are as follows:

Offertory: \$5,940.16; **Online Giving:** \$1,150.00;
Mass Stipends: \$40.00; **Fuel:** \$10.00;
Good Friday: \$76.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$10.00;
Easter: \$563.00;
Catholic Free Press: \$78.00.

Total: \$7,867.16

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 today, **Sunday: 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 upcoming months 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.

Thank You, Vinnie Matulaitis!

We learned last week that Vinnie Matulaitis is unable to continue to serve as a member of the Parish Council. So, he has retired from that position. Vinnie has served on the Council for fifty-four years and has served in the parish community in numerous other ways all that time, perhaps even longer. Thank you, Vinnie, for so many years of service. A grateful parish community at Christ the King is so appreciative of all your efforts!

Newly Blessed Easter Water

In the metallic Holy Water Tank in front of the pulpit is fresh water, blessed and made holy, at the recent Easter Vigil Mass. Please help yourself. Often, parishioners like to have holy water in their homes.

Pope Leo's Trip to Algeria Home of St. Augustine

A highlight of Pope Leo's trip to Algeria this past week was a visit to Annaba (formerly called Hippo) where St. Augustine was a bishop from 395 to 430 AD. For the past 25 years, Algeria has been reclaiming this Church Father who shaped the theology and philosophy of the Christian West. He is the first pope to visit Algeria. On a personal level, however, this was his third trip to the country. As an Augustinian religious, Father Robert Francis Prevost traveled to Algeria twice before.

In 2001, he went to attend a conference on the figure of St. Augustine. President Bouteflika and Archbishop Henri Teissier, the former Archbishop of Algiers, organized a special conference on Augustine. It was the moment Algerian authorities began publicly promoting the character of St. Augustine. It was a time following the massacres of the "Black Decade," the Algerian Civil War.

That conference marked Augustine's reappearance in the public sphere and in Algeria's official discourse. For some centuries the saint of Hippo was considered "a product of colonization" due to ancient history. But his mother, St. Monica, was a native, a Berber, and born there. His father, Patricius, though also from Algeria was a Roman who served as an imperial official in North Africa. So, Augustine was considered the son of a colonist. Later, in the 19th and 20th centuries, the French emphasis on the bishop of Hippo led Algerians to view him as an instrument of colonization.

At that historic 2001 conference Father Goulven Madec, delivered a lecture titled 'Augustine in the Family.' He spoke in the theater of Souk Ahras, the ancient city of Thagaste where Augustine was born. He delivered an unforgettable line: "I have come to give Augustine back to you. He was taken from you, but he is a child of your people. I have come to return him to you." He wept with emotion as he said it. Pope Leo's trip to Algeria, the first stop on a long African tour, can be seen as a new opportunity to "give Augustine back" to Algeria and to Africa.

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.

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!**

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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. New members are always welcome. The next meeting is **Thursday, May 7**. The next book chosen by the group is ***The Five People You Meet in Heaven*** by Mitch Albom. If interested in joining, please contact John Finneran by emailing him at johnfinneran@verizon.net.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER

On April 9th we collected 354 pounds of food. 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 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.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by a past abortion. Call 508-791-HOPE(4673) in strictest confidence to begin your healing journey.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 24

10:00 am - Jeannine Gratton Funeral

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, April 26

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6 Rel Ed

12:30 pm - Baptism of Caleb Stalmok

Congratulations Recently Baptized

Congratulations to three children and their families who were baptized last Sunday by Monsignor Sullivan. Baptized were **Iris Divya Locker-Moore**, the daughter of Lukiel Levy-Moore and Monica Locker; **Eliana Ruth Harrigan**, the daughter of David and Laura (Giroux) Harrigan; and **Alexander John Sweeney**, the son of Kevin and Emily (Reynolds) Sweeney. Congratulations to all and welcome to the Catholic community of faith.

Iris, Eliana and Alexander, "*may you always live as children of the light.*"

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).

The Wisdom of the Saints

"If you wish to help someone, give secretly and avoid arrogance." - *St. Ephrem*

On the Right to Life for All

“The direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always gravely immoral...The deliberate decision to deprive an innocent human being of his life is always morally evil and can never be licit...It is in fact a grave act of disobedience to the moral law, and indeed to God himself, the author and guarantor of that law; it contradicts the fundamental virtues of justice and charity. Nothing and no one can in any way permit the killing of an innocent human being, whether a fetus or an embryo, an infant or an adult, an old person, or one suffering from an incurable disease, or a person who is dying. Furthermore, no one is permitted to ask for this act of killing, either for himself or herself or for another person entrusted to his or her care, nor can he or she consent to it, either explicitly or implicitly. Nor can any authority legitimately recommend or permit such an action...

Every innocent human being is absolutely equal to all others. This equality is the basis of all authentic social relationships which, to be truly such, can only be founded on truth and justice, recognizing and protecting every man and woman as a person. Before the demands of morality we are all absolutely equal.”

Evangelium Vitae, 1995, St. John Paul II

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