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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

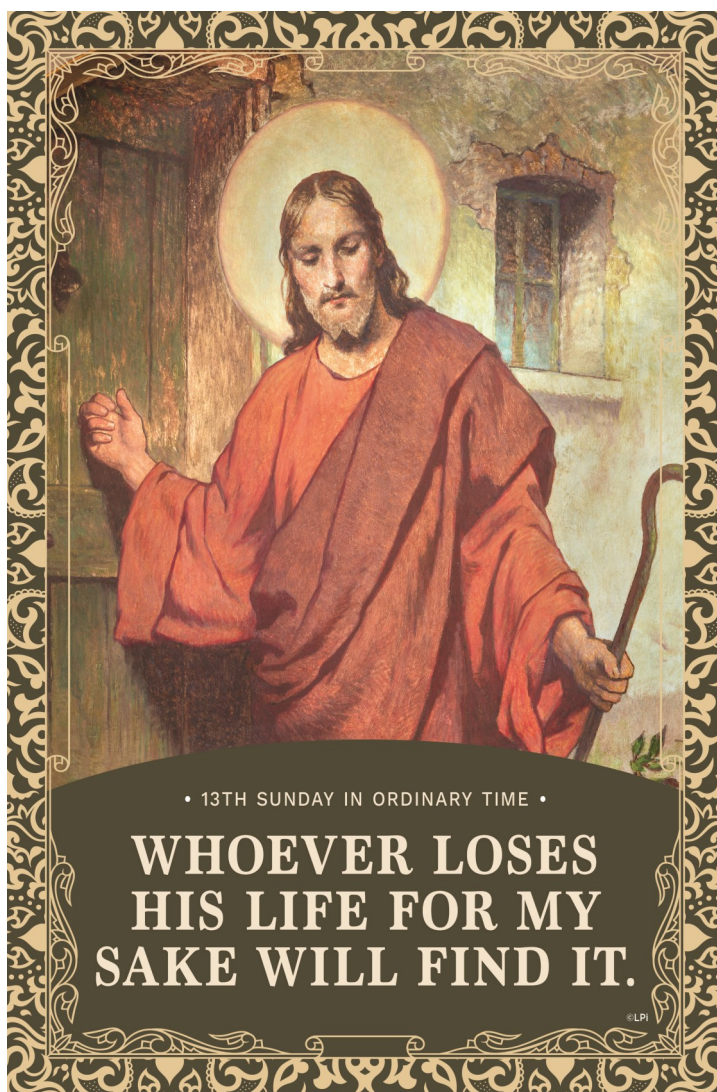
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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—June 27th

4:00PM William Scully (mem.) req. of Mary Hines

Sunday—June 28th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Judy G. Pascale (mem.) req. of Patricia Rushton

11:00AM John B. Dolan, III (5th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—June 29th

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

Tuesday—June 30th

7:00AM Robert Boucher (4th anniv.) req. of wife & family

Wednesday—July 1st

7:00AM Michael Pelletier (mem.) req. of Alfred Roy & Sons Funeral Home

Saturday—July 4th

8:00AM Maria Dam Pham (5th anniv.) req. of family

4:00PM Theresa Bolduc (11th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—July 5th

7:30AM James & Stacia Hammond (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Mary Leslie Patrock (15th anniv.) req. of The Patrock Family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **all the faithful departed**.

15th Annual Novena to St. Joseph

We look forward to celebrating the Novena to St. Joseph in its fifteenth year. We will pray for the terminally ill and express our opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. Again, it will be held for nine straight Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:00 pm. It will **begin** on Monday, **September 14** (with Bishop McManus presiding) and conclude on Monday, November 9. We will soon be announcing all our guest homilists.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER!

Our next collection day is Thursday, July 9. On June 11 we received and delivered 554 pounds of food. 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.

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 of the feast days or special observances celebrated this week are **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** (Monday); the **First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church** (Tuesday); **St. Junipero Serra, Priest** (Wednesday); **St. Thomas, Apostle** (Friday); **U. S. Independence Day** (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: \$4,973.13; **Online Giving:** \$1,451.00;
Mass Stipends: \$90.00; **Peters Pence:** \$10.00.

Total: \$6,524.13

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 a baptism.

Our Knights of Columbus going to Worcester Bravehearts Game July 10 - All Invited

Our parish Knights of Columbus Council (Council #12691) is sponsoring a trip to a Worcester Bravehearts baseball game at Hanover Field (at the College of the Holy Cross) **on Friday evening, July 10.** The game starts at 6:30 pm. The Bravehearts will be competing against the Norwich Sea Unicorns that night. Fireworks follow. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and children aged 12 and younger. If you (and your family members or guests) have an interest in coming, please be in touch with Bill Doyle. For further information you can contact either **Bill Doyle** (cell: 508-450-7299; email: bcdoyl15@charter.net). A flyer posted in the vestibule will tell you how you can order tickets online or by phone (508-438-3773). You can tell them on the phone that you are part of the Christ the King group.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

Major Overhaul of Heating System We Can Use Your Help!

Our next major capital project at Christ the King is a comprehensive rehab of our heating system, which embraces both the church and the rectory. Recall that last summer some amendments were made to the rectory. We added wireless, electronic thermostats. This summer's rehab is much more ambitious. Our gas burners, purchased in 2008, have been removed already. They were problematic from the beginning. I know because I came here in 2011 and already had to deal with their problems when they were only three years old. They were manufactured in Canada and replacement parts for them have not been available for years. New gas burners will soon be installed. New pumps and outdoor vents are also needed to bring our system up to code. Sixty-four individual valves need to be replaced inside the church. But that job is so big that it cannot all be done in one summer. Bafaro Plumbers will have to return in a year to complete the work on the installation of new valves. Most of the old ones (from 1958) are corroded.

The most complicated part of the work is finding a new way to heat the outer offices of the rectory, near the front entrance. In 1961, when the rectory was built, pipes from the main portion of the rectory to these offices, were buried in the floor under cement. Each time they have leaked the rectory floor has to be jackhammered open to get at that them for repair. We have already had to do this three times. New leaks in the old system could happen at any time. So, at great expense, we are re-routing the heat through new pipes to be installed in the ceiling. Asbestos must be removed at several points. Plumbers, engineers and electricians have been engaged to work out the details of the new system. The cosmetics will not be pretty.

The **price tag** for this major project will be **between \$150,000 and \$200,000**. We would **appreciate any help** you can give us. We will happily accept **checks made payable to Christ the King**. Just put in the **memo line "heating system."**

In the fifteen years I have been here we will have **spent \$1.5 million** in necessary repairs and upgrades. After these repairs and the continued work to follow on our heating system next summer, we should be in good shape.

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

Partners in Charity Appeal *The Diocese needs everyone's help*

**We Still Need over \$700,000 to meet
our Goal of \$4.8 million**

Please Donate:

Mail: check payable to: *Partners in Charity*
& send to Christ the King,
1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester 01602

Or give **online:** *Partners-charity.net*

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. Monsignor is entirely dependent on information that you can provide!**

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC ? KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS ?

COMING TUESDAYS THIS FALL *Introducing the Roman Catholic Faith* **Tell Someone You Know!**

A 15-session program to be held on Tuesday evenings this fall and early winter, this program will introduce learners to **all the major beliefs held by the Roman Catholic Church**. It is designed for two kinds of folks: (1) Inquirers unfamiliar with the belief of Catholics and/or who may be considering receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass (March 27, 2027) or later; and (2) Any interested person if they would like a "refresher" in the basic beliefs of Catholics. The program will be held in the **Johnson Room, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm**, on the following **Tuesdays**: September 1, 15, & 29; October 6, 13, 20 & 27; November 3 & 17; December 1, 8 & 15; January 12, 19 & 26.

Those adults seeking Baptism (at Easter) will be offered the support customarily offered to "catechumens." There is no cost to participate. And each participant will be given a free copy of *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* which is used in our sessions. For further information, please contact Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan by calling him at 508-450-2556 or emailing him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways." - *Pope St. John Paul the Great*

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.

Join us for the Rosary

Six mornings a week some parishioners gather for the Rosary, led by Monsignor Sullivan. All are welcome and we invite you to join us. The Rosary is prayed at 6:30 am Monday through Friday. On Saturday the Rosary is prayed at 7:30 am. Mass begins about ten minutes after the completion of the Rosary.

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 PICNIC ~ AUGUST 30 SAVE THE DATE

As we have for many years, a Parish Picnic is planned for Sunday, August 30, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., right here at CTK. We hope you will come, participate, and get to know your fellow parishioners better. For more information about the event or to learn what you can do to help us please contact **Janet Rauktis** at 508-752-0462 or email her at rauhtisj1@gmail.com.

Adult Confirmation Program

Were you baptized and received Holy Communion but were never confirmed? Do you want to be able to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor? If any are interested, our parish has preparation sessions each year for those adults who were never confirmed. The program is for adults who were baptized and received First Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion) but never completed their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have not received Holy Communion, you can be prepared for that as well. Msgr. Sullivan conducts the 5-session program on Thursday evenings in the parish rectory (**October 29; November 12; December 3 & 17; and January 7**) from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. An optional retreat for candidates from throughout the Diocese will be offered in January at a diocesan location. The **Confirmation ceremony** will take place at 3:00 pm on a Sunday afternoon in February at **St. Paul's Cathedral**. The Bishop of the Diocese celebrates this final Sacrament of Initiation for adults from throughout the Diocese. Adult candidates for Confirmation should be already going to Sunday Mass. A candidate does not have to be married to be confirmed, obviously, but if already married it must in the Catholic Church. We may be able to assist you with that as well. If you are interested, please contact Msgr. Sullivan at either 508-450-2556 or by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Holy Hour on First Friday Each Month ~ Please Come! Friday, July 3

A monthly Holy Hour takes place on the First Friday evening of each month. The next scheduled date is this **coming Friday, July 3**. 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!

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Tuesday, June 30

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Friday, July 3

7:00-8:00 pm - Adoration & Benediction

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

REGISTER NOW FOR 2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education registration forms were mailed to all those families (registered in the parish and known to us) for next year's classes. We mailed them about ten days ago. Please complete the simple forms and get them back to us as you can...with your check for the religious education fee. If you did not receive one (or perhaps mislaid it) please **call us at 508-754-5361** and we can send one in the mail or by email. The forms we sent were for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (pre-school) through Grade 10. The *Confirmation* program is a separate process, and those candidates have already been interviewed.

The Completion of Our Organ Renewal!

If all went as planned (after this bulletin was submitted to the printers) our organ renewal program may now be complete. At least we are very close to the end of this long project. This past week our organ restorers (Russell Organs, from Vermont) were present again this past Wednesday and Thursday to continue the restoration work. All the remaining refurbished pipes (three hundred out of one thousand) should now have been placed back into the loft. Further electrical enhancements have been made in the lofts. The pipes have been properly 'voiced.' The organ console has been completely rebuilt with all new electronic parts from Europe. We are grateful for the progress that has been made in this endeavor, the first restoration ever since the organ was installed in the early 1970s. And we are grateful for the contributions made in 2019 through the *Legacy of Hope* campaign which enabled this project to be undertaken. The cost of the project has been approximately **\$130,000**.

Prayer for Our Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. During this assembly, set their souls on fire with love for your people and zeal for the mission of your Church. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace and allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Please grant our priests courage in leadership, humility in service, fraternity with their brother priests, and a stronger bond with the laity, so that together we might be one, as you are One.

Allow them to fully surrender to you as you continue molding them into vessels filled with your love and purpose. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom and prepare their hearts for the mission ahead. Amen.

Excerpts from *The Declaration of Independence* 250th Anniversary ~ Next Saturday, July 4th

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation... We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness...

We have petitioned for redress, in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people...

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

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