



Christ the King Parish

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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

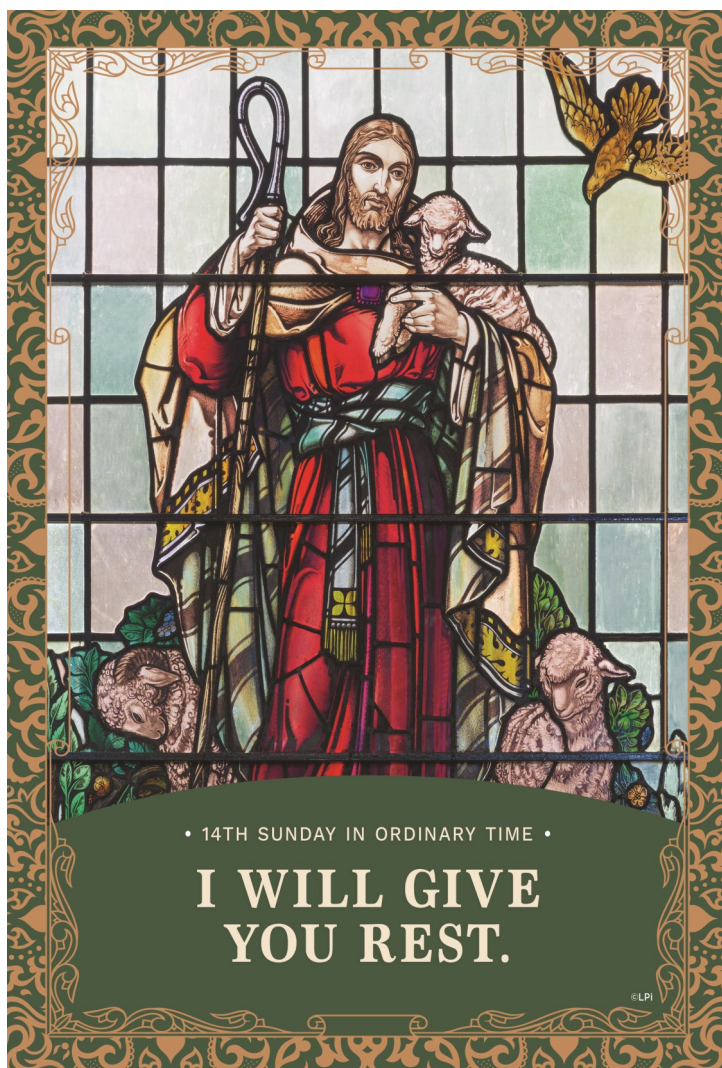
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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—July 4th

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

Monday—July 6th

7:00AM Richard Mansfield, Jr. (mem.) req. of Richard & Mary Beth Burke

Tuesday—July 7th

7:00AM Joseph Michael Donahue, Jr. (mem.) req. of Mary & Bill Sullivan

Wednesday—July 8th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory req. of a friend

Thursday—July 9th

7:00AM Kathleen Keville (Living, birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

Friday—July 10th

7:00AM Thomas Burke (birthday) req. of family

Saturday—July 11th

8:00AM Rebecca Leggett (2nd anniv.) req. of Alice Fenlon

4:00PM Marilyn Dowd (mem.) req. of Mary Hines

Sunday—July 12th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

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

11:00AM Richard Buyniski (mem.) and Joseph Buyniski (mem.) req. of family

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.

Mindy Dulude on Vacation

Mindy, our administrative assistant, is on a scheduled vacation for this coming week. She began her vacation on Friday, July 3, and will **not return** to the office until **Monday, July 13**. Please leave messages for Msgr. Sullivan at 508-754-5361, extension 14, or Anne Thompson, extension 13.

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 **Saint Mary Goretti, Virgin and Martyr** (Monday); **St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** (Thursday); **St. Benedict, 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. Your donations for last weekend are as follows:

Offertory: \$5,442.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,591.00;
Mass Stipends: \$70.00; **Donation in memory of Richard Juneau:** \$50.00; **Religious Education Registration:** \$200.00;
Catholic Communications: \$10.00; **Peters Pence:** \$681.00;
Donation to Music Ministry: \$2,000.00; **Donation to Mustard Seed:** \$1,000.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$1,000.00; **Donation to Heating System:** \$150.00.

Total: \$12,194.00

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

This Coming Friday, 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) **this 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.

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*

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 **about \$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 nearly \$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**.

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.

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. The Bishop of the Diocese celebrates this final Sacrament of Initiation for adults from throughout the Diocese. The **Confirmation ceremony** will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral, in Worcester, in 2027 at a time to be announced. 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.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER!

THIS THURSDAY!

Our next collection day is this 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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Monday, July 6

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Friday, July 10

5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, July 11

1:00 pm - Wedding of David Voas & Christina Lepore

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 Near Completion of Our Organ Renewal!

Our organ restorers (Russell Organs, from Vermont) were present again this past week to nearly (98%) complete the restoration work. All the remaining refurbished pipes (three hundred out of one thousand) 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 was 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 a “*Prayer for our Government*” by Archbishop John Carroll of Baltimore (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name. We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ; all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides. Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed and preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.
