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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

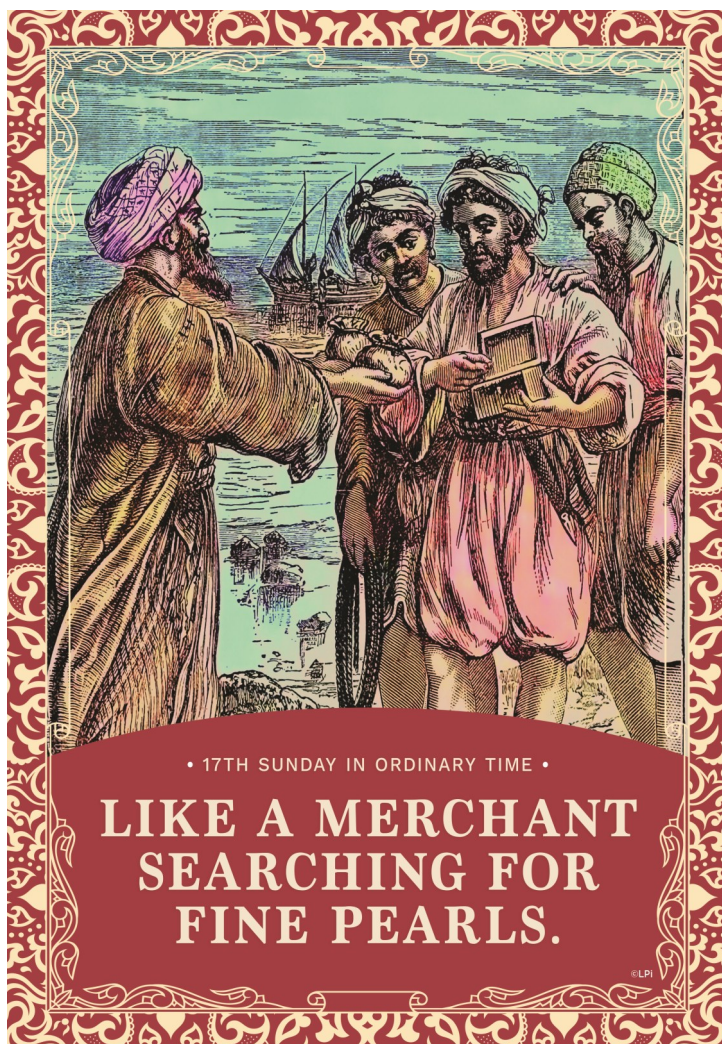
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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 25th

4:00PM Paul Carmody (birthday) req. of Grace Carmody

Sunday—July 26th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Claire Collins (mem.) The Rushton Family
11:00AM The Fabbri Family (Living— for Strength) req. of The McNamara Family

Monday—July 27th

7:00AM Irene Bagrowski (mem.) req. of Lucia Baldowski

Tuesday—July 28th

7:00AM John Marzilli (1st anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—July 29th

7:00AM Fred Rushton (mem.) req. of family

Thursday—July 30th

7:00AM Brian Woods (7th anniv.) req. of family

Friday—July 31st

7:00AM Stephen Warner (mem.) req. of Fran & BettyAnn Warner

Saturday—August 1st

4:00PM Joanne M. Belisle (mem.) req. of The St. Martin Family

Sunday—August 2nd

7:30AM Jaclyn Babineau (month's mind) req. of The Dulude Family
9:00AM Henry 'Hank' Cusick (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family
11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

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

Meeting to plan for Parish Picnic

This Tuesday night, **July 28 at 6:30 pm** there will be a meeting to plan for our parish picnic (which takes place on August 30). Our planning meeting will take place in the kitchen adjacent the parish hall. All those interested in helping out are welcome. You can always call Janet Rauktis with any questions, 508-450-7496.

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.

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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 Martha, Mary and Lazarus** (Wednesday); **Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); **Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest** (Friday); and **St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (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. This report shows your offertory gifts and donations for last weekend. Thank you.

Offertory: \$4,917.80; **Online Giving:** \$2,131.00;
Mass Stipends: \$70.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$400.00; **Religious Education Registration:** \$120.00; **Donation :**\$5,000.00; **Donations to Heating System:** \$1,250.00; **Haiti Mission Co-op:** \$4,940.00.

Total: \$18,828.80

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.

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 rauktisj1@gmail.com.

Announcing Homilists for the 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** and conclude on Monday, November 9. The guest homilists this year are Bishop Robert McManus (Sept 14); Father Stephen Gemme (Sept 21); Father Adam Reid (Sept 28); Father Richard Trainor (Oct 5); Father John Gavin, SJ (Oct 12); Father José Andrés Rodriguez (Oct 19); Father Zachary Sullivan (Oct 26); Monsignor Thomas Sullivan (Nov 2) and Father Michael Hoye (Nov 9).

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."** You can also earmark gifts through our parish online giving portal at **ctkworc.org**.

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

Visiting Missionary Last Week! Your Support for Haiti Thank You!

Many thanks for your generosity and goodness as Marie McCarthy Farrell from 'Outreach to Haiti' (of the Diocese of Norwich) came and spoke to our parishioners last weekend. Your generosity continues to make it possible for missionaries to bring Christ to the poor through our participation in the Annual Mission Co-operative Appeal. Each of our diocesan parishes participates each year in this important missionary appeal. Over **\$6,000** has been raised thus far to support the missionary activities of 'Outreach to Haiti.'

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**.

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

**We Still Need \$415,000 to meet
our Goal of \$4.8 million**

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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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Lean on your Beloved because the souls who abandons themselves in the hands of Jesus in all they do, is carried in his arms." - *St. Clare of Assisi*

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, on a day and time to be announced, perhaps in the spring. Adult candidates for Confirmation should already be 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!

Our next collection day is **Thursday, August 13**. We collected 523 pounds of food on July 9. Thank you. 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**.

Congratulations and Thanks to New Extraordinary Minister

Congratulations and thanks to **Rachel Coderre**, who was recently confirmed, has been trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and was installed in this ministry last Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass. We are very grateful for your service. Your willingness to serve, alongside others, fills a need that we have. God bless you, Rachel!

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Tuesday, July 28

6:30 pm - Parish Picnic Planning, Kitchen
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, July 30

1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Food Prep

Thursday, July 30

5:30 pm - Closed A.A. Meeting

Friday, July 31

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, August 2

10:00 am - Coffee Shop, Johnson Room

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. 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 and accepted.

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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.

What Did Saint Augustine Do on Vacation?

St. Augustine borrowed a friend's country villa, brought his mother and his students, and spent the time exploring the meaning of happiness, a model for any summer retreat. It happened in November, not July. But the spirit of what Augustine did at Cassiciacum, in Italy, in 386 is exactly what summer is for - and what most of us, with our phones and our half-read novels and our inability to stop checking email, fail to manage even when we have the time. He had stepped away from his career.

Augustine had been teaching rhetoric in Milan, one of the most prestigious academic posts in the late Roman world, and **in the late summer of 386 he resigned** because the Christian conversion he had undergone had made his old life impossible to continue. A friend named Verecundus offered the use of his country villa. Augustine gathered some people and left. Included were his mother, Saint Monica, his son, Adeodatus, and other friends.

Augustine did not leave Milan because he was lazy or irresponsible. He left because the noise and pressure of professional life had become a kind of illness, and the country was the cure. On the 13th of November, his 32nd birthday, Augustine gathered the company, served them a birthday cake, and proposed a three-day conversation on the question of happiness. Their dialogue became a book, *On the Happy Life*, the first work Augustine completed as a Christian.

His mother, Monica, who had received no formal philosophical education, participated fully, and at one point gave an answer so precise that her son exclaimed it was worthy of Cicero. The question she had been asked was: what is the happy life? **Her answer: to know God! Over time, Augustine found that happiness was a hunger built into the structure of the human person.** *On the Happy Life* was Augustine's first sustained attempt to think his restlessness through, and it arrived not in a lecture hall but around a birthday table, in a country house borrowed from a friend, in the company of people he loved.

So, step away from work. Go somewhere that is not your desk. Bring people worth talking to. Slow down enough to ask the questions for which the ordinary week never leaves room. Augustine did not waste his holiday on distraction. He got his answer over a birthday cake in November. Summer will do just as well.

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