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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.

Christ the King Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

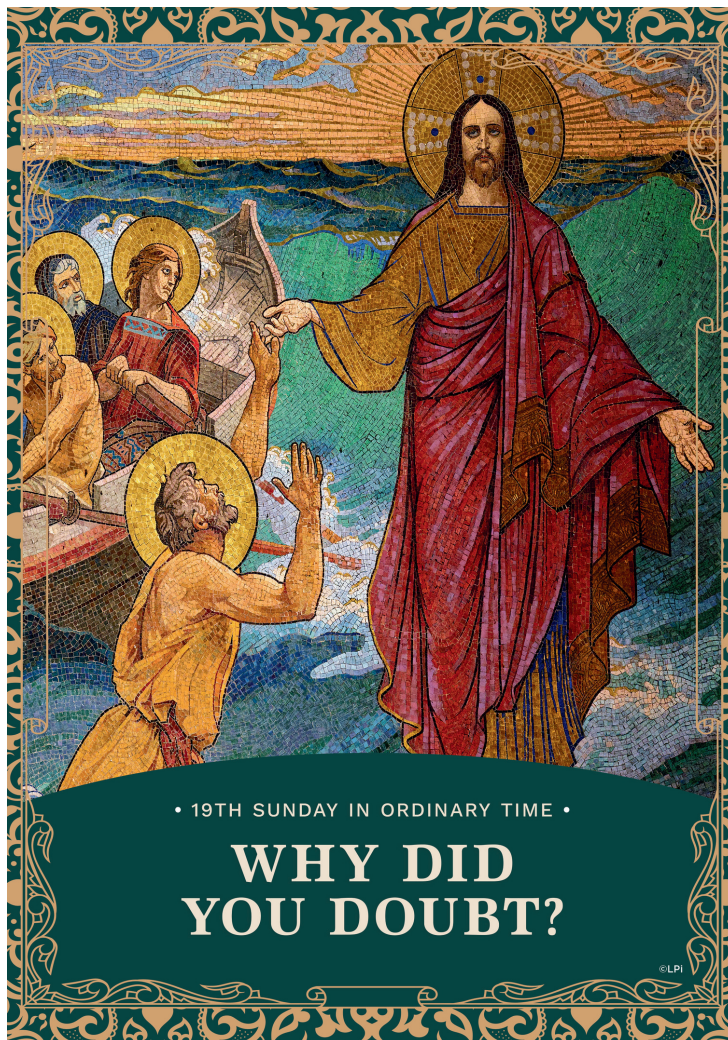
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



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Saturday - August 8th

4:00PM Carol Carmody (mem.) req. of family

Sunday - August 9th

9:00AM Judy Juneau (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

Tuesday - August 11th

7:00AM William Egan (birthday) req. of daughter, Karen Waters

Wednesday - August 12th

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

Friday - August 14th

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

Saturday - August 15th

8:00AM Mary Ann Spychalski (Living-birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

4:00PM Pamela Hobin (1st anniv.) req. of sister, Sheila Soloperto

Sunday - August 16th

7:30AM Nora Leahy and Collin Giguere (Living-2nd wedding anniv.) req. of Fran & Anne Marie Leahy

9:00AM John Marzilli (mem.) req. of Colleen Coder

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Lucette Dowd, Kathryn 'Pat' Oliver**, the mother of Keith Oliver, **Joseph Muscarella**, and **John F. Macek, Jr.**

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.

Mindy Dulude on Vacation

Mindy Dulude, our administrative assistant, is on a scheduled vacation for this coming week. She began her vacation **this past Friday, August 7**, and will **not return** to the office until Monday, August 17. Please leave messages for Msgr. Sullivan at 508-754-5361, extension 14, or Anne Thompson, extension 13. In an **emergency** please call Monsignor Sullivan at 508-450-2556.

MISSION COOP APPEAL Thanks

Many thanks for your generosity to the Mission Cooperative Appeal, which was taken up on July 18 and 19 on the occasion of the visit of Marie McCarthy Farrell on behalf of the Diocese of Norwich's *Outreach to Haiti*. The total donations for our participation in the annual Mission Coop Appeal was **\$6,390**. God bless you!

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 Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr** (Monday); **Saint Clare, Virgin** (Tuesday); **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious** (Wednesday); **Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs** (Thursday); **Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr** (Friday); and **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (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: \$7,781.82; **Online Giving:** \$2,205.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$300.00; **Religious Ed Registrations:** \$200.00; **Confirmation Registration:** \$40.00; **Catholic Communications:** \$5.00; **Assumption:** \$105.00; **Church in Central/Eastern Europe:** \$175.00; **Donation - Heating System:** \$2,450.00; **Haiti Outreach:** \$50.00.

Total: \$13,311.82

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.

Major Overhaul of Heating System We Can Use Your Help!

Currently we are undergoing a major capital project at Christ the King, a comprehensive rehab of our heating system, which embraces both the church and the rectory. Our gas burners, purchased in 2008, have been removed already. 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. It is likely that Bafaro Plumbers will have to return next year to complete the work on the installation of new valves. Most of the old ones (originals from 1958) are corroded.

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.

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Announcing Homilists for the 15th Annual Novena to St. Joseph

Begins September 14th

The Novena to St. Joseph (to pray for the sick, to pray for better palliative care, and to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally through Physician Assisted Suicide or Euthanasia) will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays this fall from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. Please plan to come and bring your friends. **The names of those who are terminally or seriously ill can be submitted in advance** by emailing them to Msgr. Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com or by calling **508-754-5361**.

We look forward to celebrating the Novena to St. Joseph in its fifteenth year. 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**, a chaplain at St. Vincent's Hospital (Sept 21); **Father Adam Reid**, the pastor of St. Anne Parish in Shrewsbury (Sept 28); **Father Richard Trainor**, the Minister to Diocesan Priests (Oct 5); **Father John Gavin, S.J.**, theology professor at the College of the Holy Cross (Oct 12); **Father José Andrés Rodríguez**, the pastor of St. Peter Parish in Worcester (Oct 19); **Father Zachary Sullivan**, the associate pastor of St. Mary Parish in Shrewsbury (Oct 26); **Monsignor Thomas Sullivan** (Nov 2) and **Father Michael Hoyer**, the pastor of St. Mark Parish in Sutton (Nov 9).

The Retreat in Daily Life Information Meeting Tuesday Night

Are you looking for a way to make your life more meaningful or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life? If so, you may want to consider "The Retreat in Daily Life." A Thirty-week prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, will be held at St. Peter's Church in Worcester, beginning October 6, 2026. Offered by a team of Jesuit trained people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises. There will be an information night explaining this program this **Tuesday, August 11, at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Church, 929 Main Street.**

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; 508-929-4363). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Cling to God and leave all the rest to Him. He will not let you perish. Your soul is very dear to Him. He wishes to save it." - *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

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. **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?

Tuesdays ~ Starting September
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.

COATS FOR KIDS' Appeal ~ August 22 and 23

It is unusual to think about winter coats during August but the Knights' leadership at Supreme Headquarters needs early orders for the winter coats for kids. We want to ensure that children in our area have a coat for the winter season. After all our parish Masses on August 22 and 23 Knights of Columbus members will conduct the appeal in the vestibule if you would like to so donate money for the purchase of coats. Our parish's KofC Council (#12691) began this endeavor ten years ago. Each year we distribute hundreds of winter coats to local children, the largest amount of any Council in Central Massachusetts. Many parishioners have contributed in the past and our Knights continue this effort. You can contribute at church or send your donation to: Wes Cotter (the Grand Knight), 8 Quaker Road, Worcester, MA 01602. **Please make checks payable to 'Knights of Columbus Council 12691' (not Christ the King).**

August 9, 2026

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 rauktisj1@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, 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 this 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 (behind the rectory) on the **Second Thursday of each month (only), between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm**.

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, ctkwor.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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Monday, August 10

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center

Tuesday, August 11

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Friday, August 14

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, August 15 - Assumption Feast

8:00 am - Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

REGISTER NOW FOR 2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education registration forms were mailed in June to all those families (registered in the parish and known to us) for next year's classes. **And a week ago we sent the forms out again through Flocknotes.** Please complete the simple forms and get them back to us as you can...**with your check** (\$40 for each student enrolled) 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 enrolled.

Prayer for a New Diocesan Bishop

Bishop Robert J. McManus, our diocesan bishop since 2004, turned 75 years of age this past July 5. The protocol of the Church is that a diocesan bishop must tender his resignation to the Holy Father, Pope Leo, before that day. We now await the pope's decision on a new bishop. The Diocese of Worcester prayerfully anticipates that announcement. In the meantime, we should pray for the blessing of a new bishop, the sixth in our diocesan history. The following prayer can be used:

Loving God, in your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Worcester a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal will continue the good work of his predecessors. In your love for us, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Not Obligatory this Year ~

This special Solemnity takes place on August 15 each year. However, August 15 falls on a (next) Saturday this year. When it falls on a Saturday there is no obligation to attend Mass on this feast. We will celebrate the Mass for the Assumption on Saturday morning, August 15, at 8:00 am, because it is still a holy day. Saturday afternoon's 4:00 pm Mass will be for the Twentieth Sunday of the Year.

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

“Christ is present in the Eucharist, in the sacrament of His death and resurrection. In and through the Eucharist, you acknowledge the dwelling-place of the Living God in human history. For the Eucharist is the Sacrament of the Love which conquers death. It is the Sacrament of the Covenant, pure Gift of Love for the reconciliation of all humanity. It is the gift of the Real Presence of Jesus the Redeemer, in the bread which is His Body given up for us, in the wine which is His Blood poured out for all. Thanks to the Eucharist, constantly renewed among all peoples of the world, Christ continues to build His church: He brings us together in praise and thanksgiving for salvation, in the communion which only infinite love can forge. Our worldwide gathering now takes on its fullest meaning, through the celebration of the Mass. Dear young friends, may your presence here mean a true commitment in faith! For Christ is now answering your own question and the questions of all those who seek the Living God. He answers by offering an invitation: This is My Body, take It and eat. To the Father He entrusts His supreme desire: that all those whom He loves may be one in the same communion.”

...Pope Saint John Paul II, World Youth Day, 1997

“In each of our lives Jesus comes as the Bread of Life - to be eaten, to be consumed by us. This is how He loves us. Then Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the Bread of our life, our hearts by loving, and our hands by serving. In loving and serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love and when we love we are like God. This is what Jesus meant when He said, ‘Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.’”

...Mother Teresa of Calcutta

“Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes.”

...Pope Saint Paul VI

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