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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

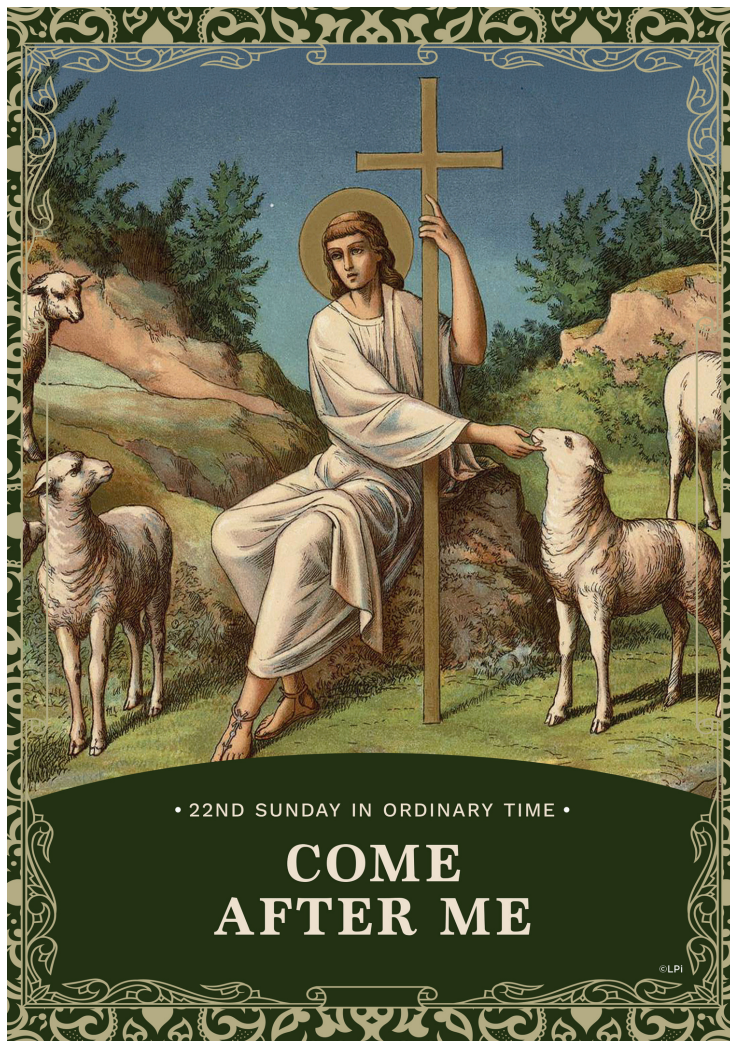
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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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Christ the King, Worcester, MA



Saturday - August 29th

4:00PM Edward Daly (5th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday - August 30th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Jeannette Vozzella (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Lucette Dowd (mem.) req. of The Miller Girls

Monday - August 31st

7:00AM Ellen and John Ryan (mem.) req. of family

Tuesday - September 1st

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

Wednesday - September 2nd

7:00AM Leah Leone (mem.) req. of Gary & Cheryl Gagne

Thursday - September 3rd

7:00AM John J. Burke (mem.) req. of family

Friday - September 4th

7:00AM Marie Correa (Living - for strength) req. of Fran & BettyAnn Warner

Saturday - September 5th

4:00PM John Hackett, Sr. (8th anniv.) and Josephine Hackett (3rd anniv.) req. of family

Sunday - September 6th

7:30AM Laurence J. Fallon (mem.) req. of John Finneran

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Maria Simoes (mem.) and Jason Simoes (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Norman A. Czyzewski**, the father of Mark Czyzewski, and **Kevin Hickey**.

'COATS FOR KIDS' APPEAL

You can Still Give!

Our local CTK Council began this endeavor in 2016. Our Council has distributed hundreds of winter coats to local children, the largest amount of any Council in Central Massachusetts. The coats have been distributed for children at the following sites: Our Lady of Providence Parish, Pernet Family Health Service, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Friendly House, Worcester Boys and Girls Club, The IHN Family Shelter, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dr. Arthur F. Sullivan Middle School, Catholic Charities and Webster Public Schools. Many parishioners have contributed in the past and our Knights want to continue this effort. You can contribute by sending your donation soon to: Wes Cotter (our Grand Knight), 8 Quaker Road, Worcester, MA 01602. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 12691 (not 'Christ the King').

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray." - St. Padre Pio

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 **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (Tuesday); **Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); and **Saint Teresa of Calcutta** (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 reported below:

Offertory: \$6,999.80; **Online Giving:** \$1,526.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$35.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$400.00; **Rel. Ed registrations:** \$720.00; **Donation in memory of Kevin Hickey:** \$50.00; **Assumption:** \$105.00; **Central/ Eastern Europe:** \$50.00; **Donations - Heating System in memory of Kevin Hickey:** \$400.00; **Donation - Heating System:** \$100.00.

Total: \$10,385.80

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 old gas boilers have been removed. New gas boilers have been installed. New pumps and outdoor vents have already been installed. All sixty-four individual valves have been replaced inside the church (ahead of schedule). The old ones (originals from 1958) were, in many cases, corroded. There have been new wireless instruments and thermostats installed where necessary. Some minimal asbestos removal (a few square feet) in the rectory has already cost a whopping **\$14,250**. This past week the new boilers were inspected and approved by both the City of Worcester and Travelers Insurance Company. While the vast majority of work in the church has been completed, we now turn to completing additional (and complicated) work in the rectory.

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.

Christ the King a Voting Center for Elections

Christ the King will again be a local voting center this Tuesday, September 1 (state primaries). This is a contribution to the city's and state's civic life. This agreement will not interfere with our morning Mass at 7:00 am or other parish activities.

**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).

Partners in Charity Appeal
The Diocese needs everyone's help

**We Still Need over \$87,000 to meet
our Goal of \$4.8 million**

**Checks must be dated for
August 31 or before! Online
gifts must come before August 31!**

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*

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.

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?**

STARTS THIS TUESDAY EVENING

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.

Help Wanted, Experienced Stitchers
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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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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.

Sunday Morning Coffee!

Coffee shop takes place on the **first Sunday of the month** after the 9:00 am Mass. That is **next Sunday, September 6**. We hope to see you there. Come and join us in the Johnson Room. Enjoy coffee, donut holes and especially one another's company. Let's strengthen our community and meet new friends!

Holy Hour on First Friday Each Month ~ Please Come!

A monthly Holy Hour takes place on the First Friday evening of each month. The next scheduled date is this **coming Friday, September 4**. 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!

Introducing Angella Ssali Private Patient / Client Care

Angella, a parishioner, is a nursing student at Assumption University. Currently, she is also a Certified Nursing Assistant at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She has also worked at Mass General Hospital and senior living facilities and done private home care. She looks forward to offering her services locally, given her relatively new Worcester address. Should you have a need she can be reached by cell phone at 857-221-0375 or by email at angellassali27@gmail.com.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER!

On August 13 we collected 515 pounds of food for the poor. **Our next collection day is Thursday, September 10**. 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

Sunday, August 30

12:00-3:00 pm - Parish Picnic

Tuesday, September 1

Voting here all day

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

7:15-8:30 pm - Intro to Catholicism

Johnson Room

Wednesday, September 2

6:30 pm - KofC meeting

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts Hall

Thursday, September 3

7:00-8:00 pm - Parish Book Club

Friday, September 4

7:00-8:00 pm - Holy Hour, Adoration

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, September 6

9:45 am - Coffee Shop, Johnson Room

11:00 am - Baptism at Mass

PLEASE REGISTER NOW FOR 2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PROGRAM STARTS IN 2 WEEKS September 13

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 month 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.

Parish Book Club Meeting This Thursday Night, September 3

Our 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 club's next meeting will take place this Thursday September 3. The book they will be reading is *The Life You Save May Be Your Own*, by Paul Elie. It interweaves the lives of four prominent 20th century Catholic writers (three converts): Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk in Kentucky; Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker in New York; Flannery O'Connor a "Christ-haunted" literary prodigy in Georgia; and Walker Percy a doctor in New Orleans. If interested in joining, please contact Victoria DiMassa by emailing her at dimassavictoria@gmail.com. Or John Finneran at johnfinneran@verizon.net.

CHRIST THE KING'S PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

TODAY, AUGUST 30
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Please plan on having your family join us for this fun-filled day!
All parishioners are invited. In the Parish Hall.

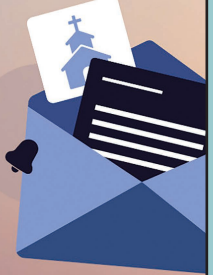
A pony and a horse will be here on the front lawn.

The Worcester Fire Department is bringing a fire truck to explore.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Desserts and drinks will be provided.

Chili Contest Tradition Continues

There will be children's games and a chance to meet
and greet your fellow parishioners.

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