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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

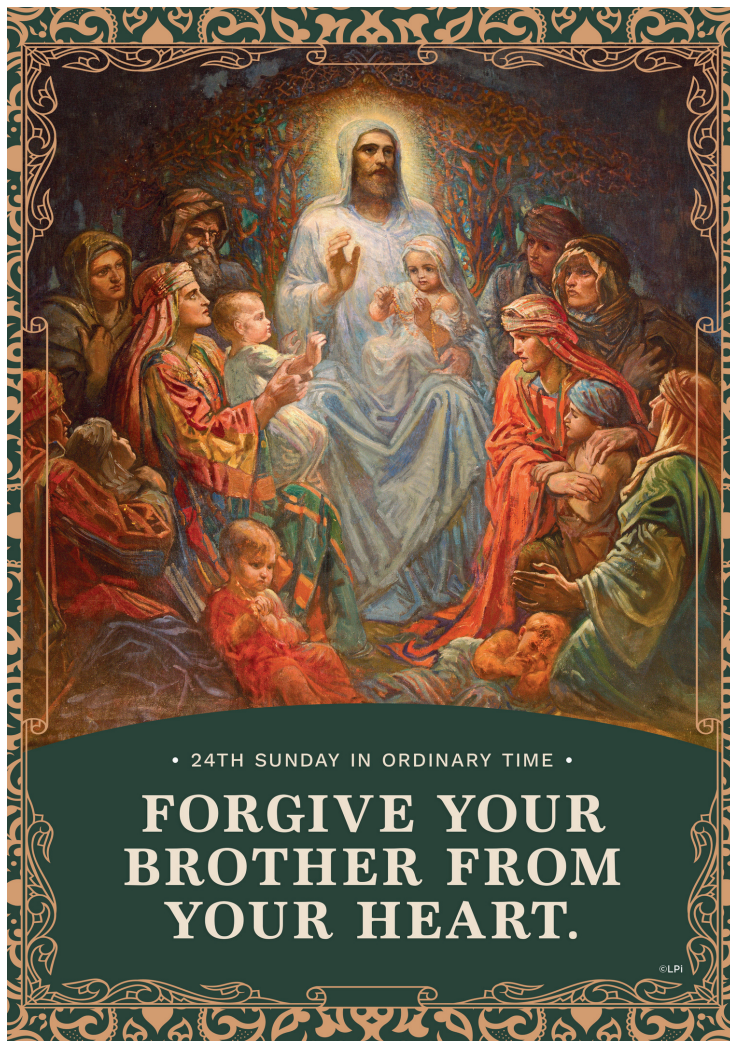
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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 - September 12th

4:00PM Philip Murphy (9th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday - September 13th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Marsha Bombard (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Richard Gaudette (7th anniv.) req. of family

Monday - September 14th

7:00AM George H. Hearn (mem.) req. of family

Tuesday - September 15th

7:00AM Barbara Reidy (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday - September 16th

7:00AM Mary Gill Hearn (mem.) req. of family

Thursday - September 17th

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

Friday - September 18th

7:00AM Paul Ford (birthday) req. of family

Saturday - September 19th

8:00AM Norman Czyzewski (month's mind) req. of Mark & Monique Czyzewski

4:00PM Catherine and William Kee (mem.) req. of family

Sunday - September 20th

7:30AM William Dulude, Sr. (12th anniv.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Mary McKeon (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Veronica T. Keating**, the mother of Nancy Clark, **Mary Ann Carmody**, the sister of Neil Carmody, and **Dorothea Glew**.

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Kayla Modjo Kamto**, the daughter of Emmanuel and Doriane Kamto baptized here last Sunday by Msgr. Sullivan. Her godmother is Nancy Berube of the parish. Kayla is enrolled in our First Communion class and will make her First Communion next May with her sister, Joanna.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on course." - *St. Boniface of Mainz*

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 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (Monday); **Our Lady of Sorrows** (Tuesday); **Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs** (Wednesday); **Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop** (Thursday) and **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. Your donations for last weekend are reported below:

Offertory: \$8,313.39 **Online Giving:** \$1,860.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$60.00; **Rel. Ed registrations:** \$240.00; **Donations - Heating System in memory of Kevin Hickey:** \$695.00; **Donation - Heating System:** \$100.00; **Donation:** \$25.00; **Fuel:** \$277.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$265.00.

Total: \$11,835.39

Major Overhaul of Heating System We Can Use Your Help!

Currently we are completing a major capital project at Christ the King, a comprehensive rehab of our heating system, which embraces both the church and the rectory. 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. The old ones (originals from 1958) were, in many cases, corroded. There have been new wireless instruments and thermostats installed where necessary. 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.

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.

**Parish Book Club Meeting
Thursday Night, October 1**

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 on **Thursday, October 1**. The book they will be reading is *The Secret of the Rosary*, by **St. Louis de Monfort**. If interested in joining, please contact Victoria DiMassa by emailing her at dimassavictoria@gmail.com. Or John Finneran at johnfinneran@verizon.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. 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.

**15th Annual Novena to St. Joseph
Begins Tomorrow, 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).

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!**

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 8** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, call 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.

**Thanks for Giving to
Partners in Charity**

I wish to express my gratitude to our parishioners for their generosity to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal which concluded on August 31st, the last day of the fiscal year. As many of you know, our parish far exceeded its goal. There were 343 persons and/or families who donated to this vital appeal. Our parish goal was \$20,000 higher than in previous years: \$130,000. We raised \$226,241 or 174% of goal. This is the highest amount ever raised by Christ the King Parish or by any parish in diocesan history, even though numerous parishes are larger than we are. In light of these accomplishments, I offer my deepest appreciation.

Charity is the very heart and center of the plan of God's providence. Your support of two dozen charitable, educational, and pastoral programs is an excellent witness of your own Christian generosity. You and I and all those parishioners who participated can take satisfaction in the knowledge that we will help thousands of needy people in the year ahead through assistance given to others by these diocesan charities and agencies.

And we are very grateful that the Diocese met its goal of \$4.8 million this year. Your support for this important annual appeal is heartwarming and a further example of your care for others.

May God bless you and your families!

Monsignor Tom

September 13, 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.

Adult Confirmation Program Begins in January

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 (**January 28; February 11 and 25; March 11 and 18**) 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, on **April 4, 2027**. 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, October 8**. 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**.

Mini Retreat for Women

The Diocesan Commission for Women is sponsoring its annual Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 3, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, at St. Anne's Parish, 130 Boston Turnpike in Shrewsbury. There is also a Mass there at 8:00 am. The theme is "Come to the Water" and is led by Liz Cotrupi and Liz Cotrupi Pfunder. The retreat will focus on how Jesus invites us to meet him at the well of his grace. Registration is \$25 and includes a light lunch. For more information contact Susan Zybert at susan.zybert@gmail.com.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, September 13

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 2-6 classes
12:30 pm - Moschella Family Baptism
5:00-5:45 pm - Confirmation Class
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 classes

Monday, September 14

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center
7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph,
Bishop McManus presiding

Tuesday, September 15

7:15 pm - Introducing Roman Catholicism
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall
7:00-7:45 pm - Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 17

7:00-8:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 18

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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.

Novena to St. Joseph STARTS TOMORROW - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Our 15th Annual Novena to St. Joseph begins tomorrow, Monday, September 14, at 7:15 pm. Each evening lasts just 45 minutes and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, for the end of the pandemic, and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. Running for nine consecutive Mondays it will conclude on November 9.

The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be **mailed** to our rectory office, or called in to **508-754-5361**, or emailed to Msgr. Sullivan at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

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