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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

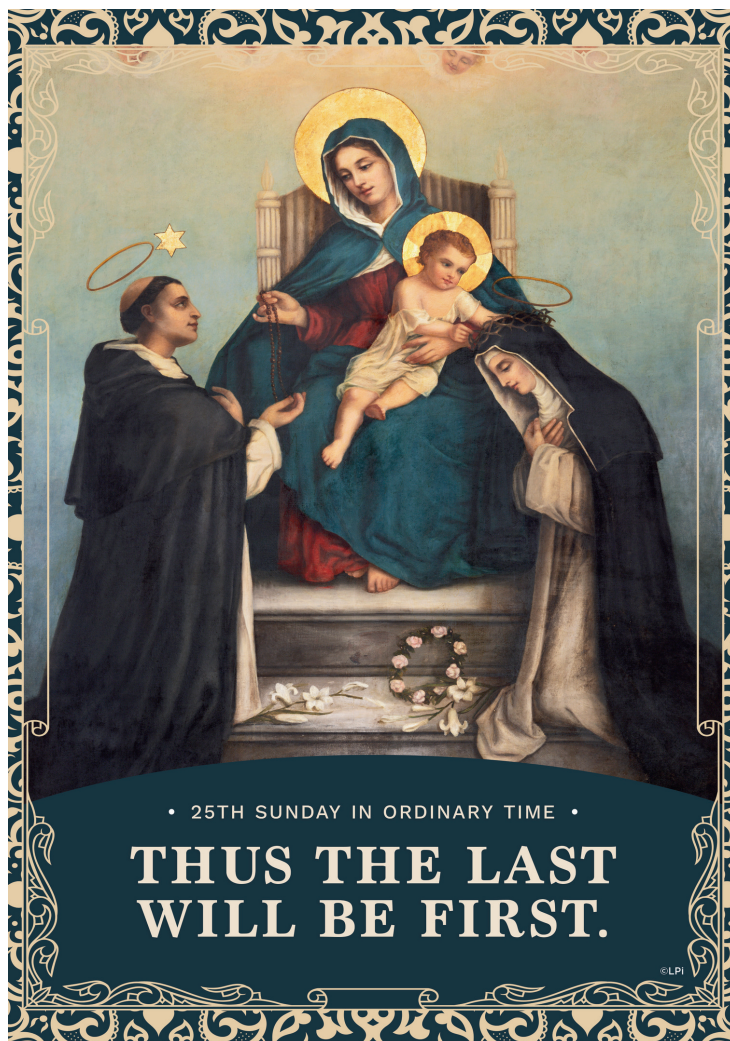
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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 19th

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

Tuesday - September 22nd

7:00AM Joseph J. Flaherty (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday - September 23rd

7:00AM Danielle (Living for guidance) req. of her Mother

Thursday - September 24th

7:00AM Johanna Flaherty (mem.) req. of family

Friday - September 25th

7:00AM Sister Mary Joseph (2nd anniv.) req. of Alice Fenlon

Saturday - September 26th

4:00PM Sister Paula Kelleher, SSJ (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

Sunday - September 27th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Frank Birch (6th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Timothy Haylon (3rd anniv.) and Anne Marie Gibbons (birthday) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

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

Communal Anointing of the Sick ~ All Masses on October 3 & 4

At **all the Masses** on the weekend of **October 3 and 4** we will offer the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** to any person desiring it. The Sacrament can be received by anyone who is afflicted by a physical or emotional malady, those who are preparing for or recovering from an operation, or the elderly who need God's grace to deal with those 'crosses' associated with the aging process. Those parishioners who are not receiving the Sacrament join in praying for those who are receiving it. This Sacrament, like all others, is a powerful sign of God's grace. Occasionally, God effects a dramatic or even miraculous healing. All those who are anointed, however, receive the means by which God gives us strength to carry the cross of our infirmity. The cross molds us increasingly into the image of Christ.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors because in them we serve Jesus." - *St. Rose of Lima*

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 **St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** (Monday); **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina ('Padre Pio') priest** (Wednesday); **Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs** (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: \$5,340.53 **Online Giving:** \$1,250.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$105.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$400.00; **Rel. Ed registrations:** \$240.00; **Donations - Heating System :** \$1,900.00; **Assumption:** \$15.00; **Fuel:** \$672.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$20.00.

Total: \$9,942.53

Major Overhaul of Heating System We Can Use Your Help!

We are now nearing the completion of our major summertime 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 ctkwor.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.

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, September 18**, and will **not return** to the office until **Monday, September 28**. 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.

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.

Join Us for Our 15th Annual Novena to St. Joseph

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) is now being celebrated nine consecutive Mondays this fall from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. Please plan to come and bring your friends. Tomorrow's guest homilist is **Father Stephen Gemme**, a chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital.

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**.

Other upcoming homilists this year are **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).

Our Need to Expand the New Greeters Program

Some generous men and women of the parish have been greeting parishioners as they arrive for Mass, holding doors open for our guests, distributing bulletins at the end of Masses and saying "Goodbye" to folks as they leave. This program is open for all men, women and young people in the parish. If you see yourself becoming part of our new team please call **Jim Valk (508-868-1791)** or by email him at valkman@charter.net. Thanks!

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.

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.

ANNUAL 'BABY BOTTLE' DRIVE

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** will begin here on the weekend of **October 3 and 4** ~ and go through the end of October. It has been sponsored by our Women's Guild for many years. It is one way in which we put our faith into practice. The funds generated by the **Baby Bottle Drive** support the mothers and newborn children who receive such high-quality hospitality and care through **Visitation House**, which has provided a residence and care for well over three hundred pregnant women and their infants since 2005. Women's Guild volunteers will be on hand at every Mass to give you a donation envelope at the end of Mass. If you would like to bring a check in advance it should be made **payable to Visitation House, Inc.** (not Christ the King). You can also donate online at visitationhouse.org. We hope that you will give to the Baby Bottle Drive as so many of you always have. On behalf of our Women's Guild and the mothers and infants living at Visitation House thank you very much!

Plan Ahead for 40 Days for Life

Wednesday, October 7th, is the designated day that Christ the King Parish will participate in the **40 Days for Life** program. The Knights of Columbus will coordinate the sign-ups. At all the Masses next weekend, September 26 and 27, there will be sign-ups for the hours you wish to participate (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) in this peaceful prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Pleasant Street. Or you can sign up by contacting John Stevens at (cell): **774-200-0228** or by email: stevens1979@charter.net. Join us that day and do so prayerfully!

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.

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 **\$227,640** or **175%** 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

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Genevieve Regina Moschella**, the daughter of Dr. Richard and Alexandra (Bamford) Moschella baptized here last Sunday by Msgr. Sullivan. Her godfather is Joseph Moschella.

Parish Council Meets Tuesday

Our first meeting of the Parish Council this year will be **this Tuesday, September 22**. The meeting takes place in the Johnson Room and begins at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, September 20

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 2-6 classes
12:15 pm - Lysius Family Baptism
5:00-5:45 pm - Confirmation Class
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 classes

Monday, September 21

7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

6:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

5:30-6:30 pm - Closed A.A. Meeting
7:00-8:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 25

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, September 27

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 2-6 classes
12:30 pm - Dahrooge Family Baptism

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER!

We collected **500 pounds of food** on **September 10**. Thank you very much! **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**.

UPDATE ON 'Coats for Kids' Thanks for Your Generosity

The Knights of Columbus Council of our parish wishes to express its deepest thanks to all those who donated to their recent 'Coats for Kids' appeal, assuring that hundreds of needy children in our local community will have a winter coat. Your donations have now amounted to **\$8,576.38**, far surpassing previous years. Through your generosity we will again be able to donate winter coats to young people at locations such as Our Lady of Providence Parish, Pernet Family Health Service, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Friendly House, Worcester Boys and Girls Club, Catholic Charities and more. God bless you!

A Prayer for Bishop McManus as He Prepares to Retire

Gracious and loving God,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the life, leadership, and faithful service of Your servant, Bishop Robert J. McManus.

Thank You for his response to the call to shepherd Your people. For the wisdom he has shared, the burdens he has carried, the sacrifices he has made, and the love with which he has guided our beloved Diocese, we give You endless praise. You have sustained him through seasons of challenge and seasons of joy, using his hands and voice to reveal Your grace. As he prepares to lay down his active oversight, we ask for Your richest blessings upon this new chapter of his life.

Grant Bishop Robert rest for his body, mind and spirit after years of faithful labor. Fill his days with peace that surpasses understanding and renew his strength like the eagle's. Surround him with the love of family, friends and a supportive community. And continue to use Bishop Robert as a wise counselor and a beacon of Your truth, in whatever new ways Your Spirit inspires.

Lord, we also pray for the future of our Diocese. Prepare our hearts for the transition ahead, and guide Pope Leo and those who choose our next shepherd with Your heavenly wisdom.

Bless Bishop Robert and keep him safe in Your tender care, and let him hear Your gentle voice saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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