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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

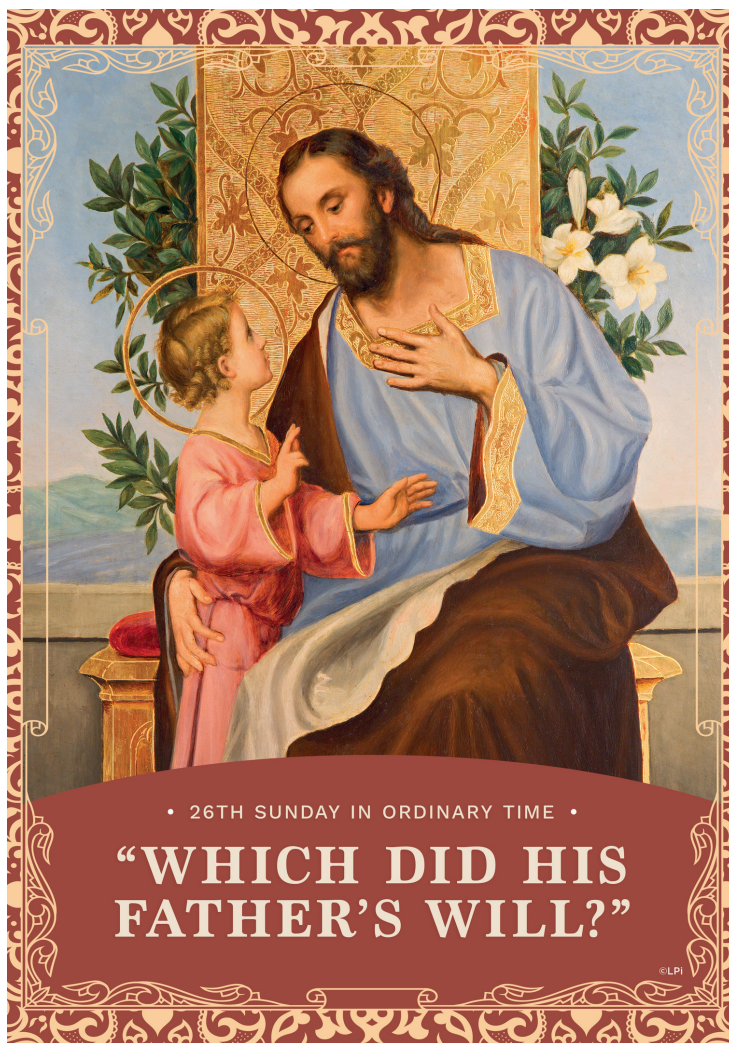
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



1052 Pleasant Street

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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

Monday - September 28th

7:00AM Nancy Donnellan Meehan (mem.) req. of
family

Tuesday - September 29th

7:00AM Caterina and Alfonso Minardi (mem.) req. of
Fiorella Crossen

Wednesday - September 30th

7:00AM Anthony Sereti (5th anniv.) req. of family

Thursday - October 1st

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

Friday - October 2nd

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

Saturday - October 3rd

8:00AM William Bloomfield (19th anniv.) and
Courtney Butcher (19th anniv.) req. of family
4:00PM John Ryan (mem.) req. of family

Sunday - October 4th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Ann Harrington (mem.) req. of family
11:00AM Eddy Telemaque (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Theresa M. Kotros** and **Nancy Casson**.

**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.

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 **Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels** (Tuesday); **Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Wednesday); **Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); **The Holy Guardian Angels** (Friday); 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. Since Mindy Dulude was on a scheduled vacation last week this bulletin had to go to press early. Your donations for last weekend will be reported next weekend.

**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 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.

**Congratulations to the
Recently Baptized!**

Congratulations to **Teshurah Nunsha Lysius**, the daughter of Reginald Lysius and Daphene Joseph baptized here last Sunday by Msgr. Sullivan. Her godmother is Anne Thompson. The couple are natives of Haiti.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"If your faith were greater how much more peaceful you would be even when great trials surround and oppress you." - *St. Paula Frassinetti*

26th 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 Adam Reid**, the pastor of St. Anne Parish in Shrewsbury.

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 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 Rodriguez**, 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 NEXT WEEKEND

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** will begin here next 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

SIGN UP TODAY

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 be coordinating the sign-ups. At all the Masses **this 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.

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.

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.

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.

You are invited to the Annual Middle Eastern Festival

Today and Tomorrow, Saturday, September 26 (11 am to 11 pm) and Sunday, September 27 (11:30 am to 6:00 pm) at Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Church, 341 June Street. Live music, raffles, cash bar, hookah, family friendly. Authentic Middle Eastern foods.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, September 26

4 pm Mass - 40 Hours for Life sign-ups

Sunday, September 27

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 2-6 classes

All Masses - 40 Hours for Life sign-ups

12:30 pm - Dahrooge Family Baptism

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

7:15 pm - Introducing Roman Catholicism

Wednesday, September 30

1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Food Prep

6:00 pm - Castillo Marriage Vows Renewal

6:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

Thursday, October 1

5:00 pm - Scott-Medeiros Wedding Rehearsal

6:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal Dinner, Johnson Rm

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

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

Friday, October 2

3:00 pm - Wedding Mass for

Andrew Scott and Allison Medeiros

7:00 pm - Holy Hour & Adoration

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, October 3

4:00 pm - Anointing of the Sick
& Baby Bottle Drive

Sunday, October 4

All Masses - Anointing of the Sick
& Baby Bottle Drive

10:00 - Coffee Shop

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 2-6 classes

5:00-5:45 pm - Confirmation Class

6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Religious Ed.

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!

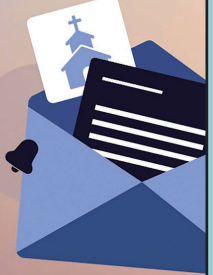
The Sacrament of 'The Anointing of the Sick' At All Masses Next Weekend

At all our Lord's Day Masses next weekend, October 3 and 4, we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to those who wish to receive it. It has been our custom to offer the sacrament at Mass twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring (so that extreme weather will not prevent people from coming). We hope that anyone afflicted by a serious physical or emotional illness, those recovering from or preparing for surgery, or those who experience age-related limitations will receive the sacrament.

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 together in praying for those who are. 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.

In the sacrament we always receive the grace of God's healing. The two essential parts of the sacrament are these: (1) a priest imposes hands on the head of those receiving the Sacrament, quietly calling upon the Holy Spirit to come down and heal the person in body, mind and spirit; and (2) a priest anoints the foreheads and the palms of both hands with the Oil of the Sick.

The rite takes place immediately after the homily. The celebration of this Sacrament, with the whole community present, praying for one another, is always a powerful and beautiful experience.

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