



Christ the King Parish

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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 7:00 PM (vigil)
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:00 PM (on the day)

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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

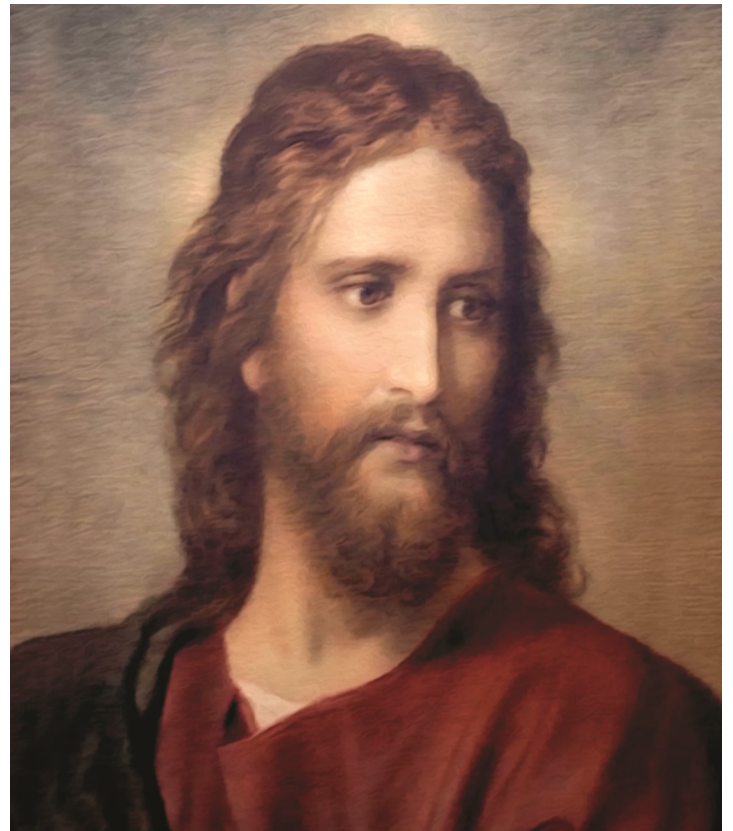
Baptisms take place at Sunday Mass once a month. Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



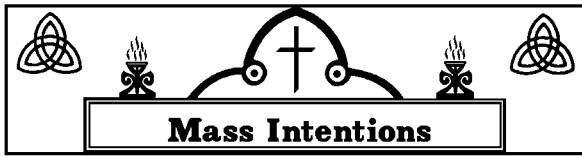
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Mt 24:44

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—November 30th

4:00PM George Pearson (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—December 1st

7:30AM James and Stacia Hammond (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Deceased Member of the Randell Family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—December 2nd

7:00AM All Souls in Need

Tuesday—December 3rd

7:00AM Souls in Purgatory

5:30PM Health, protection and deliverance of Gail McAuliffe

Wednesday—December 4th

7:00AM Mr. Thu Ngo (mem.) req. of family

Thursday—December 5th

5:30PM Jason J. Menard (mem.) req. of Roger and Joyce Dubuque

Friday—December 6th

7:00AM Christos Liazos (mem.) req. of Roger and Joyce Dubuque

5:30PM Health, protection and deliverance of Gail McAuliffe

Saturday—December 7th

8:00AM Marguerite L. Bourbon (14th anniv.) req. of family

4:00PM James Pappas (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—December 8th

7:30AM Louise A. Dacri (5th anniv.) req. of James D. Brock

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Robert L. Conroy (birthday) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please prayerfully remember all the souls in Purgatory and, in a special way, those whose names are inscribed in our Memorial Book or placed upon the altar.

'Giving Tree' Program Returns

All gift tags were distributed last weekend but if any remain you can find them in the front of the church in baskets. All gifts are to be returned here (so that they can be picked up here) by **next Sunday, December 8.**

We remind you **not to wrap any gifts or place them in decorated gift bags.** Please **do not enclose ribbon, bows, or any external decorations.** This will save about 2,000 rolls of gift-wrapping paper. Please **do not** purchase gifts that **require batteries.** Should a gift require them, please do not include batteries with the gift. The improper disposal of batteries is a major environmental hazard. **Do not include candy, cookies or foodstuffs** with your gifts. Because of the danger of contamination they are **unable to distribute them.**

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (M-F, 7:00 am and at 5:30 pm each weekday during Advent, and Saturdays, 8:00 am). The Mass brings many special graces! It is a wonderful way to begin the day. This week most Masses are Advent weekdays but we also celebrate these special observances and feasts: **St. Francis Xavier, Priest** (Tuesday); **St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Wednesday); **St. Nicholas, Bishop** (Friday); and **St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Saturday).

Recent Offertory Donations

As we are very grateful for the time you share with Christ the King, and the abundance of your talents, so we are for your offertory gifts. Your donations from the weekend of **November 16/17** were as follows:

Offertory: \$7,308.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$120.00;

Fuel: \$135.00; **All Souls:** \$7.00;

Propagation of the Faith: \$5.00;

All Saints: \$5.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$245.00; **Campaign for Human Development:** \$20.00; **Our Religious Education:** \$15.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$600.00; **Donation in Memory of Eleanor Mancini:** \$500.00.

Total: \$8,960.00

BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

All parents (registered parishioners) must participate in a prep session, led by our trained team, if this is their *first child and/or if they do not worship at Mass here each Sunday.* Baptisms take place at Sunday Masses and parents choose the date (see available dates below). **PARENT PREP SESSION:** One session is required, and it takes place on select Sundays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the Rectory and church. **Upcoming 2019-20 Preparation Dates: today, December 1,** February 16 and March 29. **Upcoming 2019-20 BAPTISM DATES** at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays (for prepared parents): *December 8, January 12, February 9, and March 8.* For sign-ups please call Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or email him at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

Weekday Evening Masses for Advent!

Throughout the season of Advent Christ the King Parish offers a Mass at 5:30 pm (Mondays-Fridays). It's for those who wish to attend daily Mass during this season but who cannot do so in the morning. **The first Mass will be tomorrow, on Monday, December 2;** the last on Monday, December 23. All are welcome.

Advent Prayer Program

The Sisters of Saint Anne invite you to their annual Advent Prayer Program at Marie Anne Center at St. Bernard Church, 228 Lincoln St., Worcester on **Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 from 10 - 11:30 am.** Presenters in order to appearance are Fr. Juan Sanchez, Mr. Ernie Rivard and Sr. Yvette Bellerose.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OPPOSITION TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Massachusetts Senate and House have introduced new bills to legalize Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS), an initiative that threatens our vulnerable elderly and disabled citizens. **H.1926** and **S.1208** are called "An Act Relative to End of Life Options." We must let our legislators know that we are opposed to PAS. Please contact **Representative John Mahoney**, the House Public Health Committee chairperson, and other legislators to let them know we don't want this legislation passed. You can contact Representative Mahoney at Room 443, State House, 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133, call him at **617-722-2460** or email him at john.mahoney@mahouse.gov.

USE OUR PARISH WEBSITE

A great deal of work has gone into updating our parish website. You can easily find it at www.ctkworc.org.

Catholic Girls Club

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month from October to May from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the Emmaus Center, 17 E. Main Street, Webster (across from Sacred Heart Church). Use the Day Street entrance. Girls 6 and up are welcome. Activities include discussion about a female saint or Marian feast followed by a craft or activity. There are no fees or long-term commitments. To sign up or for information contact Melissa McDonald at kyleandmelissa2004@gmail.com.

SUPPORT THE MENARD CHILDREN'S FUND

A local firefighter group has created a fund to support the family of Worcester Fire Lt. Jason Menard, who died from injuries suffered in a fire at 7 Stockholm Street on Wednesday, November 13th. Lt. Menard was a **parishioner of Christ the King**. Jason leaves his wife, Tina, and three children, Morgan, Hailee and Joshua. Jason's mother, Cheryl Kelly (married to Peter), is also a parishioner and regularly worships at our 7:30 am Mass on Sundays.

The Lt. Jason Menard Children's Fund is headed by the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts Foundation. Donations can be made online at www.PFFMFoundation.org or by mailing donations to Worcester Fire Department Credit Union, 34 Glennie St., Worcester, MA 01605. Checks should be made payable to PFFM Foundation, c/o Menard Children's Fund. It has been announced that this fund, and others, will enable the Menard family to pay off the mortgage on her house.

Money is also being raised through the Greg Hill Foundation at www.thegreghillfoundation.org/donations/menard.

Religious Education Classes

This Week & Next...

Religious Education classes for those students in **Grades 1-6** will meet **today, Sunday, December 1**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. **Grades 7-10** will meet **tonight, Sunday, December 1**, from **6:00 to 7:00 pm**.

Religious Education classes for those students in **Grades 1-6** will meet **next Sunday, December 8**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. **Grades 7-10** will meet **next Sunday, December 8**, from **6:00 to 7:00 pm**.

How to Put 'The Priest Retirement Fund' in Your Will

After providing for your family and loved ones, you may wish to put *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund* in your will, thus assuring the care of our 54 retired priests. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. You can give needed support for *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund* by simply including the following words in your will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund*, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 (insert amount being given here) to be used to support our retired diocesan priests." A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. You can also name *The Diocese of Worcester* as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in your will is no longer living. It is recommended that an attorney help in drafting or amending a will.

Women's Guild's Advent Evening of Recollection This Wednesday Night

The Women's Guild invites all women to their Annual **Advent Evening of Recollection this Wednesday, December 4**. The evening begins with our **Mass at 5:30 pm**. It is followed by a meal in the Johnson Room. The 'facilitator' for the evening is Judith Brennan, the Director of Religious Education at Christ the King. The suggested donation for the evening is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. To **register** please call **Donna Byrnes** at 508-753-3024 or email her at dbyrnes@charter.net **by tomorrow, Monday, December 2**.

Handel's 'Messiah' Here Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 pm the choristers of Anna Maria College are sponsoring the world-famous Christmastime oratio, '*Messiah*,' composed by George Frederic Handel here at Christ the King in the church. Many will remember the large throng that came last year. This is a **free concert** and all are welcome to come and enjoy it.

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.

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LINE

If you know of someone who could use our prayerful support please contact either Mindy at 508-754-5361 or by email at mindy1052@gmail.com.

**PLEASE USE OUR
HOPE FOR HOUSING CARDS**

Please purchase 'Hope for Housing' food cards. Here's how they work: (1) You purchase food gift cards in various amounts of \$10 to \$100; (2) You use the food cards for your grocery shopping; (3) You receive the full face value of the card you purchase; (4) What you don't spend remains on your card for later use; and (5) The supermarket donates 5% to 10% of what you spend to prevent family homelessness.

**EMMANUEL RADIO
"ANGELS AUCTION DINNER" 2019**

Emmanuel Catholic Radio will host its live "Angels Auction Charity Dinner" on **Thursday, December 12**. Bid online at 1230radio.com Nov. 25 - Dec. 11 for great items, holiday gifts, and more. Then join us for a fun live Auction Event at St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester 6-9pm Thursday, Dec. 12. Your generous tax-deductible donation will help keep Catholic Radio on the air in the Diocese of Worcester. Call 508-767-1230 or email: cindy.dorsey@1230radio.com.

**Announcing the Formation of
CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group'
Beginning This Friday
December 6, 7-8 pm**

Tony Penny and Anthony Zamarro of our parish are spearheading a new group here for men's spiritual growth. For the moment it is simply being called Christ the King's *Catholic Men's Group*. Our plan is to meet for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. The format may vary a bit from month to month but we will incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. Following the hour the men may get a bite to eat off campus. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. Our first date will be **this coming Friday, December 6, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**.

Final Signups for CYC Basketball!

Christ the King's CYC will host its final basketball **sign-ups today and tomorrow ~ Saturday, November 30 at 5 pm after 4 pm Mass and Sunday, December 1, at 12:00 noon after 11 am Mass**. We will meet in the front foyer of the church. The cost for each player will be \$100 plus a small fee for the new jersey. Boys in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate. Varsity basketball players are not eligible. Parish members have preference. There are 30 spots available for two teams of 15. Practices will take place in December and the season starts the first week-end of January and runs through the end of February. If you have any **questions**, please call or text **Paul Franco** at 508-272-5927 or email him at pauljfranco@gmail.com.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, November 30

4:45 pm - CYC Basketball Registration

Sunday, December 1 - Advent I

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6 Religious Education

12:00 pm - CYC Basketball Sign-Ups

1:00-3:00 pm - Diocesan Environment Mtg, Johnson Rm

1:00-3:30 pm - Parent Baptism Prep, Rectory

5:00-6:00 pm - CYC Retreat Team, Johnson Room

6:00-7:00 pm - Grades 7-10, Religious Education

Monday, December 2

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

Tuesday, December 3

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

7:00-9:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, December 4

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

6:00 pm - Guild Eve of Recollection

7:00 pm - KofC Meeting, Conference Room

7:00-8:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

4:15-5:15 pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal

7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

Afternoon: CYC Retreat Departure

3:30-5:30 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall

7:00-8:00 pm - Men's Prayer Group, church

7:30-9:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

Saturday, December 7

8:00 am - Mass

9:30 am - First Reconciliation, church

CYC Retreat Continues, New Hampshire

4:00 pm - Mass for Retreatants, NH

4:00 pm Mass - Giving Tree Gifts Returned

4:00 pm Mass - KofC Railers' Game Sales

Sunday, December 8 - Advent II

All Masses - Giving Tree Gifts Returned

All Masses - KofC Railers' Game Sales

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6 Religious Education

11:00 am - Baptisms at Mass

12:00 pm - CYC Retreat concludes

2:00 pm - Handel's *Messiah*, church

- Reception follows, Johnson Room

6:00-7:00 pm - Grades 7-10, Religious Education

Advent Begins Today

Advent begins next Sunday and this is the season to prepare for the coming of the Lord - both in His Nativity and His coming again at the end of time. Far too many see this time of year as a part of the Christmas Season. However, 'Christmas' doesn't begin until Christmas Eve. Advent joy increases each day and the commercialism that surrounds it should be overcome. We should strive to keep this season holy. Let us restore it to its proper place in our lives.

Extra Daily Mass ~ At Christ the King we will offer weekday Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Saturdays, Mass is at 8:00 a.m.).

Read the Bible ~ Read the parables of *The Fig Tree*, *The Man Going on a Long Journey*, *The Faithful and Wicked Stewards*, and *The Ten Virgins* in the 24th and 25th chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. And, think of the Saint who embodies the spirit of this Season: St. John the Baptist. Offer prayers to him and consider the message of this voice who said, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Other Traditions ~ **Advent candles, Jesse Trees, Christmas cribs and Advent calendars** can all be used. Consider the custom of *Christkindl* (Christ Child). It embraces doing acts of charity for each member of the family each day (secretly). Find out more on the internet. It's a delightful custom, which creates much of the true Christmas spirit.

Additional Confession Times ~ Confessions are offered each Saturday from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. You can always call for a private confession time. We've added the following times: **Monday, December 23**, 3:00-4:00 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm.
