



# Christ the King Parish

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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.

**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)



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” - Mt 11:10

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## CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



### Saturday—December 14th

4:00PM Amos E. Wasgatt, III (mem.), Elizabeth “Betty” Wasgatt (mem.), Amos E. Wasgatt, Jr. (mem.), Kenneth Anderson (mem.), Barbara Wasgatt (mem.), and Joe D’Ambra (mem.) req. of family

### Sunday—December 15th

7:30AM The Hines Family  
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King  
11:00AM Nancy LeHair (5th anniv.) req. of family

### Monday—December 16th

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

### Tuesday—December 17th

7:00AM Robert J. Hennigan, Sr. (mem.) req. of family  
5:30PM Health, protection and deliverance of Gail McAuliffe

### Wednesday—December 18th

7:00AM Frances Oliver (birthday) req. of family  
5:30PM David O’Coin (2nd anniv.) req. of family

### Thursday—December 19th

7:00AM Mary Ellen Standring (mem.) req. of family  
5:30PM Joseph Moran (3rd anniv.) req. of family

### Friday—December 20th

7:00AM Mr. Thu Ngo (mem.) req. of family  
5:30PM Elizabeth “Betty” and Richard “Dick” Mansfield (mem.) req. of family

### Saturday—December 21st

8:00AM Bernard Carlomagno (mem.) req. of Jack and Diane Staples  
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Coles, Halloran and Provencher Families

### Sunday—December 22nd

7:30AM Norman Fortier (mem.) req. of family  
9:00AM Claire McMahon (3rd anniv.) req. of family  
11:00AM Ruth Terrill (mem.) req. of The Cousineau Family

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Paul R. Gardella**, the brother of Janice Batchelder, **Mary T. Atchue**, the mother of Timothy Atchue, and **Joseph A. D’Ambra**, the father of Julie Marzo.

### Would You Like to Join Our Parish?

Please contact Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361. Or, you can email him at [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com) and he will respond.

### Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public

Monsignor Sullivan is a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized you are welcome to call upon him. There is no fee. Just call the rectory should you need this service.

### 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 this special feast: **St. Peter Canisius, Priest 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 weekends of **November 30/ December 1** and **December 7/8** were as follows:

**Offertory:** \$18,781.14; **Mass Stipends:** \$175.00;  
**Fuel:** \$146.00; **All Souls:** \$20.00; **All Saints:** \$10.00;  
**Propagation of the Faith:** \$5.00; **Christmas:** \$325.00;  
**Christmas Flowers:** \$502.00; **Campaign for Human Development:** \$142.00; **Donation:** \$10.00; **Religious Ed. Registration:** \$160.00; **Immaculate Conception:** \$ 761.00;  
**Religious Retirement:** \$2,878.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$600.00;  
**Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00; **Assumption:** \$11.00.

**Total: \$24,626.14**

### 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 2020 Preparation Dates:** February 16, March 29, May 17 and June 28. **Upcoming 2020 BAPTISM DATES** at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays (for prepared parents): *January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12 (Easter), May 3, June 14, July 12 and August 16*. For sign-ups please call Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or email him at: [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).

### Advent Weekday Evening Masses!

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. **These Masses continue through Monday, December 23.** All are welcome.

### Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church we encourage you to come forward. You may meet with Bishop McManus or his delegate, Mrs. Judith Audette, the Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention (508-929-4363).

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ADVANCE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24**

**4:00 pm Mass**

*(with overflow in Johnson Room for Telecast)*

**6:00 pm Mass**

*(9:30 pm Christmas pre-Mass Concert)*

**10:00 pm Mass**

**Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25**

**Masses at 8:00 am & 10:00 am**

### *A Reflection on Advent*

Today, we live in between the time of Christ's appearance on earth two thousand years ago and his coming in glory sometime in the future. With another ten days of Advent remaining we can still have a wonderful season. This is a time of waiting as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord at Christmas. During this season we draw on the memory of when Israel, during its most difficult times, and put its hope in the promises of God. And we pray for God to save us right now. Both of these happen as we wait for Christ's second coming.

Some of the passages from Isaiah are like looking through a rear view mirror. They take us back six centuries before Christ to the time of Israel's utter destruction when her people were living in Babylon in exile. "God, shake the mountains and come down." God, save us. The whole nation had been destroyed. The capital city, Jerusalem, lay in ruins and so too its Temple. For 70 years its people were exiled in a distant land. Over time Israel came to believe that it was their infidelity to God that caused this exile. They prayed for deliverance and promised God they'd be found doing what's right. Our prayer is that God will deliver us from personal exile, personal despair, any sense of loss, any form of spiritual darkness. Advent calls us from whatever darkness we experience. It calls us to live in the knowledge that God hears and answers us.

The key is letting God into our lives to shape us. "You are our father, O Lord; we are the clay and you the potter," says Isaiah. Well, what kind of clay are we? Will we let sometimes hardened hearts soften, be molded by God who wants to shape us into people of mercy? What enslaves me? Where do I need personal change? Whom do I need to love more? These are great questions.

In Sunday Masses we now hear John the Baptist. It was his task to make the Savior known, the One who had already come but was still unknown. John called us to prepare a way for the Lord! We do that by caring for the poor, taking seriously those friends who want to reveal Christ to us, going to confession and Mass, and by making more time for prayer. With motivation each of us can grow spiritually in Advent. Then our Christmas experience will be exuberant. This happens when love deepens and when we welcome the Lord into our lives.

*Monsignor Tom Sullivan*

### Religious Education Classes

*This Week & Next...*

**Religious Education classes** for those students in **Grades 1-6** will meet **today, Sunday, December 15**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. **Grades 7-10** will meet **tonight, Sunday, December 15**, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

There are **no classes schedule for Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** because of Christmas week. **Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5.**

### Winners of the Poster Contest

We would like to thank all those who participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Posters will be displayed in the foyer. Here are the winners:

**5-7 year old category:** 1st: Madeleine Church; 2nd: Lillian Head, 3rd: Lydia Penny

**8-10 year old category:** 1st: Sophia Penny; 2nd: Khloey Boquist; 3rd: Josie Rushton

**11-14 year old category:** 1st: Steve McDonald; 2nd: Julia Merriam

We would also like to recognize Alyssa Merriam, Sophia Wall, Henry Penny, Anna Maloney, Cate Zamarro and Leo Zamarro for their participation. These kids did a wonderful job!

### 'March for Life' Registration Info!

**Plan now to attend the 47th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020!** Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, January 23 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., in time for the Friday morning Mass ~ followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25. The cost is \$80 per seat for registrations postmarked by December 31, and \$95 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full, or until January 13, whichever comes first. For more details and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or email [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org). If you can't attend this year but want to help please consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!

### Advent Prayer Program

The Sisters of Saint Anne continue their annual Advent Prayer Program at Marie Anne Center at St. Bernard Church, 228 Lincoln St., Worcester on **Tuesdays, Dec. 10 and 17 from 10 - 11:30 am**. The remaining presenter is Sr. Yvette Bellerose (this Tuesday, December 17).

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.ctkworc.org).

### Catholic Girls Club

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:kyleandmelissa2004@gmail.com).

### Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Linley Marie Long** and **Xander Frederick Kotsopoulos** who were baptized here on Sunday, December 8th by Msgr. Sullivan. Linley's parents are Jonathan and Kelly (White) Long who just relocated here from Seattle, WA. Her godparents were Kevin White and Jaclyn Buckley. Her grandparents are Patrick and Karen White of our parish. Xander's parents are Adam and Melinda (Granlund) Kotsopoulos. His godparents were Erik Kotsopoulos and Lyndsay Gareau. May Linley and Xander always live in the light of Christ!

## Highlights of the Week Ahead

### Saturday, December 14

7:05 pm - KofC at Railers Game

### Sunday, December 15 - Advent III

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

2:00 pm - Mass for Audrey Santo

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

### Monday, December 16

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Leaders, Lower Rectory

### Tuesday, December 17

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

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

### Wednesday, December 18

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

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

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

### Thursday, December 19

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 20

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

3:30-5:30 pm - Daisies, Hall

6:30-8:30 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall

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

### Sunday, December 22 - Advent IV

Afternoon - church decorated

## HOSPITAL VISITS

Msgr. Sullivan is honored to support you and your family during times of illness by visiting the hospitals. **RARELY DO UMASS (LAKE) HOSPITAL OR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT PATIENTS' RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.** So, we are entirely dependent on information we receive from family or friends. **St. Vincent's Hospital's records are excellent, and "St. V's" provides current information in a timely way.** Please call the rectory to advise us that someone is in the hospital so that Msgr. Sullivan can visit that person.

### Msgr. Sullivan thanks Folk Group for Funeral Music

Msgr. Sullivan wants to express his thanks for the beautiful music they recently provided for the funeral of Paula Hamann, the director of our CYC musicals in recent years. Most of our members were able to be present for the Mass. Your music was exquisite, so perfect for so solemn an occasion. Thank you: Jonathan Bezdegian, Magdalena Boelsterl, Lydia Bove, Suzanne Burke, Benjamin Coderre, Dick Freije, Elise Jacques, Sr. Janet Provost and Molly Thompson.

## **You have a God-given mission!**

You are an irreplaceable child of God - with a job for you alone. A healthy sense of self-worth can help you know and fulfill your mission in life.

## **You can make a difference!**

One good deed may seem insignificant but may be all that's needed to overcome some evil. All who work with God change things for the better.

## **Constructive action works miracles!**

Emphasize what can be done, rather than what cannot. Complaining wastes time and energy. Things improve when more people build up and fewer tear down. With God's help, everything is possible.

***“Be not overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.”***

*(Romans 12:21)*

Each of us has, by the grace of God, the power to change the world for the better. Every act of care and concern for others has a ripple effect, touching many lives. The love to which we are called by the Gospel extends not only to our neighbors, but to all who live on God's earth - today and in time to come. So, go into the marketplace, into a job of your own choosing, without fanfare or flag-waving. Where there is hate, bring in love; where there is darkness, carry light. The mere fact that you are alive, reading these words, no matter your age, the state of your health or physical condition, means that you have been chosen by God to perform some work that no other person can do. If you wish to leave the world better than you found it, you must be convinced that you have been put here for a purpose. To each of us, individually and personally, Christ is continually saying: “As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” (John 20:21)

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