



# 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.

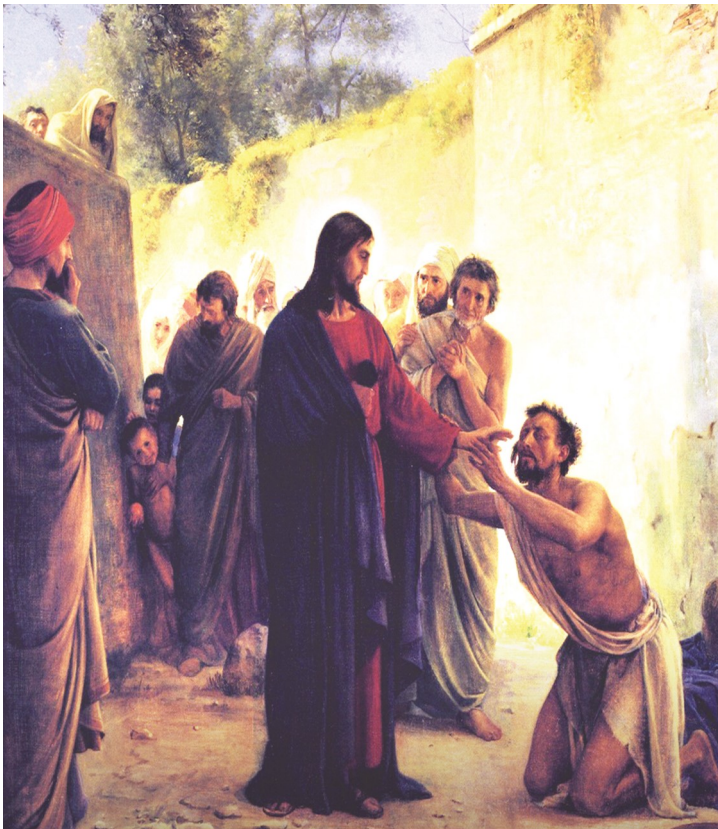
**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

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)



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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**Private Masses will be offered by Msgr. Sullivan and Fr. Reidy for the following:**

**Saturday—March 21st**

John and Patricia Dolan, Jr. (mem.) req. of family

**Sunday—March 22nd**

Helen and Francis McGrath (mem.) req. of family,  
Deceased Members of the Hackett, Bolduc, Podmostaka and Siwicki Families, and Parishioners of Christ the King

**Wednesday—March 25th**

Florence C. Dulude (41st anniv.) req. of family

**Thursday—March 26th**

Louise Moore (mem.) req. of Mark and Monique Czyzewski

**Saturday—March 28th**

Oriette Alix (mem.) req. of Joseph and Carol Carlomagno

**Sunday—March 29th**

Parishioners of Christ the King,  
Frances Hawkins (mem.) req. of The Burke Family, and  
Deceased Members of the Cousineau and Curran Families

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paula J. Sullivan**, the mother of Sean Sullivan.

**Pope Francis Addresses the Pandemic**

In Pope Francis' virtual papal audience last Sunday he said, *"in the present situation, in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of the communion that unites all the members of the church. United to Christ we are never alone, we form one body, of which he is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer, and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is much recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament...I renew my closeness to all who are sick and to those who care for them."* He thanked all for their cooperation and prayed, *"May God bless you and Our Lady protect you."*

**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 for last weekend are as follows:

**Offertory:** \$8,475.50; **Mass Stipends:** \$80.00;  
**Fuel:** \$287.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$78.00;  
**Catholic Home Missions:** \$23.00; **Church in Latin America:** \$20.00.; **Easter Flowers:** \$355.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$5.00;  
**Funeral Stipend:** \$300.00.

**Total: \$9,623.50**

**BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS**

During this unique time in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis please just call Monsignor Sullivan to inquire about baptisms and discuss your hopes and arrangements - at 508-754-5361 - or email him at: [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).

**Free Online 'Magnificat'**

During this difficult time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, the publishers of **MAGNIFICAT** are honored to make their online version of **MAGNIFICAT** temporarily available to everyone and free of charge at <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

Free temporary access is also available in Spanish at [www.magnificat.com/gratis](http://www.magnificat.com/gratis).

It is their hope and ours that everyone will take this opportunity to pray with **MAGNIFICAT** in union with the Church each Sunday and weekday. Please pray with us for a speedy and safe end to this time of difficulty in our world.

**A message from the Pastor at Les Anglais, Haiti**

We have received the following message from Father Wilson Exantus André, OMI, the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Les Anglais, Haiti:

"Dear Monsignor Sullivan,

On behalf of all the parents of the students of the Notre Dame de Lourdes Presbyteral School, I would like to thank the Diocese of Worcester, in particular the Parish of Christ the King for the great financial support provided to the Notre Dame de Lourdes School. Thanks to your support, teachers regularly receive their salaries. Students receive a hot meal two to three times a week. Many do not receive one at home. I want to inform you that I received the monthly sum of 700 dollars which was deposited at the Fon Koze bank. You will receive the reports for 2019 shortly. Thank you once again for your financial support. God bless you and keep you."

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

Bishop McManus has announced the following changes:

**All daily and Sunday Masses are suspended.** The obligation to take part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation is thereby lifted. All Mass intentions will be honored by our priests through private Masses. The church will be open for private prayer between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm as long as the number of persons present at any time does not exceed 25 persons.

Parishioners are encouraged to **watch Mass on television.** A live broadcast of the Sunday Mass will be offered by Bishop McManus at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings on Charter channel 193. It will be repeated at 6:00 pm. Weekday Masses will be offered at 9:00 am on Charter channel 193. A schedule is being developed for Masses in Spanish. The readings for the Mass each day can be found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Parish priests will not have access to our hospitals,** nursing homes, rehab centers and assisted living facilities. In the hospitals only existing in-house chaplains will provide pastoral care. Two priests in each deanery (or defined area) will be trained and assigned to all serious pastoral emergencies **for at-home visits.** They will be relieved of all other pastoral duties.

**All confessions are suspended.** In the case of the dying only those two trained priests (above) will be hearing confessions.

**ALL religious education classes and all meetings** at Christ the King are **suspended.**

Priests are urged to remain in the rectory and maintain phone, email and social media contact with parishioners.

**Parishioners and visitors should not visit the rectory** at this time. The Chancery Offices of the Diocese will be closed to the public during this period.

**Funeral Masses** may be celebrated with the immediate family only (limited to 15 people). Staggered seating will be necessary for these funerals. The doors of the church will be locked once the family has arrived. Families will be provided the opportunity to celebrate only the Rites of Committal at the cemetery (with a Funeral Mass to be scheduled sometime in the future when the crisis is over).

### Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on **Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.** **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

### Vacation Bible School this Summer

This summer, Christ the King will be holding a Vacation Bible School. A Vacation Bible School is a fun morning program for children, ages 4-10, filled with songs, crafts, games, and Bible lessons. Our Vacation Bible School will be run the week of **July 13-17 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.** Be sure to mark it on your calendar. Registration information will be coming soon! In order to run a Vacation Bible School we need a few volunteers to help out: about 4 adults to run various stations the children go to and several teens to help lead the groups of kids and run the music and outdoor game areas. Running a station is easy with the materials we provide. If you are interested in helping contact **Judi Brennan** at [ctkedu1052@gmail.com](mailto:ctkedu1052@gmail.com).

### Act of Spiritual Communion *...for these unique times...*

**Lord Jesus,** I firmly believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all else and desire you with my whole soul. I ardently wish to receive you today, with all the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary and with all the joy and fervor of the saints.

Since I am prevented from receiving you sacramentally I fervently ask that you come spiritually and visit my soul.

During this Lenten season, may this Eucharistic fast to which I must submit lead me to be in communion with your sufferings and above all with the feeling of abandonment which You experienced on the Cross when you cried "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me."

May this Eucharistic fast lead me to be in communion with the feelings of your most holy Mother and of Saint Joseph when they lost you in the Jerusalem temple and with the feelings of your Holy Mother when she received your lifeless Body at the foot of the Cross.

May this Eucharistic fast lead me to be in communion with the sufferings of your Mystical Body, the Church, everywhere in the world where persecutions or the absence of priests impede sacramental life.

May this Eucharistic fast lead me to understand that the Eucharist is a boundless gift bestowed by your Love and not a right in view of my spiritual comfort.

May this Eucharistic fast be an act of reparation for all the times when I received you in a heart not adequately prepared, with indifference, without love and without expressing thanksgiving.

May this Eucharistic fast increase always more profoundly my hunger to receive you really and substantially when circumstances once more permit – your Body, your Blood, your Soul and your Divinity.

Until then dearest Lord, come and visit us spiritually with Your grace so as to strengthen us in all our trials.

MARANATHA! Come Lord Jesus!

### 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).

#### *Partners in Charity!*

#### **Please Contribute**

**Diocesan Goal: \$5 million**  
**CTK Goal: \$110,700**  
**28% of CTK Families Have Donated**

For those who have not already donated we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2020 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Donor envelopes can be found in the rear of the church, near the large glass inner windows or near the bulletin racks. Please be generous and return the envelope in next week's collection or through the mail or by dropping it off at the rectory. Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead.

Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Just a few examples are those living at the Nazareth Home for Boys ~ the care of fifty-two retired priests ~ poor families served by Pernet Family Health Service ~ seniors receiving home health care through Catholic Charities ~ children seeking a good education ~ those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate ~ the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more!

### Shopping for First Communion Gifts?

For your child, grandchild or other relatives. Simply go to [www.prospecthillco.com](http://www.prospecthillco.com). Click on 'Parish Fundraiser' at the top of the home page. Over 70 great ideas in their thoughtful selection, including prayer books, Bibles, missal kits, rosary beads, sports medals, music boxes, crosses with chains, etc. **25% of your purchase goes back to our parish.**

### 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.

### Literacy Volunteers Needed

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester has been providing English language skills to help people thrive since 1973. We offer free, flexible, confidential, and individualized one-to-one tutoring for adults learning to speak English as well as adults developing basic literacy skills. In recent years, the demand for our English services has continued to grow. With over 100 students waiting for a volunteer tutor, we are calling on you to dedicate up to two hours a week to change someone's life. If you are over 18, have at least a high school diploma, and speak English proficiently, you can learn to tutor someone who is learning English. We provide a free, 18-hour training before matching you with a student, and we provide ongoing support and workshops to help you become the best tutor you can be! For more information and to apply, please visit [www.lvgw.org](http://www.lvgw.org) or call us at 508-754-8056.

### Trip to Poland In October

Fr. Walter Riley of Immaculate Conception Parish is leading a trip to Poland this October 12-22. The trip will include visits to Warsaw, Gdansk, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, Krakow, Malbork Castle, House of Nicholas Copernicus and the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. Other sites too. For the entire itinerary and signup sheet, visit [icworc.com](http://icworc.com), Parish Pilgrimage to Poland.

### Watching Mass on Your Computer

You can pray with us and watch the Mass on our own diocesan website at the following link:

<https://livestream.com/diocesefworcester/dailymass>.

Also, during this crisis you can access the daily Mass on your computer. **Bishop Robert Barron** and his *Word on Fire* network concelebrants provide the daily Mass on the following computer link:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>.

### Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope and healing. The Church encourages 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 (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-929-4363). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

## A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: *Be not afraid, for I am with you always.*

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants. Give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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