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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)



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—July 25th

4:00PM Brian Woods (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—July 26th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Germaine "Gerry" Seibold (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

11:00AM Sr. Ellen M. Guerin, RSM (mem.) req. of Barbara Ramian

Monday—July 27th

7:00AM Sr. Ellen M. Guerin, RSM (mem.) req. of James D. Brock

Tuesday—July 28th

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

Wednesday—July 29th

7:00AM Special Intention (mem.) req. of Alice Fenlon

Thursday—July 30th

7:00AM Katriana M. Wilk (mem.) req. of Stephanie Twine-Haig

Friday—July 31st

7:00AM Sr. Ellen M. Guerin, RSM (mem.) req. of James D. Brock

Saturday—August 1st

8:00AM Thomas O'Connor (mem.) req. of Jack & Julie O'Connor

4:00PM Mary "Peg" Shea (2nd anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—August 2nd

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Jim, Jane and James Rourke (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Rita Gallant (10th anniv.) req. of family

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (7:00 am, Monday-Friday; Saturdays 8:00 am all year). The Mass brings many special graces! And it is a great way to begin the day. This week our Masses celebrate **St. Martha** (Wednesday); **St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); **St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest** (Friday); **St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Saturday).

Recent Offertory Donations

Thanks for your continuing donations at Mass, through the mail, dropping them off and online (at ctkworc.org). You can make donations in the foyer of the church before Mass begins in the large donations basket there. Ushers are not permitted to pass the baskets at this time. **Since Mindy is away on a scheduled vacation and is unable to tabulate collections and donations for the period of July 13 through August 3 they will be reported in the August 9 bulletin.**

BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

With the new guidelines given by Bishop McManus we are now able to celebrate private baptisms again and some are already now taking place (using safety the protocols with which you are aware). Please call Monsignor Sullivan to inquire about baptisms and discuss your hopes and arrangements - at 508-754-5361 - or email him at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Howard F. LaHair**, the father of Michelle Johnson, and **Robert C. Mita**, the brother of Kevin Mita.

Please 'Make Up' Your Envelopes

We realize that most parishioners have not been able to come to Mass since early March. For those who have not made online donations or who have not mailed in or dropped off their offertory envelopes or made an offering at Mass we hope that you will 'make up' your Offertory envelopes for the months of this pandemic. Then, the parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.

Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public... and can serve you even now!

Monsignor Sullivan is a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized, even now during the pandemic, you are welcome to call upon him. There is no fee. Just call the rectory should you need this service. Please wear a mask and we keep appropriate social distance.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

In a special way, our parish community welcomes Father John Gavin, S.J., from the Jesuit community at the College of the Holy Cross. Father Gavin will be offering one of our Masses each Sunday morning. **Today**, he will offer our **7:30am Mass**. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Holy Cross and his fields of concentration are in Catholic theology and patristics (the study of the ancient Church Fathers). His doctorate is from the *Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum* in Rome. Those of you who participate in our Annual Novena to St. Joseph know him as a regular homilist each year. For many years Father Gavin has celebrated Mass at a local parish in addition to his teaching responsibilities. We welcome this good priest!

Low Gluten Hosts for Communion

We offer 'low-gluten' Communion hosts (gluten content of less than 0.01%). Please speak to Msgr. Sullivan prior to Mass so that we can offer this special host to you.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For Catholics who wish to know more about their faith, we announce...

'Pivotal Players'
Coming Here this Fall!

Let us know if you wish to participate!

Christ the King will offer 'Pivotal Players,' the highly acclaimed 'New Evangelization' program on **Thursday evenings this coming fall**. All are welcome and be sure to invite your friends. The program was produced by Bishop Robert Barron and the **Word on Fire** initiative. We'll offer special DVD presentations of the highest quality and have discussion groups. The program **begins on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.** (with dinner). Each Thursday we will begin with dinner (free will offerings accepted). The program concludes by 9:00 p.m. each evening.

The schedule is as follows: *St. Francis of Assisi: The Reformer* (Sept. 10); *St. Thomas Aquinas: The Theologian* (Sept. 17); *St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic* (Sept. 24); *St. John Henry Newman: The Convert* (Oct. 1); *G.K. Chesterton: The Evangelist* (Oct. 8); *Michelangelo: The Artist* (Oct. 15); *St. Augustine: The Teacher* (Oct. 22); *St. Benedict: The Monk* (Oct. 29); *Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: The Communicator* (Nov. 5); *Flannery O'Connor: The Storyteller* (Nov. 12).

Please let Msgr. Tom know if you would like to participate. You can call him at **508-754-5361** or email him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence to the Pietà at St. Peter's and to the Sistine Chapel. And much more.

REGISTER NOW FOR 2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A few weeks ago Religious Education registration forms were mailed to all those families (registered in the parish or otherwise known to us) for (next year's) Grade 1 through (next year's) Grade 10. Please complete the simple forms and get them back to us with your check for the religious education fee. If you did not receive one (or perhaps mislaid it) please **call us at 508-754-5361** and we can send one in the mail or by email. The Confirmation program has a separate registration process. Those candidates should contact Msgr. Sullivan.

Coming to Mass Now...

We've had wonderful re-opening Mass experiences the past 7 weekends. As we write, we've celebrated several funerals, baptisms for an adult and several children and a wedding. All other forms of meetings are not yet permitted.

Persons who are ill should not come to Mass at this time.

All people must wear a mask throughout the Mass with the **following exceptions...**(1) children under the age of 2 **should not wear** a mask; (2) parents will use their own discretion for those children between the age of 2 and 5 years old; (3) if a person has a medical or disabling condition they are not required to wear a mask.

Family members may sit together in the same pew. With the exception of your own family members you must sit at least six feet apart from others. Social distancing is required. Every alternate pew is left empty. We've marked off the pews with tape. The manner in which people receive Holy Communion is announced at each Mass. We are assisted by "guides" as well as floor markings to enable this to happen correctly. Instructions are offered to people entering and exiting the church.

INDOOR CONFESSIONS

Confessions are offered indoors on Saturday afternoons, from **2:45 to 3:45 p.m.** These confessions **do not take place in the regular confession room** adjacent to the church foyer (where the space is too small). **Confessions are heard in the Johnson Room.** You will have the option of going to confession anonymously (behind a screen) or face-to-face. Please wear a mask. And we keep social distancing. If someone is in the Johnson Room ahead of you please wait until that person leaves the room and then enter.

Want to Become Catholic? Or Complete Your Sacramental Initiation?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ~ It's for non-baptized adults ~ or baptized Christians who wish to become Catholic ~ or baptized Catholic adults (who never received First Communion or Confirmation) and with little or no religious formation. Candidates are prepared throughout the year and are baptized or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass in 2021.

Adult Confirmation Prep ~ For baptized and practicing Catholics who have received First Communion but were never confirmed. We meet five times from November to January. Bishop McManus then celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults on a Sunday afternoon in February.

If you are interested in either of these programs, please contact Monsignor Tom Sullivan at 508-754-5361 ~ tsullivan5@mac.com.

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 [mindyd1052@gmail.com](mailto:mindy1052@gmail.com).

Announcing A New Bible Series for the Coming Year

Monsignor Sullivan will offer a new Bible series for the year ahead (free of charge, of course). It will feature a complete study of **The Gospel of St. Luke**, a rich and colorful Gospel. Recall the previous programs offered in recent years: the *Gospel of St. Mark*, the *Acts of the Apostles*, the *Letters of St. Paul* and the *Confessions* of St. Augustine. In the new format there will be twelve sessions, each devoted to two chapters of Luke's 24-chapter Gospel. The program will take place in the Johnson Room on Monday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm, and begin the week after the Novena to St. Joseph concludes. The dates are November 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14, 21; January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1 & 8. If you are interested you can email him at any time (tsullivan5@mac.com) or call him at 508-754-5361.

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 Women's Guild Scholarship

The Women's Guild of Christ the King is pleased to announce that applications are available for the annual scholarship. This scholarship is offered to any high school senior who is a member of Christ the King Parish and who manifests his/her Christian spirit by service to others. 2020 marks the TWENTY-FIFTH year the Guild has been able to offer this award. Thank you to everyone who has supported this and other charities through the Guild through your membership and donations. For an **application**, please contact **Kathleen Murray** at 508-798-2498 or by email: kathleensmurray@charter.net.

USE OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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

MASS HELPERS NEEDED

In recent weeks we have heavily relied on a few parishioners to greet folks as they come into Mass and sanitize their hands as they enter and again at Holy Communion. These volunteers have done a wonderful job. But it is now time to share the load a bit. If you feel you would like to share in this effort please contact Msgr. Sullivan by calling (508-754-5361) or emailing him (tsullivan5@mac.com) and specify which Mass you would like to help at. Thanks.

FLOCKNOTES MESSAGES!

Are you Hearing from Us?

We certainly hope that you are receiving our Flocknotes messages. It is the primary way that we are communicating with our parishioners at this time. If you are not receiving them please contact either Monsignor Tom Sullivan (tsullivan5@mac.com) or Kris Correia (krisedpa@live.com) to have your name and email address added to our growing list. God bless!

Making Parish Donations Online

Use: ctkworc.org

Even though we're abiding by the firmest regulations of social distancing ever asked, the parish is not asleep. A great deal of work is being conducted. During this unusual period you can help our parish maintain its financial obligations because they remain the same (staff salaries, insurances, heat, etc.). If your family finances are stable at this time we would ask that you please continue your support of the parish offertory. You can mail us a check or your parish offertory envelopes. Or drop them through the mail slot at the rectory's front door. Or donate at Mass.

And we have created an option for simple online giving. 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.**' There you will be able to make a donation to the parish using your credit card or use the "check" option to transfer funds directly from your checking account.

Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Novena to St. Joseph Begins in September!

Our 9th Annual Novena to St. Joseph begins on **Monday, September 14**, at 7:15 pm. Running for nine consecutive Mondays it will conclude on November 9. Each evening lasts just 45 minutes and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Novena is open to all who wish to come. Beginning in August parishioners can call or email us the names of those who are seriously or terminally ill for whom we will pray.

Our homilists this year are: **Msgr. Sullivan** (Sept. 14); **Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone** (Sept. 21); **Bishop Robert J. McManus** (Sept. 28); **Fr. Stephen Gemme** (Oct. 5); **Fr. John Gavin, SJ** (Oct. 12); **Msgr. Peter Beaulieu** (Oct. 19); **Catherine Pimley** (Oct. 26); **'Jo' Massarelli** (Nov. 2); and **Msgr. Sullivan** (Nov. 9).

2021 Confirmation Interviews Now

Msgr. Sullivan is currently conducting Confirmation (Spring, 2021) interviews for *rising high school juniors*. Each candidate of whom we are aware has received a personal letter as have their parents. To date one half of the class has been interviewed. If you have not yet been interviewed please contact him for an interview time (508-754-5362 or tsullivan5@mac.com). At the 30-minute interview candidates and Monsignor are **masked** and keep **social distance**. Confirmation is that sacrament which *completes* a Catholic person's initiation into the Catholic Church. The candidate for Confirmation has already been baptized, has received the Eucharist, prepares spiritually and intellectually for the final Sacrament of Initiation, and comes to Mass each Sunday to participate in the Eucharist with the Catholic community.

RESIST PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

In early June the Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Health made a "favorable" recommendation on **Physician Assisted Suicide** and did so by a **secret ballot** (because the members know how controversial this issue is). If this bill, **S2745** ("An Act relative to end of life options"), is passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor **PAS** will become law in Massachusetts and will overturn the efforts of thousands to resist it all these years.

For the past four months we've witnessed the heroics of healthcare professionals in doing whatever they could to preserve the lives of those with COVID-19 ~ such an enormous effort to save the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions. Isn't it strange that now some want **PAS** for essentially the same population demographic?

The Catholic Church teaches that life begins at conception and should end naturally. All human life is God's gift. Every person has God-given dignity. That's our most basic reason for resisting **PAS**. But there are other serious flaws with this proposed legislation: **(1)** The "six months or less to live" prognosis is often wrong. Many patients live for many more months or years; **(2)** The frail, elderly or disabled often feel pressured to partake in **PAS**; **(3)** There is no requirement that a doctor, nurse, family member or any other witness be present at the time the lethal prescribed drugs are taken. What happens if something goes wrong?; **(4)** The lethal drugs used are picked up at the local pharmacy. No safeguards exist to prevent access to the drugs once the prescription is filled. If a patient decides not to go forward with **PAS** the lethal drugs may remain in the household and are available for misuse by anyone; **(5)** A family member who may benefit financially from the death of a relative may exert undue influence on the patient considering **PAS**; **(6)** A patient may consider **PAS** because he or she does not want to be a "burden" to the family. This is particularly true for the disability community.

We must do what we can to prevent **S2745** from becoming law. The best way is to call our local representatives and leave word. Or, second, email them. Contact information for senators and representatives is available at:

<https://malegislature.gov/StateHouse/Contact>
