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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)



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—August 15th

4:00PM Paul Francis Thomas (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—August 16th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Neil Hickey (2nd anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Mary E. DiPilato (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

Monday—August 17th

7:00AM George “Rob” Campbell (mem.) req. of Joseph and Carol Carlomagno

Tuesday—August 18th

7:00AM Ryan Chaffea (mem.) req. of The Jacobs Family

Wednesday—August 19th

7:00AM Paul Bottis (mem.) req. of Joseph and Priscilla Johnston

Thursday—August 20th

7:00AM Anne Carroll (mem.) req. of Edward and Maureen Quinn

Saturday—August 22nd

8:00AM Elizabeth “Betty” Phelan McManus (birthday) req. of The Gibbons Family

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

Sunday—August 23rd

7:30AM Ralph Warner (mem.) req. of Fran and Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM George and Michael Ratté (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **our deceased family and friends.**

Please ‘Make Up’ Your Envelopes

We realize that some parishioners have not been able to come to Mass since early March and that many others have been away on vacation. 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 these recent weeks or months. Then, the parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations.

Congratulations Newly-Baptized!

Congratulations to **Merrick James Simokonis** who was baptized here last Sunday by Msgr. Sullivan while his family was visiting from Florida. Merrick’s parents are Tim and Katie (Kelley) Simokonis. His grandparents are Tom and Cathy (Marshall) Simokonis of the parish. May Merrick always live in the light of Christ!

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. John Eudes, Priest** (Wednesday); **St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); **St. Pius X, Pope** (Friday); and **the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (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. Donations for last weekend were as follows:

Offertory: \$6,787.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,660.00;
Mass Stipends: \$170.00; **Religious Education Registration:** \$200.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$70.00;
Assumption: \$115.00; **Church in Eastern Europe:** \$422.00;
Catholic School Appeal: \$5.00; **Wedding Stipend:** \$200.00;
Baptism Stipend: \$150.00.

Total: \$9,779.00

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.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 7:30 am Mass today.

Congratulations, Newlyweds!

We congratulate Kathryn Richard and Chad Coporale who celebrated their wedding here last Saturday. Kathryn is a lifelong parishioner of Christ the King (and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion here) and Chad grew up in Dudley and Webster. Both are teachers. The couple, while remaining parishioners of Christ the King, will make their home in Webster.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Msgr. Sullivan is honored to support you and your family during times of illness by visiting the hospitals. **NEVER DO UMASS (at the 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR 2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In early June 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. Subsequently, we have emailed them to all through Flocknotes. 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.

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.

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.

Coming to Mass Now...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **12 weekends**. We are regularly celebrating weddings, baptisms, funerals in addition to all Masses. 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.

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.

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.

Have Your Marriage Blessed?

We've learned, over time, that some (civilly) married parishioners have never entered into a sacramental marriage. Please call Msgr. Sullivan about having your marriage "blessed" if you would like to pursue this. 508-754-5361.

MASS HELPERS NEEDED

For the past eleven 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.

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.

Low Gluten Hosts Available for Holy Communion

For several years we've been offering 'low-gluten' hosts for those who cannot tolerate gluten. These hosts meet the requirements of the Catholic Church for Holy Communion in terms of ingredients and gluten content. The Holy See and the American bishops have endorsed certain breads that are low in gluten content. The hosts we use have gluten content of less than 0.01%. It is important for the person requiring this special host to speak to Msgr. Sullivan prior to Mass so that we can offer this special host to you.

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.

Partners in Charity!

Please Contribute
Diocesan Goal: \$5 million
37% of CTK Families Have Donated

The Diocese has now achieved 80% of its goal this year which is well behind where we would normally be given the coronavirus pandemic. Our Diocese needs your assistance if you have not already made a gift.

Although Christ the King has done very well this appeal is meant to engage all the people of all our parishes. 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 book rack in the church foyer. Please be generous and return the envelope to us. **All checks** should be made payable to "**Partners in Charity**" (not Christ the King). Or you can offer your gift online this year. In that case please go to partners-charity.net/donate.

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. Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

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.

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).

Special Thanks for the Church Sanitizing

As we have said numerous times the church is being sanitized after each Mass. It is about the safest place to be. In a special way we want to thank those three families who have been doing it on weekends: the Zamarros, the McDonalds and the Pennys. What a great effort they've made these three months after all the Masses. Thaddeus, our custodian, has been doing it during the week. We thank the Thompson family for supplying much of the sanitizer early on in the re-opening effort and the Alvarez family for their major product donation as well. Please feel safe in coming to Mass.

Why Come to Sunday Mass?

The American Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, when conducting a retreat for teens, once gave a talk on the meaning of the Mass. He said, “If you don’t get anything out of Mass, it’s because you don’t bring the right expectations to it.” It is not entertainment. It is worship of the God who made us and saves us, an opportunity to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us. If we have a correct understanding of Mass it becomes more meaningful for us. We’ll want to go to Mass. We’ll understand why the Mass is God’s precious gift to us, and we wouldn’t think of refusing that gift. Here are some reasons to go to Mass:

The third of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God is, “**Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.**”

The Mass was instituted at the Last Supper by Jesus. **He said, “Do this in memory of me.”** When we participate in the Mass we remember his great act of love for us on the Cross so that we can live with him forever in heaven.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is the first of the six *Commandments of the Church*. These **commandments** also require receiving Communion at least once a year during the Easter season, confessing any mortal sin as a preparation for Communion, and observing the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.

The **Mass is the perfect sacrifice** created by Jesus. Through the priest we offer Jesus, *Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity*, to the Father, just as Jesus offered Himself to the Father on the Cross.

Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” **Receiving Holy Communion strengthens our union with Jesus.** He lives within us in a special way. The Mass increases our love of God and neighbor.

God wants us to **come together in community** to worship Him. Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in your midst.”

God will help us experience the tremendous benefits of the Mass. Bring an **attitude of prayer and thanksgiving** to Mass, and you will reap great spiritual riches: consolation, confidence, happiness, and spiritual strength for the challenges of life.
