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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)



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—August 22nd

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

Monday—August 24th

7:00AM Robert C. Mita (mem.) req. of his brother, Kevin Mita

Tuesday—August 25th

7:00AM Robert George (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

Wednesday—August 26th

7:00AM Sr. Mary Edward (Living) req. of a friend

Thursday—August 27th

7:00AM James E. Walles (birthday) req. of family

Saturday—August 29th

8:00AM Donald P. Swenson (8th anniv.) req. of James D. Brock

4:00PM Ronald Cloutier (mem.) req. of Catherine St. Pierre

Sunday—August 30th

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

9:00AM William Currie (10th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert “Eppy” S. Epstein**, the husband of Trudy Epstein.

URGENT! 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 without delay.**

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 9:00 am Mass today.

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. Bartholomew, Apostle** (Monday); **St. Louis** (Tuesday); **St. Monica** (Thursday); **St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Friday); and **The Passion of Saint John the Baptist** (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: \$5,544.00; **Online Giving:** \$930.00;
Mass Stipends: \$25.00; **Religious Education Registration:**
\$500.00; **Confirmation Registration:** \$80.00;
Donation: \$40.00;
Assumption: \$420.00; **Church in Eastern Europe:** \$70.00;
Wedding Stipend: \$260.00.

Total: \$7,869.00

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.

Religious Education Programs to be Offered Remotely through December

As announced to our parents a week-and-a-half ago our religious education program for Grades 1-10 will be offered remotely through December, paralleling what Worcester’s public schools are doing. We hope for all in-person learning by January. Please recall the message we sent out to all our parishioners that non-worship related events in churches have a 10-person limit. That is why we have to do this at this time. Our catechists are now learning the **FLIPGRID** learning platform for presentations and assignments. It is important that families register at this time because we do not want to leave anyone behind.

The Confirmation class will use a different methodology and that will be explained to registered candidates.

Here are two links that will give you a “taste” of **FLIPGRID**:

<https://vimeo.com/196347461>

<https://help.flipgrid.com/hc/en-us/articles/360051542894-Getting-Started-Students>

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" generally provides current information in a timely way.** Please call Msgr. Sullivan (508-754-5361) to advise him that someone is in the hospital so that he can visit that person.

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 continue to meet its fiscal obligations. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.

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. **Monsignor Sullivan has already begun with one candidate.** 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.

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.

A Christian 'One-Liner'

The best mathematical equation there is:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 givens

Coming to Mass Now...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **13 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 those 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.

Congratulations, Newlyweds!

We congratulate Timothy Stalmok and Meghan Donnelly who celebrated their wedding here last Saturday. Tim, an engineer, has been a parishioner of Christ the King for a number of years and Meghan, a nanny, grew up in Middleborough, MA. The couple will remain parishioners of Christ the King and will make their home in Rutland.

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).

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 Only One Week Remains

As we write, the Diocese has now achieved about 83% of its goal this year. We need over \$800,000 to meet our goal of \$5 million. If you have not already made a gift we need your assistance. Donor envelopes can still be found in the book rack in the church foyer. You can 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. 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. Thank you!

Novena to St. Joseph Will Take Place As Planned!

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. You can call (508-754-5361) or email (tsullivan5@mac.com) 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).

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 Correira (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.

Women's Guild Scholarship Recipient

The Women's Guild is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2020 Christ the King Women's Guild scholarship is Molly Thompson. Molly is a 2020 graduate of Doherty Memorial High School and is the daughter of Anne and David Thompson. She has been a member of the CYC, serving as an officer for three years and as President her senior year. Molly has been an altar server for 10 years and is a member of the folk group at Christ the King.

Molly's Christian spirit and involvement in her community is demonstrated by her service to others as an active member of the UNICEF and Community Outreach Clubs; student council officer and member of the National Honor Society; serving at the Mustard Seed, the Senior luncheon and with the CYC at Camp Sunshine. Through NHS she helped organize a toy drive at Christmas and raised donations for the Fit Club, an organization promoting healthy life styles for school age children. Along with volunteering, Molly played 4 years of Lacrosse and volunteered in a medical office her senior year. Although Covid-19 interrupted our music here Molly's voice could be heard in the songs that were shared over the internet by members of the folk group. Molly will attend Fairfield University to study nursing.

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.

***‘Pivotal Players’ will be offered this Fall...
...but in a different format than we planned!***
Beginning, Thursday, September 10th

We’ve been announcing that CTK would be offering ‘*Pivotal Players*,’ the highly acclaimed video program, this fall. We had planned to do this in-person program with a dinner format. Now we’ve learned that, with the *exception of worship services*, there’s a 10-person limit for all other gatherings in churches. **So we have to change our method.** We **will offer** the program and invite you to join us. All of the videos (they’re exquisite) will be available through **your computer** and our **parish website**. You can view them in the comfort of your home any time you want. Then, for those who wish to discuss the video for 30 minutes, there will be a **ZOOM** discussion through your computer. **ZOOM** discussions will take place on Thursdays (dates below) from **7:15 to 7:45 pm**. Each week Msgr. Sullivan will send a **ZOOM** ‘invitation’ to the email addresses of participants. For those who’ve never used **ZOOM** we can teach you. It’s quite simple and you will see and hear the other participants on your computer screen.

But you need to let us know in advance if you will be participating. You can call him at **508-754-5361** or email him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**. The program **begins on Thursday, September 10th**.

The videos featured are: *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 Story-teller* (Nov. 12).
