



# 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)



**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

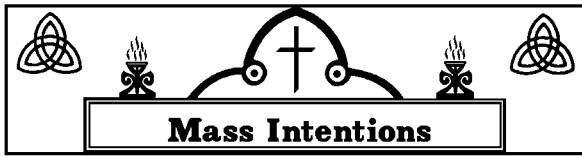


“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

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## CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



### Saturday—August 29th

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

### Monday—August 31st

7:00AM Beatrice Spencer (mem.) req. of a friend

### Thursday—September 3rd

7:00AM Russell L. Messier (mem.) req. of a friend

### Friday—September 4th

7:00AM Alice Fenlon (Living, a happy, special day) req. of a friend

### Saturday—September 5th

8:00AM Rosemary Riordan ( mem.) req. of The Rushton Grandchildren

4:00PM Ryan Chaffee (mem.) req. of Ed and Mary Beth Thomas and family

### Sunday—September 6th

11:00AM Carole Paskalis (birthday) req. of family

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael J. Harris**, the brother of David Harris, **Frances E. Duke**, and **Harold M. Lane**.

### URGENT! REGISTER NOW FOR 2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In early June Religious Education registration forms were mailed out and were also sent out electronically later. Please complete the simple forms and get them back to us with your check for the religious education fee. If you do not have one please **call us at 508-754-5361 as soon as you can**.

### Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 11:00 am Mass today.

### 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.

### 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. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday) and **Saint Teresa of Calcutta** (Saturday).

### Recent Offertory Donations

Thanks for your continuing donations at Mass, through the mail, dropping them off and online (at [ctkworc.org](http://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:** \$6,980.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,375.00;  
**Mass Stipends:** \$140.00; **Religious Education Registration:** \$320.00; **Confirmation Registration:** \$200.00;  
**Funeral Stipend:** \$600.00;  
**Assumption:** \$87.00; **Church in Eastern Europe:** \$38.00;  
**Fuel:** 10.00; **Home Mission:** \$5.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$10.00.

**Total: \$9,765.00**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).**

### 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. Msgr. Sullivan, Thaddeus Iwueke, our custodian, and Jim Hanlan, a new parishioner and volunteer, have been doing it during the week. Please feel safe in coming to Mass.

### Coming to Mass Now...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **14 weekends.** We are regularly celebrating weddings, baptisms and 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.

### 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](http://www.ckworc.org).

### CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group' Meets Each First Friday September 4, 7:30-8:30 pm

Tony Penny and Anthony Zamarro of our parish are spearheading this new group here for men's spiritual growth. The plan is to meet for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. The format may vary a bit from month to month but we will incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. Following the hour the men may get a bite to eat off campus. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. The group will meet on First Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

### 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](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com) and he will respond.

### *Partners in Charity!* Please Contribute ANNUAL APPEAL ENDS TOMORROW

The Diocese has now achieved 85% of its goal this year. We need \$750,000 to meet our goal of \$5 million. If you have not already made a gift we need your assistance. 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](http://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* STARTS IN TWO WEEKS!

Our 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com)) or Kris Correira ([krisedpa@live.com](mailto:krisedpa@live.com)) to have your name and email address added to our growing list. God bless!

### Making Parish Donations Online

Use: [ctkworc.org](http://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](http://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.

The Women's Guild congratulates all the 2020 graduating seniors and offers our best wishes, whether they are pursuing further education, entering the work force or the military.

***‘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).

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