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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)



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—September 12th

4:00PM Anne Marie Gibbons (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—September 13th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Madelyn and Cornelius Hickey (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Philip Murphy (3rd anniv.) req. of family

Monday—September 14th

7:00AM Rev. Dennis Rocheford (mem.) req. of Helen Rehberg

Thursday—September 17th

7:00AM Clara Farquhar (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—September 19th

4:00PM Philip St. Martin (6 month) and Joanne St. Martin (4th anniv.) req. of their children

Sunday—September 20th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Richard Gaudette (1st anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Marsha Bombard (30th anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Bernard F. Burke** and **John J. Hearn, Sr.** the father of Mary Beth Burke.

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.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

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

Honoring Married Couples on their Wedding Anniversary

Due to the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic, a public celebration of the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will not be held this year. Congratulatory certificates from Bishop McManus to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 will be issued by postal mail. Couples wishing to receive certificates should complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass by **October 15** or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

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 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (Monday); **Our Lady of Sorrows** (Tuesday); **Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs** (Wednesday); **Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); and **Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr** (Saturday).

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. **Due to the Labor Day holiday last weekend our bulletin had to go to press on Friday, September 4th. We will report on last weekend's donations next weekend.**

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.

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.

Thanks for the Church Sanitizing

As we have said numerous times the church is being sanitized after each Mass. The church 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.

**'Pivotal Players' has begun...
...but you can still join in**

'Pivotal Players,' the highly acclaimed video program, began last Thursday night. All of the 'Pivotal Players' videos (they're exquisite) are available **by computer using your Flocknotes account**. We've already told you how to access the videos through **Flocknotes**. You can view the videos in the comfort of your home any time you want. Then, for those who wish to discuss the video for 30 minutes, there are **ZOOM** discussions, again using your computer. They place on Thursdays (dates below) from **7:15 to 7:45 pm**. Each week you will be sent a **ZOOM** 'invitation' to your email address. For those who've never used **ZOOM** we will send you further instructions for that too. It's quite simple and you will see and hear the other participants on your computer screen. Let us know in advance if you will be participating. You can call Msgr. Sullivan at **508-754-5361** or email him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**. The **ZOOM** discussions **begin on Thursday, September 10th**. The remaining sessions are: *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); and *St. Ignatius of Loyola: The Founder* (November 19).

**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.

**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!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
BEGINS TODAY**

As announced to our parents a few weeks 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. All non-worship related events in churches have a 10-person limit so we must do this at this time. Our catechists have already learned the **FLIPGRID** learning platform for presentations and assignments.

Judi Brennan, our Director of Religious Education, will **email the student assignments each Sunday at 12:00 noon**. The students can complete their assignments any time during the week. **The assignments need to be returned by the following Sunday at 12:00 noon** (when the new assignment will be sent). **"Attendance" will be monitored on the basis of returned assignments**. Each catechist and Judi will be monitoring attendance in this fashion. **Parents will be notified regarding lack of "attendance."**

PICKING UP BOOKS TODAY

As announced earlier, **registered families** (Grades 1 through Confirmation) will pick up their religious education books today (outside the church) from **10:00 to 10:45 am** on the street behind the church (Maxdale Road). Proceed in one direction from the intersection of Pleasant and Cardinal to the rear of the church. The Confirmation Class "station" will be first. Moving in order from there will be Grade 10 and then all other classes in descending order. This is a quick pick-up. Remain in your car as the "masked" catechist gives you the book through the car window and records your name. After picking up your family's books please proceed away from the church. You will need the books to complete the assignments sent by email starting today, September 13. **Families attending the 9:00 am Mass may walk down to the catechists after Mass and then depart from their cars in the parking lot.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

This class will begin by **ZOOM** tonight, September 13. The class will "meet" from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. An email "invitation" has already been sent to you if you had given Mrs. Brennan your personal email address. Please be prompt in "joining" the meeting. You should have your book already for the assignment to be given.

UNREGISTERED FAMILIES

Families may still register but must do so this week. Come to the rectory this week - Monday through Thursday - from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and see **Judi Brennan**.

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).

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.

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.

Thanks for Giving to *Partners in Charity*

I wish to express my gratitude to our parishioners for their generosity to the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal* which concluded two Mondays ago, August 31st, the last day of the fiscal year. As many of you know, our parish exceeded its goal. There were 328 persons and/or families who donated to this vital appeal. Our parish goal was \$110,700. We raised \$196,026 or 177% of goal. This is the highest amount ever raised by Christ the King Parish and to have done so during a pandemic is truly remarkable. I was the highest amount raised by any parish in the Diocese even though many other parishes are much larger. In light of these accomplishments, I offer my deepest appreciation.

Charity is the very heart and center of the plan of God's providence. Your support of 26 charitable, educational, and pastoral programs is an excellent witness of your own Christian generosity. You and I and all those parishioners who participated can take satisfaction in the knowledge that we will help thousands of needy people in the year ahead through assistance given to others by these diocesan charities and agencies.

Unfortunately, it appears as of this writing that the overall campaign only raised between 86% to 87% of its goal of \$5 million so the year ahead will be challenging for the Diocese. But we can be proud of our effort. Please know my deep gratitude for your gifts. Your support for this important annual appeal is heartwarming and a further example of your care for others.

May God bless you and your families with the best of health in this difficult time!

Monsignor Tom

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, September 13

12:00 noon - Flipgrid Email, Grades 1-10
6:00-7:00 pm - Confirmation by ZOOM

Monday, September 14

5:00 pm - Women's Guild, Location: TBD
7:15-8:00 am - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 pm - Parish Council, Johnson Room

Wednesday, September 16

4:30 pm - Baptism Ceremony

Thursday, September 17

7:15-7:45 pm - Pivotal Players by ZOOM

Coming to Mass Now...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **16 weeks**. We are regularly celebrating confessions, baptisms and other sacraments in addition to all our Masses. All other forms of meetings, which are very rare, are limited to ten persons.

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.

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.

Novena to St. Joseph

STARTS TOMORROW!

Our 9th **Annual Novena to St. Joseph** begins tomorrow, **Monday, September 14**, at 7:15 pm. Running for nine consecutive Mondays it will conclude on November 9. Each evening lasts just 45 minutes, perhaps less, 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)

Msgr. Sullivan (Nov. 9)
