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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)



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—November 14th

4:00PM Arthur Cofske (wedding anniv.) req. of wife, Eileen

Sunday—November 15th

7:30AM Dennis Ferrante (mem.) req. of Renee Johnson
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM Joseph Lysiak (4th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—November 16th

7:00AM The Gibbons Family (Living) req. of Alice Fenlon

Tuesday—November 17th

7:00AM Doreen Espeseth (birthday) req. of family

Wednesday—November 18th

7:00AM Alice Leclézio (anniv.) req. of Alice Fenlon

Thursday—November 19th

7:00AM James D. Brock (mem.) req. of Alfred Roy & Sons

Friday—November 20th

7:00AM James D. Brock (mem.) req. of Alice Fenlon

Saturday—November 21st

8:00AM James D. Brock (mem.) req. of Patricia Rogers
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Christ the King Knights of Columbus

Sunday—November 22nd

7:30AM Catherine Warner (mem.) req. of Fran and Betty Ann Warner
9:00AM Mary Ellen Standing (birthday) req. of The Gibbons Family
11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Frances R. Bernier, Rosemary Malatesta**, the mother of Vincent Malatesta, and **Matthew G. Haddad**, the brother of Michelle Kilroy.

Weekday Evening Masses During Advent

For eight years now we have added an additional daily Mass during the weekdays of the holy season of Advent. This has enabled parishioners to come to daily Mass who otherwise are unable to be present for the 7:00 am Masses. We will do so again this year as a great spiritual preparation for Christmas. Each weekday night at 5:30 pm we will offer a Mass during the Advent season. This will commence on Monday, November 30 and conclude on Wednesday, December 23. Please consider joining us.

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. Margaret of Scotland** (Monday); **St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious** (Tuesday); **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** (Wednesday); and the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (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. Your donations last weekend were as follows:

Offertory: \$7,646.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,295.00;
Mass Stipends: \$260.00; **Fuel:** \$ 310.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$600.00; **All Saints:** \$85.00; **All Souls:** \$132.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$125.00; **Human Development:** \$55.00,
Donation: \$120.00.

Total: \$10,628.00

BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

We continue to celebrate all requested baptisms. Each family celebration is separate. 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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS Food for the Needy

It's a tradition at CTK that parishioners bring donations of non-perishable food to the 8:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving. The holidays and cold weather increase the needs of many families. A need exists for canned soups and vegetables, tuna, pasta, rice, peanut butter and cereals to fill the pantry shelves. Please NO glass containers. (BE AWARE OF EXPIRATION DATES ON ANY ITEMS BEFORE YOU DONATE THEM. WE CANNOT DISTRIBUTE EXPIRED PRODUCTS.) Help us to help others. If you prefer, cash donations may be put into the offering basket at the altar that day. The parish appreciates your help. **CYC members will be present at the Mass to move it to the parish hall following the Mass.** If you know of anyone in the parish in need of assistance, please call the rectory (508-754-5361). All information is confidential.

Dear Parishioners of Christ the King,

Our priests are always there for us, in good times and in challenging times. They have responded to a call to make God's love available to us through their actions, their words and their commitment to their vocation to the Priesthood. By their example, they inspire us with a message of unending love that God extends to each of us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Allow me as Bishop to take this opportunity to personally thank you, the parishioners of Christ the King Parish, for your gifts of support to Celebrate Priesthood/Priest Retirement. I am pleased to share that gifts are still being received daily. So far we have received \$177,000.

On behalf of all those who worked diligently to bring this night to fruition, I thank all of you for your generosity and willingness to help us raise needed support for priests' retirement care. I am confident that each of you joins with me in thanking our priests by providing for their care in their senior years with dignity.

I also wish to add my gratitude to those who made significant donations in honor of your pastor, Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan and Father Richard F. Reidy. Join with me in making this annual tradition a tribute to the love and devotion we all share for our priests. May we frequently and fervently raise our voices in prayerful gratitude to Almighty God for the gift of the priesthood.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

TELEVISED MASSES

WCCA TV, Spectrum Cable **Channel 194** in Worcester now airs the Daily Mass from St. Paul's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 9am. WCCA TV Ch. 194 will also air the Sunday Mass in Spanish on Sundays at 8:00 am and the Mass in English at 10:00 am. All Masses will also stream live at those times at wccatv.com.

'Pivotal Players' ...concludes this week

All of the *'Pivotal Players'* videos are available **by computer using your Flocknotes account**. For access questions you can call Msgr. Sullivan at **508-754-5361** or email him at tsullivan5@mac.com. The final session is this Thursday, November 19 on *St. Ignatius of Loyola: The Founder*.

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.

UMASS-MEMORIAL HOSPITAL VISITS

Msgr. Sullivan is honored to support you and your family during times of illness by visiting the hospitals. **NEVER DO UMASS OR MEMORIAL HOSPITALS PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT PATIENTS' RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION. SO YOU MUST CALL US TO LET MSGR. SULLIVAN KNOW THAT A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL. IN ADDITION, UNDER THE NEW COVID-RELATED POLICY AT UMASS(LAKE) THERE CAN BE ONLY THREE VISITORS A DAY AND THE NAME OF THE VISITOR HAS TO BE ON A LIST WHICH THE PATIENT SUBMITS. AND THAT LIST CHANGES EACH DAY. EVEN A VISITING PRIEST MUST BE ONE OF THE THREE ON THAT LIST. SO, IF YOU'D LIKE MSGR. SULLIVAN TO VISIT YOU SHOULD INSURE HIS NAME IS INCLUDED FOR A SPECIFIC DAY AND CONTACT HIM PERSONALLY AT 508-754-5361 ABOUT THE PROPER TIME TO VISIT.**

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 last March we 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.

Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Per our usual custom for major civic holidays, our Mass on Thanksgiving morning, November 26, will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. We hope that many will come and offer their thanks for all God's blessings.

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.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

Confessions are offered **indoors** on Saturday afternoons, from **2:45 to 3:45 pm in the Johnson Room**. You have the option of going to confession anonymously (behind a screen) or face-to-face. Please wear a mask. 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.

Adult Confirmation?

Msgr. Sullivan will conduct the **Adult Confirmation Preparation Program** for baptized and practicing Catholics who have received Baptism and First Communion but were never confirmed. Bishop McManus celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults in February. For preparation, please be in touch with Msgr. Sullivan by calling **508-754-5361** or by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Coming to Mass...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **25 weeks**. We are regularly celebrating confessions, baptisms and other sacraments in addition to all our Masses. Persons who are ill should not come to Mass at this time. 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. 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.

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Joseph Abraham Torres, Jr.** who was baptized here last Monday afternoon by Msgr. Sullivan. Joseph's parents are Joseph A. Torres, Sr. and Crystal Lee Torres. Steven Torres and Luz Ruiz are Joseph's godparents. May Joseph always live in the light of Christ!

'BABY BOTTLE' DRIVE

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** is concluding now. It's one way in which we put our faith into practice. The funds generated support the mothers and newborn children who receive such high quality hospitality and care through **Visitation House**. The drive is being conducted "virtually." Your donation can be made by going directly to the donations page of Visitation House. When you make a one-time or recurrent donation there is a special box at the bottom indicating that you learned about this drive through the Baby Bottle notice at Christ the King. On behalf of our Women's Guild and the mothers and infants living at Visitation House thank you very much!
Please give here: <https://give.visitationhouse.org/give>

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, November 15

12:00 pm - Religious Education by FLIPGRID
Evening - (Remote) Confirmation Program

Thursday, November 19

7:15-8:00 pm - Pivotal Players by ZOOM

Sunday, November 22 - Solemnity of

Christ the King

12:00 pm - Religious Education by FLIPGRID

Our K of C Council #12691

is working to assist

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

in its

DIAPER PROGRAM

Our Knights of Columbus Council is serving the needs of many poor mothers in Worcester County by working with *Catholic Charities* to purchase diapers at a low, wholesale price. The typical monthly cost for poor mothers is \$70-\$80 per child. This is insurmountable for many struggling families in our area. State benefit programs such as *Women, Infants and Children* (WIC) and *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance* (SNAP) do not pay for diapers. Most licensed day care providers require that babies be in disposable diapers (sometimes up to 12 a day). Our Knights hope to raise **\$5,000** to assist Catholic Charities in their hope of purchasing and distributing 50,000 diapers in the year ahead. We hope you can help! Your gift would be most welcome. Please make your check payable to: "**Knights of Columbus Council 12691**" and send it to...Knights of Columbus, c/o Christ the King, 1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602. **Do not make your check payable to Christ the King.** We will be receiving donations until the end of November. **You can also use the self-addressed envelopes that were distributed at Masses on October 31 & November 1.** Or you can make your donation virtually by visiting Catholic Charities special website: www.ccworc.org/diaper-program-donate/

Women's Guild's Advent Evening of Recollection

Please watch for further information in upcoming weeks but we want you to know that CTK's Advent Evening of Recollection sponsored by the Women's Guild will take place, albeit with a different format. This will take place on Wednesday, December 16. Monsignor Sullivan will offer the 5:30 pm Mass. At 6:00 pm the Guild's guest speaker, **Father John Foley**, former pastor here, will give an Advent reflection and do so in the body of the church. The Guild is unable to sponsor the dinner this year because of social distancing. Save the date now.

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.

Multiple Ways of Making a Christmas Giving Tree Gift

The Giving Tree program is as important as ever in 2020. Locally, 8,000 impoverished youngsters are enriched by our generosity. During this pandemic we can participate in a number of ways:

- 1) In late November, at Masses, we will put out the tags as in previous years. You can take a tag, purchase the gift and return it here at Mass. All gifts must be back here by Sunday, December 19 at 12:00 noon.
- 2) You can get a tag “virtually.” Go to **www.urbanmissionaries.com** and click on the tab “To join our Virtual Christmas Giving Tree.” Via email you will receive your tag. When you purchase the gift you can print the email tag, attach it to the gift and return it here at the church.
- 3) You can purchase a gift online (as above) and have it shipped directly to: Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope, 242 Canterbury St. Worcester, MA 01603. Just put the tag ID number in the comment section of the order so they will know to whom the gift belongs.
- 4) Or go to the **Go Fund Me** tab at **www.urbanmissionaries.com** and make a cash donation. The Urban Missionaries will then make the purchase for you.

Also, Christ the King agreed to be a regional drop-off center for all gifts this year. Anyone from any parish can drop off their gifts in our parish hall (beneath the church) on the following two days:

Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 am to 12 noon ~ or ~ Sunday, December 19 from 9:00 am to 12 noon
