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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.

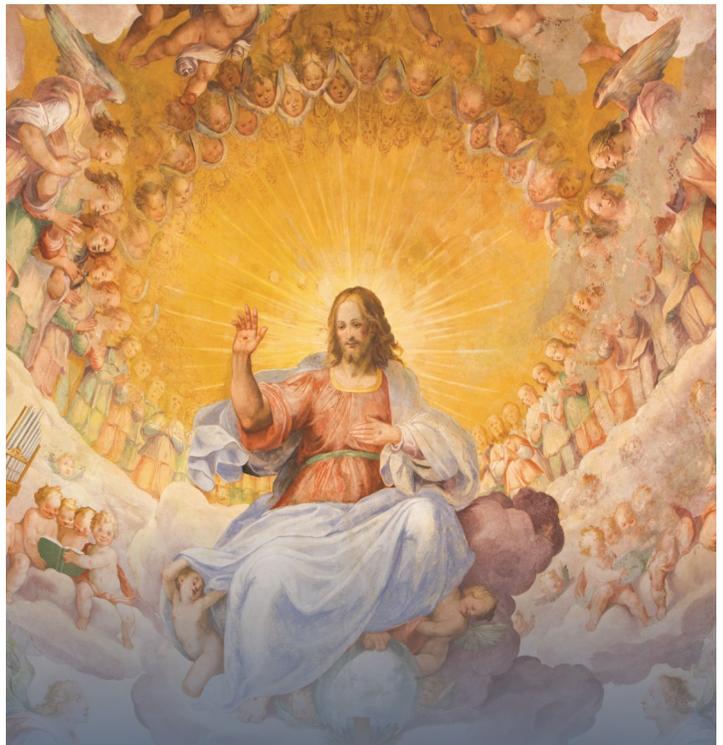
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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)



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” - Mt 25:34

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—November 21st

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

Tuesday—November 24th

7:00AM Carol Douillard (2nd anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—November 26th

8:00AM Helen Zalauskas (mem.) req. of The Bowler
Family

Friday—November 27th

7:00AM Paula Kosky Hamann (1st anniv.) req. of
family

Saturday—November 28th

8:00AM Paula Kosky Hamann (1st anniv.) req. of Christ
the King CYC
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Ascension High
School

Sunday—November 29th

7:30AM James and Stacia Hammond (mem.) req. of
family
9:00AM Mary Donahue (mem.) req. of family
11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

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

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.

Thanks for the Church Sanitizing

As we have said numerous times the church is being sanitized after each Mass. 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 volunteer, have been doing it during the week. Please feel safe in coming to Mass.

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 Explanation

Due to the fact that the company publishing our bulletin required that we submit this bulletin on November 13 we were unable to submit the donations for the weekend of November 14 and 15. They will appear in the next bulletin.

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.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

A Gospel we almost always hear at Mass on Thanksgiving tells of ten lepers being healed by Jesus with only one returning to offer thanks. To that one Jesus says, "Go, your faith has saved you." How are thanksgiving and faith related? In this story it was "when he realized he was healed."

The leper who returned on his knees glorifying Jesus was offering him much more than thanks. He had a realization, a recognition of complete trust and confidence, that Jesus was much more than a prophet. His mind, body and heart now knew that God's grace is forever and comes without stipulations. This brought him to his knees in deep adoration.

When we allow ourselves to be overcome by the 'noise' of life, we become numb to God's grace. Our thanksgiving sounds more like a friendly acknowledgment rather than the deep thanksgiving that faith can unlock inside of us. It's necessary for us to take time and realize that God always offers perfect grace to us. When we empty ourselves of our personal expectations and put our faith in God we are filled with thanksgiving. Faith is the ultimate thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the recognition of that grace, God's gift. Faith is recognizing God's grace and acting on it. On Thanksgiving let us recognize our graces and know that God is always ready to give us more.

"Thanks are the highest form of thought, and gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." So wrote G.K. Chesterton. He espoused a sense of wonder and appreciation for life, delighted in the ordinary, and vowed not to surrender to the boredom which strips so many people of joy.

All of life should enthrall us and it will if we don't take things for granted or languish in entitlement. Gratitude and wonder go hand in hand, of course, with a commitment on our part to uphold the dignity of each human life. To be grateful for life is to defend it, with all our hearts and with every word and in every deed. Real Christians offer their thanks for all that God has done and continues to do.

We at Christ the King have so much for which to be thankful: the warmth of rich family lives, an abundance of food, our precious national freedoms and much more. So, let us be grateful on Thanksgiving Day and each day. Let us thank God for our very existence, even as we take great joy in the lives of everyone else.

Msgr. Tom Sullivan

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.

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.

Word on Fire Engage

Every parishioner in our *Flocknotes* system has 100% access to the *Word on Fire Digital Library* so you can watch any of the films whenever you'd like. For instructions please email Msgr. Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com.

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.

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.

Coming to Mass...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **26 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.

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.

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church we encourage 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 (508-929-4363).

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, November 22 - Solemnity of Christ the King
12:00 pm - Religious Education by FLIPGRID

Tuesday, November 24
2:00 pm - Private Baptism

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving
8:00 am - Mass

Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday Advent
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 and Father John Foley will celebrate the 5:30 pm Mass. At 6:00 pm the Guild's guest speaker, **Father John Foley**, our former pastor, 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.

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) On this November 21-22, at Masses, the tags are out for you as in the front of the church. You can take a tag, purchase the gift and return it here at Mass. All gifts must be back here by Sunday, December 19 by 12:00 noon at the very latest.
- 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 20 from 9:00 am to 12 noon
