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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.

WORSHIPPING WITH US?

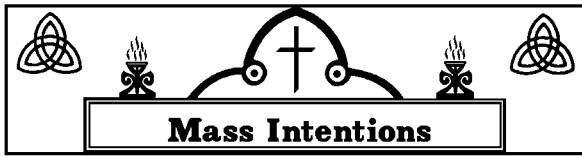
We hope you introduce yourself and register in our parish. Please call the rectory to do so.

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)



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—November 28th

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

Monday—November 30th

7:00AM Mark D. O'Brien (birthday) req. of The Dulude Family

5:30PM Robert Donahue (mem.) req. of Brian and Patti Allain

Tuesday—December 1st

7:00AM Andrew T. Black (mem.) req. of family

5:30PM Paul Jourcin (mem.) req. of Bert and Mary (Shea) Bolduc

Wednesday—December 2nd

7:00AM James D. Brock (mem.) req. of Philip Black

5:30PM Lorrinda Covello (mem.) req. of Paul Foley

Thursday—December 3rd

7:00AM James D. Brock (mem.) req. of The Slavinkas Family

5:30PM Phyllis Cureau (mem.) req. of Mark and Monique Czyzewski

Friday—December 4th

7:00AM Lorrinda Covello (mem.) req. of Roger and Joyce Dubuque

5:30PM Improved health of Mary Covello req. of Paul Foley

Saturday—December 5th

8:00AM Fernand Leclézio, Sr. (anniv.) req. of Alice Fenlon

4:00PM George Pearson (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—December 6th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Randell Family

11:00AM Deceased Members of the Cole, Halloran and Provencher Families

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Richard E. Burke.**

Weekday Evening Masses During Advent

For 8 years now we've 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. This is a great spiritual preparation for Christmas. Each weekday night at 5:30 pm we will offer a Mass during the Advent season. We begin tomorrow, Monday, November 30 and conclude on Wednesday, December 23. Please consider joining us.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (**During Advent: 7:00 am and 5:30 pm, Monday-Friday; Saturdays 8:00 am all year**). The Mass brings many special graces! This week, in addition to our regular Advent weekday Masses, we celebrate **St. Andrew the Apostle** (Monday); **St. Francis Xavier, Priest** (Thursday); and **St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Friday).

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 for the weekend of **November 14 and 15** were as follows:

Offertory: \$4,254.00; **Online Giving:** \$920.00;
Mass Stipends: \$65.00; **Fuel:** \$ 30.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$300.00; **All Saints:** \$5.00; **All Souls:** \$75.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$290.00; **Human Development:** \$25.00, **Donation:** \$100.00.

Total: \$6,064.00

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.

Advance Mass Schedule for Immaculate Conception Feast

Next week we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception**, a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule will be as follows. The **vigil Mass** will be celebrated at **5:30 pm on Monday, December 7**. On the holy day itself, **Tuesday, December 8**, Masses will be offered at **7:00 am, 9:00 am and 7:00 pm**. There will **NOT** be a 5:30 pm Mass that day. The Mass offering at 7:00 pm is to enable those who cannot be here as early as 5:30 pm (because of work) to have an opportunity to come to Mass that day.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 7:30 am Mass today.

A Christian One-Liner

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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) Giving Tree tags were distributed here last weekend. If some remain you may see them available today. 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 two days below. CYC members will assist you.

Saturday, December 12, 9:00 am to 12 noon
Sunday, December 20, 9:00 am to 12 noon

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.

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. Call AT 508-754-5361.

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 you can donate online. 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.

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!

An Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, we who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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.

Coming to Mass...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **27 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.

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.

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 concelebrate 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.

Admissions Exam for St. Paul Diocesan Jr/Sr HS

The Admissions Exam will be held
Dec. 5 from 8 to 11:30 am.

Visit:

www.saintpaulknights.org/admissions/entrance_exam.cfm

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday Advent
12:00 pm - Religious Education by FLIPGRID

Monday, November 30
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 1
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 2
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 3
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm

Friday, December 4
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm
7:30-8:30 pm - Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, December 6 - 2nd Sunday Advent
12:00 pm - Religious Education by FLIPGRID
Evening - Confirmation

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/

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.

Advent Begins Today

Advent begins today and this is the season to prepare for the coming of the Lord - both in His Nativity and His coming again at the end of time. Far too many see this time of year as a part of the Christmas Season. However, 'Christmas' doesn't begin until Christmas Eve. Advent joy increases each day and the commercialism that surrounds it should be overcome. We should strive to keep this season holy. Let us restore it to its proper place in our lives.

Extra Daily Mass ~ At Christ the King we will offer weekday Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Saturdays, Mass is at 8:00 a.m.).

Read the Bible ~ Read the parables of *The Fig Tree*, *The Man Going on a Long Journey*, *The Faithful and Wicked Stewards*, and *The Ten Virgins* in the 24th and 25th chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. And think of the Saint who embodies the spirit of this Season: St. John the Baptist. Offer prayers to him and consider the message of this voice who said, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Other Traditions ~ **Advent candles, Jesse Trees, Christmas cribs and Advent calendars** can all be used. Consider the custom of *Christkindl* (Christ Child). It embraces doing acts of charity for each member of the family each day (secretly). Find out more on the internet. It's a delightful custom, which creates much of the true Christmas spirit.

Additional Confession Times ~ Confessions are offered each Saturday from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. You can always call for a private confession time. We've added the following times: **Tuesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 23**, 3:00-4:00 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm.
