



# 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.

**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)



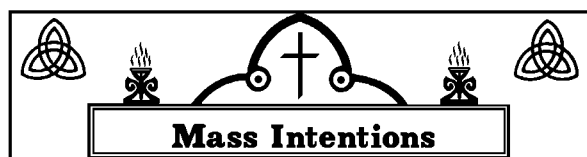
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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## CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



### Saturday—December 12th

4:00PM James Pappas (mem.) req. of family

### Sunday—December 13th

7:30AM The Hines Family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Amos E. Wasgatt, III (mem.), Elizabeth  
“Betty” Wasgatt (mem.), Amos E. Wasgatt, Jr.  
(mem.), Kenneth Anderson (mem.), Barbara  
Wasgatt (mem.) and Joseph D’Ambra (mem.)  
req. of family

### Monday—December 14th

7:00AM Kelly Herlihy (mem.) req. of The Brothers  
Family

### Tuesday—December 15th

7:00AM Richard Burke (mem.) req. of Joseph and Carol  
Carlomagno

5:30PM Gisela Bartelmann (mem.) req. of Leo Quinn

### Wednesday—December 16th

7:00AM R. Donald Hoaglund (mem.) req. of family

5:30PM Elizabeth Shea (1st anniv.) req. of family

### Thursday—December 17th

7:00AM Nadine Fitzpatrick (mem.) req. of Mark and  
Monique Czyzewski

5:30PM Joseph Moran (4th anniv.) req. of family

### Friday—December 18th

7:00AM Richard Burke (mem.) req. of Fred and Pat  
Rushton

5:30PM David O’Coin (mem.) req. of family

### Saturday—December 19th

8:00AM Frances Oliver (birthday) req. of family

4:00PM Mary Law (mem.) req. of her sister Eileen  
Cofske

### Sunday—December 20th

7:30AM Claire McMahan (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Ruth Terrill (mem.) req. of The Cousineau  
Family

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Anita C. Sweeney**, the sister of Kenneth St. Onge.

### 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](http://wccatv.com).

### 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. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Monday).

### 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. Your donations for the last weekend were as follows:

**Offertory:** \$6,794.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,765.00;  
**Mass Stipends:** \$245.00; **Fuel:** \$10.00; **Funeral Stipends:**  
\$300.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$60.00; **Christmas:** \$725.00;  
**Religious Retirement:** \$720.00; **Immaculate Conception:**  
\$156.00; **Donation to our Music:** \$100.00; **Haiti Twinning:**  
\$120.00; **Donation:** \$616.00; **Bulletin Rebate:** \$1,000.00.

**Total: \$12,611.00**

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

### 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 conclude these on Wednesday, December 23. Please consider joining us.

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

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

**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: Since all our gift tags were distributed three weeks ago you can get a tag “virtually.” Go to [www.urbanmissionaries.com](http://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.

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.

Or go to the *Go Fund Me* tab at [www.urbanmissionaries.com](http://www.urbanmissionaries.com) and make a cash donation. The Urban Missionaries will then make the required purchases.

**All gifts must be back here by Sunday, December 20 by 12:00 noon at the very latest.**

**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 you can donate online. 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.

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

**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.

**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 Correia ([krisedpa@live.com](mailto:krisedpa@live.com)) to have your name and email address added to our growing list. God bless!

**Extra Confessions  
for Christmas**

Because going to confession is such an excellent preparation for Christmas extra confessions will be heard **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening on December 21, 22 and 23.** The afternoon confessions will be heard from **3:00 to 4:00 pm** each of those days. The evening confessions will be from **7:00 to 8:00 pm.** All in the Johnson Room. Please come and experience this Sacrament of forgiveness, healing and peace as you prepare for Christmas.

**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.

### 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](mailto: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 **29 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.

### 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.

### 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 **this 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.

### Highlights of the Week Ahead

**Sunday, December 13 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent**  
12:00 pm - Religious Education by FLIPGRID

**Monday, December 14**  
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, December 15**  
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 16**  
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm  
6:00 pm - Fr. John Foley speaks

**Thursday, December 17**  
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm

**Friday, December 18**  
Masses at 7 am & 5:30 pm

**Saturday, December 19**  
9am-12noon - Giving Tree drop-offs, Hall

**Sunday, December 20 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent**  
12:00 pm - Deadline for Giving Tree Gifts

### Need a Stair Life or Chair Lift?

A parishioner is looking to sell (very cheaply) a stair lift (a chair on rails that brings you up and down stairs) and a chair lift (a recliner that helps you stand up). If you are interested contact Monsignor Sullivan at [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).

### Congratulations, Paul Douillard

We recently installed Paul Douillard, a new parishioner and a professor of philosophy at Assumption University, as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for service to our parish community. Paul served as an Extraordinary Minister for the first time last weekend. Thanks, Paul. And God bless you.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & HOW TO 'PRE-REGISTER' FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

**\* This message was submitted to the Bulletin Printers last Monday \***

The following Christmas Masses (below) will be offered. Bishop McManus has announced that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic Christmas *Vigil* Masses can be offered as early as 3:00 pm. He has suspended the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021. Masks and social distancing will continue to be required as they have since our re-opening on May 23.

**Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) Afternoon** - 'Ticketed' Masses will be offered at **3:00 pm & 5:00 pm** (Maximum 200 in the church & 40 in the Johnson Room where telecast)

**Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) Evening** - 'Ticketed' Mass at **8:00 pm** (Maximum 200 in the church & 40 in the Johnson Room but not telecast this time)

**Christmas Morning (Dec. 25)** - Masses at **8:00 & 10:00 am** (non-ticketed; no registration required)

To register: Either email **tsullivan5@mac.com** or call **Mindy Dulude** (Monday-Friday only, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm) at **508-754-5361**

For the **three Christmas Eve Vigil Masses (only)**, make sure you tell us your: (1) **Name**; (2) your **complete mailing address**, including **ZIP (this is a big job and it is time-consuming to look up everyone's mailing address)**; (3) the **Mass Time you are choosing**; and (4) the **definite number of persons** in your party.

Christmas Mass tickets are being mailed within 24 hours of your request. As each Mass is "filled" we will notify parishioners through our **FLOCKNOTES** email system.

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