



# 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)



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

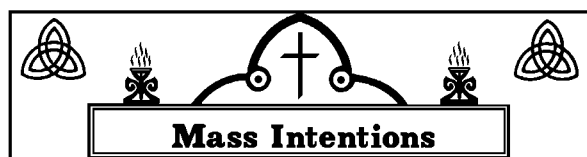
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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## CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



### Saturday—February 27th

4:00PM Zachary Ford (10th anniv.), Barry Johnson (7th anniv.), and Rita Finnegan Fraser (36th anniv.) req. of family

### Sunday—February 28th

7:30AM Catherine Warner (mem.) req. of Fran and Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Carlos, Maria and Elsa Sarmiento (mem.) and Francisco and Maria Escobar (mem.) req. of family

### Monday—March 1st

7:00AM All Souls req. of Yvonne Nguyen

### Tuesday—March 2nd

7:00AM John “Jack” Staples (mem.) req. of Joseph and Carol Carlomagno

5:30PM John Maki (2nd anniv.) req. of family

### Wednesday—March 3rd

7:00AM Dominico Nen Nguyen (mem.) req. of Yvonne Nguyen

5:30PM George Dunlee (mem.) req. of Pauline Gaudette

### Thursday—March 4th

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

### Saturday—March 6th

8:00AM John “Jack” Staples (mem.) req. of Edd and Donna Byrnes

### Sunday—March 7th

7:30AM Richard Dever (mem.) req. of a friend

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Bruce Foley (1st anniv.) req. of Mauro and Tracy DePasquale

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **J. Steven Foley, Esq.**, brother of Martin Foley, and **Donald H. Groccia**.

### Tuesday Night Confessions During Lent

Some years ago Bishop McManus requested that every parish in the Diocese of Worcester offer opportunities for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance; confessions) on Lenten Tuesdays **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. This was part of an initiative called “**Come Home to God’s Mercy**.” We have always done this and will be hearing confessions those evenings. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God’s mercy in this extraordinary Sacrament.

### 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 all year; also Lenten weekdays (Mon-Fri at 5:30 pm each day; Saturdays 8:00 am all year)**). The Mass brings many special graces! This week all the Masses will be Lenten weekday Masses. There are no special days honoring the saints.

### 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. The donations listed below represent donations made last weekend:

**Offertory:** \$6,028.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,440.00;  
**Mass Stipends:** \$80.00; **Fuel:** \$160.00; **Donation:** \$200.00;  
**Catholic Free Press:** \$195.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$5,720.85;  
**One Church:** \$370.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$20.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$20.00; **Donations in memory of John “Jack” Staples:** \$25.00.

**Total: \$14,258.85**

### 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).

### A Change in the ‘Doxology’ of The Collect (Opening Prayer)

Effective on Ash Wednesday came a change in the ‘Doxology’ (the conclusion) of *The Collect* (the opening prayer of the Mass). The Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome has pointed out that the conclusion “in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **one** God, for ever and ever” is incorrect. In the Latin text, the word “one” does not appear. Thus, we will no longer say it. Going forward the priest will just say, “in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.”

### Stations of the Cross Lenten Friday Afternoons Continues

We have returned to the tradition of celebrating the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. We began this past Friday. The time is **3:00 pm**. For many years we celebrated the Stations (at night) but when the crowds dwindled this tradition was discontinued. We have now brought it back. We encourage you to join in.

### 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Agencies & Ministries Supported by the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal

#### Charity

Catholic Charities  
Priests' Retirement  
McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys  
Pernet Family Health Service  
Retired Priests Health Ministry  
St. John Diocesan Cemetery System

#### Ministry

African Ministry  
Hispanic Apostolate  
Catholic Campus Ministry  
Minister to Priests  
Office for Divine Worship  
Office of Hispanic/Latino Ministry  
Office of Marriage and Family  
Office of the Diaconate  
Respect Life Office  
St. Paul's Cathedral  
Vocations Office & House of Studies  
Youth & Young Adult Ministries

#### Education

Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity  
Catholic Schools Office  
Communications Ministry  
Grant-in-Aid for Schools  
Office of Religious Education  
Ongoing Priestly Formation  
Seminarian Education

### Music with Cantor Continues at 2 Sunday Masses

Alana Kearney has begun in her role as the cantor at our 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses each weekend and for the foreseeable future. Many will remember what a beautiful job she did for us at all five Christmas Masses. Not only will she lead the processional and recessional hymns but will lead us in the Responsorial Psalm as well as the various sung Mass parts. She has agreed to assist us at least through Pentecost Sunday on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Welcome, Alana!

### Extra Daily Masses in Lent & Your Mass Intentions

We have a 5:30 pm Mass each weekday during Lent, rain, snow or shine. This has been a tradition of ten years. For those still concerned about coming to a Sunday Mass we invite you to consider these (much smaller) daily Masses.

Also, if you have a Mass intention but find the morning Mass is already taken by someone else, or if it is convenient for you to make it, you may want to consider designating this late afternoon Mass for your intention. Some have already done so. If interested, just call Mindy at 508-754-5361. These Masses at 5:30 pm run on weekdays (Mon-Fri) from Wednesday, February 17 through Wednesday, March 31, the day before Holy Thursday.

### HOSPITAL VISITS

We priests have been told that we are unable to visit the sick at St. Vincent's Hospital at this time. The three in-house priest chaplains, all of whom have been vaccinated, are assuming all the pastoral needs of the hospital patients. UMass, Memorial and Fairlawn Hospitals have also been impossible to visit in recent times. We pray that these restrictions will soon be lifted so that we priests can resume visiting the sick in our hospitals. **However, if you would like to have a loved one visited by a priest and you let us know, Monsignor Sullivan can communicate that request to an in-house priest chaplain at all three major hospitals in the city.**

### 2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

My dear fellow parishioners,

I write to ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2021 *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. **As I write this letter (last week-end) 26% of our families have made a gift. That's 212 families. But we need everyone's gift. We average donations from about 350 families each year. There are 835 families in the parish.** I'm confident that you are already aware that this appeal supports all our essential diocesan charities. This annual campaign has been essential to the works of the Diocese since 1960. But we need the help of all parishioners more than ever to meet our diocesan needs. Many of us have witnessed all that is accomplished through *Partners in Charity*. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Just a few examples are these: those living at the Nazareth Home for Boys - the care of about fifty retired priests - poor families served by Pernet Family Health Service - seniors receiving home health care - children seeking a good education - those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate - and the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more!

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. **The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year** and that will take a lot of us pitching in to achieve it! Last year, while Christ the King exceeded its goal, the Diocese was several hundred thousand dollars short of its goal, largely because of the pandemic. This year will be far more challenging.

Most of our most faithful parishioners have not been able to return to Mass so I've written a letter to everyone. We will not be able to have an in-pew appeal as we have in the past. Our appeal will largely be through the mail and **all registered parishioners have received a letter**. If you plan on sending a **check** it should be made **payable** to *Partners in Charity*. You can also donate **online** by going to **partners-charity.net/donate**. Or you can **text** your gift by texting the word **donate** to **84576**. You can even call-in your pledge to 508-929-4366 (Mondays-Thursdays).

I am most grateful to you. May the Lord bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Sincerely yours,  
**Monsignor Tom Sullivan**

### 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).

### Coming to Mass...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **42 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.

### 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.

### Women's Guild's Lenten Evening of Recollection

Please watch for further information in upcoming weeks but we want you to know that CTK's Lenten Evening of Recollection sponsored by the Women's Guild will take place, albeit with a different format. This will take place on **Tuesday, March 9**. Monsignor Sullivan and Father John Gavin, S.J. will concelebrate the 5:30 pm Mass. At 6:00 pm the Guild's guest speaker, **Father Gavin**, will give a Lenten reflection and do so in the body of the church.

### Homelessness: the Other Pandemic

**Hotel Grace** is a 24/7 shelter in Worcester that is helping young, middle-aged and older adults find shelter and food throughout the wintertime. More than that, it provides dignity to people, no questions asked. **Hotel Grace** is in great need of volunteers. Please go to [www.netofcompassion.org](http://www.netofcompassion.org) to find out how you can help during these freezing cold days.

### Highlights of the Week Ahead

#### Sunday, February 28

Religious Ed Classes by Flipgrid

#### Monday, March 1

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

#### Tuesday, March 2

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm  
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

#### Wednesday, March 3

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

#### Thursday, March 4

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm

#### Friday, March 5

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm  
3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross  
7:30 pm - Men's Prayer Group

#### Sunday, March 7

9:00 am Mass - 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny for 'Elect'  
Religious Ed Classes by Flipgrid

### Congratulations, 'Elect!'

At a ceremony known as the '**Rite of Election**,' **Ashante Kamenya** and **Larissa Murphy** were enrolled in the Book of the Elect last Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's Cathedral. Bishop McManus 'elected' these two to be baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass here at Christ the King on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those of you attending last Sunday's 9:00 am Mass witnessed our 'Rite of Sending' as the parish community "sent" these two to the bishop that day. Monsignor Sullivan has been preparing Larissa and Ashante for baptism for many months. Larissa, a teacher at Leominster High School, is the wife of Philip Coppinger and the mother of Owen and Aidan. Ashante, a seventh grader at St. John's High School, is the son of John Kamenya and Jackie (Landers) Flynn. Congratulations!

### Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

***Please enjoy our parish subscription to  
'WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE'***

For three years our parishioners have enjoyed our parish subscription to *Word on Fire Engage* through our *Flocknotes* messaging system. Every parishioner has free access to its digital library. The programs are produced by **Bishop Robert Barron** who leads the nation in producing the highest quality evangelization and educational programs on the Catholic faith. Many of you enjoy his Sunday Mass homilies found on our website.

*Word on Fire Engage* has an amazing array of excellent Catholic programming. Every parishioner in our *Flocknotes* system has 100% access to the *Word on Fire Digital Library* so you can watch any of the films and study programs on any device, whenever you'd like.

**Here's how you can access the *Word on Fire Digital Library*.** First set up a 'Login.' It takes a few seconds. On your computer go to **flocknote.com/login**. Enter your email address and then click Reset or create a password *below* the big blue Sign-In button. Click the yellow 'Reset my password' button that comes up and follow the prompts from there. *Flocknotes* will email you a link to create your password. Check your email to finish.

Now that you have your *Flocknotes* login go to **<https://app.flocknote.com/CTKworc/dashboard>** at any time. Click the **Visit WoFDigital.org** button (a big picture) and the library will open! It's that simple to access all the amazing content! Scroll through to your heart's content.

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