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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.

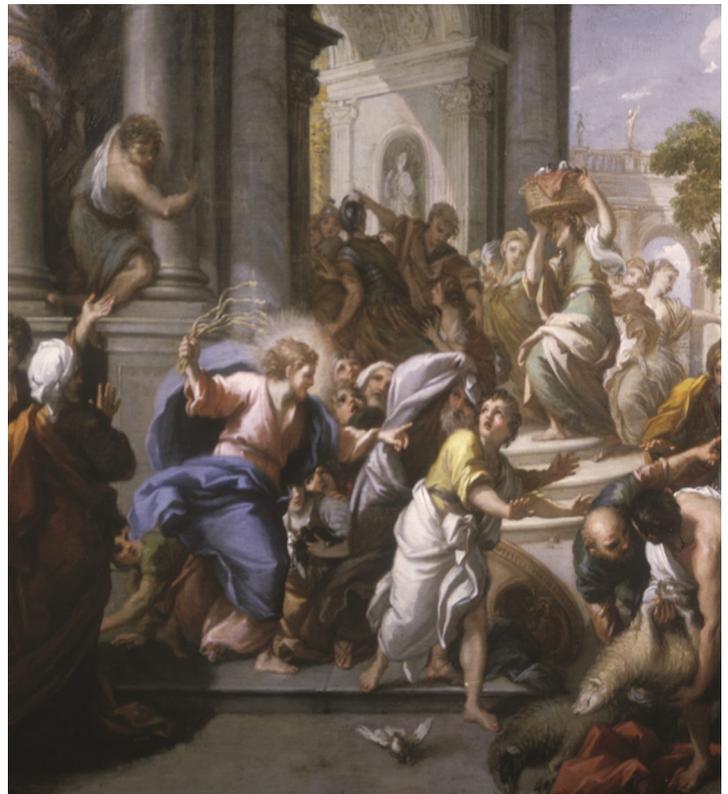
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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)



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



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

Monday—March 8th

7:00AM Dominico Nen Nguyen (mem.) req. of Yvonne Nguyen
5:30PM Catherine Warner (mem.) req. of Rosemary Spillane

Tuesday—March 9th

5:30PM John “Jack” Staples (mem.) req. of Christ the King Women’s Guild

Wednesday—March 10th

7:00AM Fernand Leclézio, Jr. (anniv.) req. of Alice Fenlon
5:30PM Philip G. St. Martin (1st anniv.) req. of his children

Thursday—March 11th

7:00AM Dominico Nen Nguyen (mem.) req. of Yvonne Nguyen
5:30PM Alane and Jim Davis (mem.) req. of Mark and Monique Czyzewski

Saturday—March 13th

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

Sunday—March 14th

7:30AM Bradford Howlett (mem.) req. of a friend
9:00AM Roy Correa (mem.) req. of family
11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

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 after all the Masses since we re-opened last May 23. Monsignor Sullivan, our custodian Thaddeus Iwueke and volunteer Jim Hanlan have been doing it during the week and after funerals and weddings. In coming to Mass you are coming into a safe and clean environment.

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 two weeks ago. 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.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 7:30 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). 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: \$8,292.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,630.00;
Mass Stipends: \$110.00; **Fuel:** \$197.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$117.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$360.00; **One Church:** \$25.00;
Easter Flowers: \$76.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$130.00; **Donations in memory of John “Jack” Staples:** \$100.00; **Good Friday:** \$17.00; **Catholic Home Missions:** \$20.00; **Catholic University:** \$10.00; **Our Religious Education:** \$10.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$15.00; **Christmas:** \$50.00; **Donation in memory of Richard “Dick” Burke:** \$50.00; **Donation in memory of Zack Ford:** \$200.00.

Total: \$11,409.00

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.

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.”

Women’s Guild’s Lenten Evening of Recollection Theme Announced

Christ the King’s Lenten Evening of Recollection sponsored by the Women’s Guild will take place **this 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. Fr. Gavin’s treatment will be: “**An Ignatian Foundation for Lent.**” The presentation will be how the spirituality of Saint Ignatius Loyola provides a wonderful foundation for Lenten reflection.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

My dear fellow parishioners,

I ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2021 *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. 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. And 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 is far more challenging.

Most of our parishioners have yet to return to Mass so I've written to everyone. 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).

May the Lord bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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 the hospitals at this time. The in-house priest chaplains, all of whom have been vaccinated, are assuming all the pastoral needs of the hospital patients. 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.**

Saturday, March 20 Catholic Men's Conference Schedule

If you purchased a ticket for last year's (cancelled) conference we already know who you are. On Thursday, March 18 you will receive an email with a link to the 2021 conference. You do not have to pay anything. If you did not purchase a ticket last year and would like to participate in this year's 'remote and interactive' conference please call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345 for a ticket (\$20). You can view this year's entire conference from home or with friends.

12:00 noon to 12:45 pm ~ Welcome by **Bishop McManus** followed by: **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "*The Road to Emmaus: The Path to Lifelong Conversion*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn

12:45 pm to 1:30 pm ~ **Bishop Robert Reed**: "*O God, Just Give Me One More Chance*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Bishop Reed

1:45 pm to 2:45 pm ~ **Luis Soto**: "*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Luis Soto

2:45 pm to 4:00 pm ~ **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "*The Power of the Sacraments*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn

4:00-5:00 pm ~ Mass with **Bishop McManus** and concluding Comments

Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm on April 2nd

Traditionally, our solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday has been in the evening. Last year (because of COVID) we could not enjoy the Living Stations (afternoon) nor the solemn celebration (evening). As you know we still cannot have the Living Stations this year (due to social distancing of the teen actors) but we must do the solemn celebration. This year we will have that service, the Church's principal service on this special day, **at 3:00 p.m.** Hopefully, more will come to it than in the recent past. For many, Good Friday may be a day off from work and school. Throughout the Church's long tradition the afternoon is actually the preferred time. We have noticed in recent years that attendance on Good Friday afternoon's Living Stations has been far higher than the solemn celebration in the evening. So, we are going to try this principal service on Good Friday afternoon. This is a decision for this year alone.

MARCH 7, 2021

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.

Coming to Mass...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for **ten months**. We are regularly celebrating confessions, baptisms, funerals 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 should 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

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!

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, March 7

9:00 am Mass - 1st Scrutiny for 'Elect'
10:00-11:00 am - Grades 8 & 9 Religious Ed.
Other Rel Ed Classes by Flipgrid

Monday, March 8

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 9

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
6:00-6:45 pm - Evening of Recollection
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

Wednesday, March 10

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 11

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm

Friday, March 12

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm
3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 14

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 8 & 9 Religious Ed.
Other Rel Ed Classes by Flipgrid
11:00 am Mass - 2nd Scrutiny for 'Elect'
6:00-7:15 pm - Confirmation Class, Johnson Rm.

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.

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.

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 professional 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 23rd. Welcome, Alana!

***'40 Days for Life' Participation
by Christ the King Parishioners
Tuesday, March 23 - Save the Date!***

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We will pray again that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion in Worcester. We pray outside the **Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street**. Christ the King parishioners will be praying there between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. **on Tuesday, March 23**. Please sign on for one hour if you can. You can "sign on" to participate anytime now by contacting either of these parish leaders: **Joyce Dubuque** (Tel: 508-826-0703; email address: **jdubucque@aol.com**) or **Claire Weirich** (Tel: 508-791-0678; email address: **weirich.ralph@gmail.com**).

We know that some will not be able to join us that day. Perhaps you would consider becoming a "**prayer partner**" that day. From home you could pray and fast that day in solidarity with the rest of us.

Perhaps you have heard that **Planned Parenthood has just released their latest annual report showing the most abortions ever** (354,871 in their 2019/2020 annual report vs. 197,070 in their 2001/2002 annual report...which is oddly titled, "Creating Hope for Humanity"). Meanwhile their provision of healthcare (breast exams, Pap tests, prenatal care) is down substantially since 2000. We need to match this news with renewed resolve to pray for eyes to be opened and hearts to be changed.
