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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)



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—March 20th

4:00PM John “Jack” Staples (mem.) req. of Friends from Western New England Univ. School of Law

Sunday—March 21st

7:30AM Nora N. Hines (mem.) req. of family
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM George F., Sr. and Judith M. Aubin (mem.) req. of family

Monday—March 22nd

7:00AM James D. Brock (mem.) req. of The Slavinkas Family
5:30PM Deceased Members of the Domey Family

Tuesday—March 23rd

7:00AM Virginia M. Shea (6th anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—March 24th

7:00AM John Hearn (mem.) req. of family
5:30PM Rebekah O’Connor (1st anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—March 25th

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

Friday—March 26th

7:00AM Florence Dulude (42nd anniv.) req. of family

Saturday—March 27th

8:00AM Dick Benoit (mem.) , Rob Campbell (mem.) and Jack Staples (mem.) req. of The Breakfast Club
4:00PM Retired Firefighter Joseph Francis McCarthy (mem.) req. of Ed Thomas

Sunday—March 28th

7:30AM Catherine Warner (mem.) req. of Frank and Betty Ann Warner
9:00AM Bernice Murphy (5th anniv.) req. of family
11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **George C. O’Toole**, the brother of Rev. Brian O’Toole, **Sr. Mary Regis Reardon, RSM, Marilyn Dolan**, the mother of Rev. Joseph Dolan, **Genevieve A. Lariev, William G. Kasper**, and **Richard G. Buyniski**.

Stations of the Cross Lenten Friday Afternoons Continue

We have returned to the tradition of celebrating the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. We began three weeks ago and a good number of people are coming. 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 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 with the exception of this coming **Thursday, March 25th**, when we celebrate the **Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**.

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: \$4,524.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,120.00;
Mass Stipends: \$240.00; **Fuel:** \$125.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$100.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$298.00; **Donation:** \$140.00.

Total: \$6,547.00

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.

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.

Extra Holy Week Confessions

Extra time for confessions have been reserved for Holy Week, the week after next. The times will be **Monday through Wednesday, March 29-31, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm each afternoon and from 7:00 to 8:00 pm each evening**. Confessions will also be offered on **Holy Saturday, April 3 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm**. Please come and experience this Sacrament of forgiveness, healing and peace as you prepare for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Masses.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'40 Days for Life' Participation by Christ the King Parishioners This Tuesday, March 23 - Please Join Us!

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. **this 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: jhdubucque@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.

HOLY WEEK IS COMING ! SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

EXTRA CONFESSIONS

Monday-Wednesday, March 29-31

3:00-4:00 pm each afternoon

7:00-8:00 pm each evening

& Holy Saturday, March 31

2:30-3:30 pm - Confessions

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY MASSES

March 29-31

7:00 am and 5:30 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 am ~ Rosary

7:00 am ~ Morning Prayer

7:30 pm ~ The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 am ~ Rosary

7:00 am ~ Morning Prayer

3:00 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 am ~ Rosary

8:00 am ~ Morning Prayer

10:00 am ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets

2:30-3:30 pm - Confessions

7:30 pm ~ The Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

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.**

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. **The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year** and that will take a lot of us pitching in to achieve it! Last year, the Diocese was several hundred thousand dollars short of its goal, largely because of the pandemic. This year is more challenging.

Most parishioners have yet to return to Mass so I've written to everyone. Our appeal has been conducted through the mail and we hope all will respond. 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-Fridays).

May the Lord bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Sincerely yours,
Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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.

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!

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Austin Roland Bigelow** who was baptized here last Sunday afternoon by Msgr. Sullivan. Austin's parents are Kevin and Rachael (Hurley) Bigelow of the parish. His godparents are Brian Trainor and Meaghan Jenket (Christian Witness). Austin's great grandmother, Mary Cannon, is a member of Christ the King. May Austin always live in the light of Christ!

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, March 21

7:30 am Mass - 3rd Scrutiny for 'Elect'
10:00-11:00 am - Grades 8 & 9 Religious Ed.
Other Rel Ed Classes by Flipgrid
1:00 pm - Wedding
3:00 pm - Wedding & Baptism
6:00-7:15 pm - Confirmation Class, Johnson Rm.

Monday, March 22

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
7:00-8:15 pm - Confirmation Class, Johnson Rm.

Tuesday, March 23

CTK's '40 Days for Life'

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

Wednesday, March 24

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 25 - Annunciation Day

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm

Friday, March 26

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

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 8 & 9 Religious Ed.
Other Rel Ed Classes by Flipgrid

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.

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.

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.

Next Sunday ~ Palm Sunday

What does it signify?

Next Sunday we will celebrate that day when the Church commemorates Jesus' triumphant and final entry into Jerusalem. The crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. As noted in John 12:19, Mark 11: 1-11 and Matthew 21: 1-11 it was similar to the reception that Caesar, the emperor of Rome, would receive. Caesar was considered a god among Romans.

But Palm Sunday underscored Jesus' divinity and kingship, which would have been thought an act of treason in Roman society. The colt that Jesus rode on into Jerusalem (Luke 19: 28-44) was said to fulfill a prophecy from the Old Testament about the Messiah, the savior of Israel. The scripture he fulfilled is Zechariah 9:9 ("Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.") The processions that normally occur at each of our Palm Sunday Masses (we can't this year because of social distancing) mean that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on a pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.

We will be blessing and distributing palms at all our Masses next weekend.
