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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)

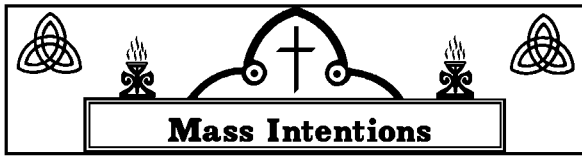


PALM SUNDAY

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—March 27th

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

Monday—March 29th

7:00AM Sr. Mary Regis Reardon, RSM (mem.) req. of a friend

Tuesday—March 30th

7:00AM Theresa Hearn (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday—March 31st

7:00AM Richard Oliver (mem.) req. of family

5:30PM Thomas C. Walles (3rd anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—April 4th

9:00AM Thomas Burke (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **all the faithful departed.**

Extra Daily Masses in Lent

We have a 5:30 pm Mass each weekday during Lent but now that we are in the final week of Lent these Masses will only be celebrated Monday-Wednesday this week. For those still concerned about coming to a Sunday Mass we invite you to consider these (much smaller) daily Masses.

Thanks to all who Came to the Stations of the Cross Lenten Friday Afternoons

We returned to the tradition of celebrating the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. A good number of people came at 3:00 pm each Friday. For many years we celebrated the Stations at night but when the crowds dwindled this tradition was discontinued. We brought it back this year and will continue this in the years ahead.

Congratulations, Newlyweds!

We congratulate Robert Heald and Yen-Ju Chen who celebrated their wedding here last Sunday afternoon. Father James Mazzone, a former associate pastor here, officiated at the wedding. "Rob" grew up in the parish. The couple will live in the Boston area for the time being and hope to make their home in our neighborhood within the next year.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (7:00 am all year; also Lenten weekdays (Monday-Wednesday at 5:30 pm each day during this last week of Lent; Saturdays 8:00 am all year except on Holy Saturday). The Mass brings many special graces! This week all the Masses from Monday through Wednesday will be Lenten weekday Masses. The only Mass on **Thursday is at 7:30 pm**, the Solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper. There is no Mass on Good Friday or early in the day on Holy Saturday.)

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: \$7,246.00; **Online Giving:** \$870.00;
Mass Stipends: \$30.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$300.00; **Fuel:** \$280.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$10.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$573.00;
Good Friday: \$110.00; **Donation:** \$50.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$602.00; **Easter:** \$480.00.

Total: \$10,551.00

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.

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Silas Thayer Ferguson** who was baptized here last Sunday afternoon by Msgr. Sullivan. Silas' parents are Zachary Thayer Ferguson and Kaitlin Rose (Wright) Ferguson, a couple who are new to our parish. Silas' godparents are Antonio Ferrara and Laura Smith. May Silas always live in the light of Christ!

Extra Holy Week Confessions

Extra time for confessions have been reserved for this Holy Week. 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.

**HOLY WEEK !
ALL 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 ~ 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

**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 look forward to 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.

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 know that only one visitor per day is allowed for each patient and that seems to eliminate the visit of a priest. 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

**Thanks for Your Participation in
'40 Days for Life'**

Last Tuesday many of our parishioners participated in the most recent **40 Days for Life** program by their peaceful prayer vigil across the street from Planned Parenthood on Pleasant Street. We are very grateful for the participation of all who came and for your witness to the dignity of all human life. God bless you. Thanks to Joyce Dubuque and Ralph and Claire Weirich for their organizational efforts and for the parish groups that came in addition to the individuals. Continue to pray for the integrity of all human life, born and unborn.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

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

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 **more than 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 Correira (krisedpa@live.com) to have your name and email address added to our growing list. God bless!

Good Friday Collection

During Holy Week every Christian contemplates the Holy Land, a sacred place sanctified by the Lord's life, death and resurrection. As Catholics we are called to support Christianity in the Holy Land. Christian schools, shrines and parishes are signs of peace and hope and the Church provides housing and food for the poor. Please be generous in the special offering to be taken on Good Friday.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 29

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
3:00-4:00 pm - Confessions
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

Tuesday, March 30

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
3:00-4:00 pm - Confessions
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

Wednesday, March 31

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
2:30 pm - Mustard Seed Food Prep
3:00-4:00 pm - Confessions
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

6:30 am - Rosary
7:00 am - Morning Prayer (Divine Office)
7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper with
Adoration until 10:00 pm

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

6:30 am - Rosary
7:00 am - Morning Prayer (Divine Office)
3:00 pm - Good Friday Solemn Service

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

7:30 am - Rosary
8:00 am - Morning Prayer (Divine Office)
10:00 am - Blessing Easter Baskets
2:30-3:30 pm - Confessions
7:30 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

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

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.

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.

Palm (Passion) Sunday

What does it signify?

Today, we 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 bless and distribute palms at all our Masses today.
