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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.

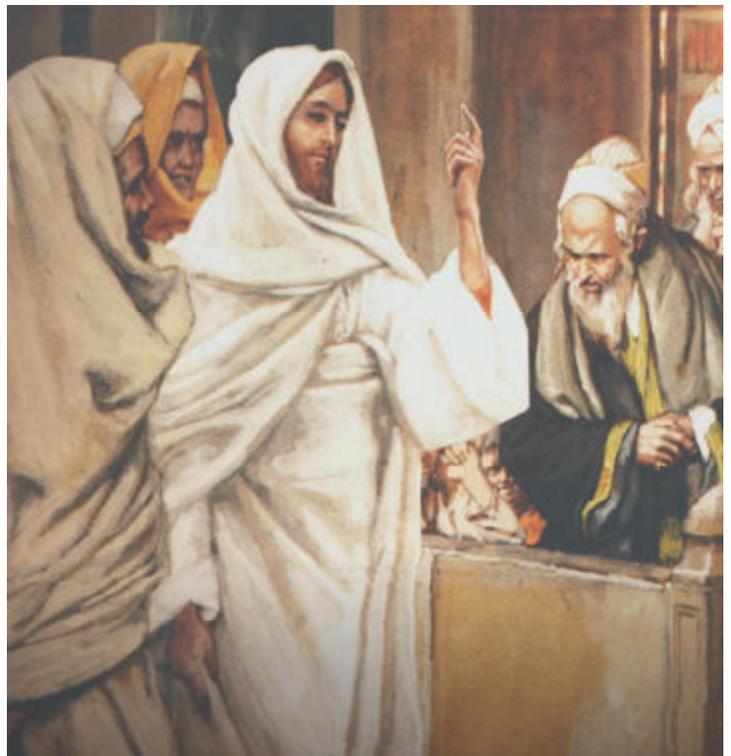
WORSHIPPING WITH US?

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: Please watch our bulletin for posted times



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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Saturday—July 3rd

4:00PM Margaret Farrey (mem.) req. of The 4PM Mass Community

Sunday—July 4th

7:30AM Theresa Bolduc (6th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—July 5th

7:00AM Margaret Kiley and Family (mem.) req. of Rev. Kiley

Tuesday—July 6th

7:00AM Angelo Pappas (mem.) req. of Curtis and Patricia Degon

Wednesday—July 7th

7:00AM Sylvia Kitka (mem.) req. of Leo Quinn

Thursday—July 8th

7:00AM Patricia Glinski (mem.) req. of Pauline Gaudette

Friday—July 9th

7:00AM Carol Bafaro (mem.) req. of Margaret Picard

Saturday—July 10th

8:00AM Nina Tsantinis (mem.) req. of Louise Faiola

4:00PM John Hanson (Living—Birthday) req. of family

Sunday—July 11th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Mary Leslie Patrock (10th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM George and Michael Ratte (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

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

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

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

RECTORY OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL

As COVID broke open across our country last year all parishes were asked to conduct parish business as best they could online or by telephone. We were asked to keep our rectories closed to the public for some time. But that changed some months back. Msgr. Sullivan has been having meetings there for over a year (baptismal instructions, marriage preparation, confessions, personal conversations). Judi Brennan has been conducting Confirmation interviews there of late. Parishioners are coming in to see Mindy Dulude for Mass cards and other business. Please do not hesitate to come visit the rectory for your personal needs. If you have been vaccinated there is no need to wear a mask. If you have not been vaccinated, you should wear a mask.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (7:00 am Monday-Friday all year; Saturdays at 8:00 am). The Mass brings many special graces! This week we have these special celebrations: **St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest and St. Elizabeth of Portugal** (Monday); **St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr** (Tuesday); **St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** (Friday); the **Blessed Virgin Mary** (Saturday).

Offertory

We are grateful for your gifts and donations. God bless you for your stewardship. The donations we received last week are as follows:

Offertory: \$7,212.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,040.00;
Mass Stipends: \$10.00; **Catholic Communication:** \$40.00;
Peter's Pence: \$722.00; **Donation:** \$10.00.

Total: \$9,034.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS BEGIN AGAIN IN FALL!

This fall (with the further relaxing of COVID protocols) we plan to resume our parent preparation sessions for infant baptisms in small groups. They take place in the rectory. The one-time program takes place on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The dates for the next three sessions are: **September 12**; **November 14**; and **January 16**. All parents must participate in the prep sessions, led by our prep team, if this is their first child and/or if they do not worship at Mass here on Sundays. Parents whose children are not yet born may participate in the program if they like. *Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to pre-register for the program.*

We will also resume the practice of celebrating baptisms at our 11:00 am Mass on occasional Sundays (usually monthly except during Lent). We do this because, theologically, the Sacrament of Baptism is a celebration of *the community* and it is important to have a good number of the community present. Having been trained, parents choose which ceremony they would like for the baptism. The next scheduled celebrations of infant Baptism at Mass will take place on **Sundays: October 3; November 7; December 5**; and **January 9** ~ all at the 11:00 am Mass.

MONDAY'S MASS TIME 7:00 a.m.

As we all know, the Fourth of July falls on Sunday this year. Most people will observe the civic holiday on Monday, July 5. We will celebrate the morning Mass on **Monday, July 5, at 7:00 am**, however, since a family had already pre-scheduled an intention for Mass at that hour.

Amending Our Mass Schedule For Holy Days of Obligation

Besides Sundays, there are 6 holy days of obligation observed by the Catholic Church. Catholics must attend Mass on these days. They are: January 1, the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God ~ Ascension Thursday** (always 40 days after Easter but the date changes from year to year) ~ August 15, the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** ~ November 1, the **Solemnity of All Saints**; December 8, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**; and December 25, **Christmas**.

What is often confusing is that, in some instances (it varies from year to year), if some feasts fall on a Saturday or a Monday... coming to Mass is **not obligatory**. That will happen at least twice in the year ahead. On November 1st, **All Saints** will fall on a Monday and there is no obligation to attend. Since January 1st (**New Year's Day**) falls on a Saturday there is **no obligation** to attend. This summer the Solemnity of the **Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary will fall on a Sunday and be observed that day. The thinking behind lifting the obligation in certain years is so that the Mass schedule not become too cumbersome for priests and the faithful. These norms were set by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops many years ago.

Typically, at Christ the King we have offered four Masses for Holy Days of Obligation. And we will continue to do so. But we would like to experiment with a couple of time changes in the year ahead. Mass attendance at the 7:00 pm Vigil (the night before the feast) is often sparse (October 31, Halloween, is a good example). And so is attendance sparse at the 9:00 am on the feast day itself.

So, going forward this year we will offer four Masses as always - but two of the times will change. We are going to offer a 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (replacing the 7:00 pm Vigil time) and we will offer a Mass at 12:00 noon on the feast day (replacing the 9:00 am). The year ahead will be experimental - to see if these time changes are more suitable for the faithful. We will continue to celebrate the 7:00 am (that will never change) and the 6:00 pm on the holy day itself.

Most importantly, keep your eye on the bulletin and the website for each individual holy day. The appropriate times will always be listed a week or two in advance.

New Altar Server Albs

The parish just recently replaced all our old albs for altar servers and has purchased new ones. They started using them last weekend. We had planned to do this earlier but when COVID hit there were no servers for two-and-a-half months, and it was deferred like so many other things. For some time, servers were assisting at Mass without wearing albs at all (concern about COVID transmission). Our servers look very sharp in the new albs.

Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public

Monsignor Sullivan is a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized you are welcome to call upon him. There is no fee. Just call the rectory should you need this service.

HOSPITAL VISITS

The in-house priest chaplains, all of whom have been vaccinated, are assuming most of the pastoral needs of the hospital patients. Please let us know if a loved one is hospitalized and Msgr. Sullivan will make every attempt to visit that person.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Christ the King Parish

The Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are intimately connected to one another and are known as the *Sacraments of Initiation*. A Catholic is not fully initiated into the life of the Roman Catholic Church until he or she has received all three of the Sacraments of Initiation.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process of spiritual and educational formation by which adults become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA welcomes both people who have never been baptized and people who were baptized in another Christian tradition and now wish to become Roman Catholic. Sometimes people who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church in infancy but did not grow up in the practice of the faith also participate in the RCIA. If you find yourself in any of the above situations we will welcome you into the RCIA.

While the RCIA process attempts to be flexible there is the expectation that the candidates will attend Mass each Sunday as well as the Formation Sessions which will be offered. At any point along the spiritual journey, people may discern that this choice is not opportune for them at this time in their life. We wish them well in their journey of faith. If their reflection brings them back to us at another time, they are always welcome.

Reception of the Sacraments

For those who participate in and complete the RCIA process in the months ahead, the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist will be offered to them at the Easter Vigil Mass (the night before Easter Sunday) at Christ the King Church on Saturday, 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

If interested in discussing the RCIA, please contact **Msgr. Sullivan** at either **508-450-2556** or by emailing him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

Many Thanks to P.A. Cleaners

We wish to thank P.A. Cleaners of 14 Millbrook Street, Worcester, for 'pressing' all our new altar server robes and doing so for no charge. When the new albs arrived here they were perfectly clean but needed to be pressed because of the way they came folded and packaged. P.A. Cleaners did a fabulous job for us. We are so grateful.

JULY 4, 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 [mindyd1052@gmail.com](mailto:mindy1052@gmail.com).

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Here at CTK: This Fall

Christ the King plans to offer CGS this year on Saturday mornings (9:00-10:30 am). For further information please contact **Judi Brennan** at **508-754-5361**. The 3-6-year-old child is particularly capable of receiving and enjoying the most essential elements of our faith - the announcement of God's love especially experienced through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who died and is risen. Materials on the life of Jesus Christ and his teachings help to make the mystery of God concrete for the child. The heart of the catechesis for children under six revolves around the Parable of the Good Shepherd. Jesus announces that he is the Good Shepherd who calls each one by name. The sheep listen to the voice of the Shepherd and follow him. The 3-6-year-old child enters the mystery of the Eucharist by first learning the names of the articles used on the altar and then through the most important gestures including the preparation of the chalice, the epiclesis and offering, and the sign of peace. Through the experience of seeing these gestures, presented one by one, the Mass emerges as the Sacrament of the Gift. The child becomes acquainted with the historical character of the liturgy through the events of the Last Supper, Christ's death, and His resurrection.

REGISTER NOW FOR 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In early June Religious Education registration forms were mailed to all those families (registered in the parish or otherwise known to us) for (next year's) Grade 2 through (next year's) Grade 10. Please complete the simple forms and get them back to us with your check for the religious education fee. If you did not receive one (or perhaps mislaid it) please **call us at 508-754-5361** and we can send one in the mail or by email. The Confirmation program has a separate registration process. Those candidates should contact our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Judi Brennan, at the same phone number.

"A. A." Tuesday Meetings Have Started

The Tuesday night meeting of A.A. has resumed its weekly meetings here. The group meets from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Lower Rectory Conference Room (entrance through the side door of the garage). This group has not met "in-person" since the beginning of the pandemic. The Friday evening meeting will likely also begin soon. Masking and vaccination protocols will be determined by the group.

Have Your Marriage Blessed?

We've learned, over time, that some (civilly) married parishioners have never entered into a sacramental marriage. Please call Msgr. Sullivan about having your marriage "blessed" if you would like to pursue this. 508-754-5361.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, July 4 - Independence Day

Monday, July 5

7:00 am - Daily Mass

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

Tuesday, July 6

7:00-8:30 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, July 7

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

Friday, July 9

3:00 pm - Private Wedding & Family Baptism

Sunday, July 11

1:00 pm - Private Wedding & Family Baptism

2:30 pm - Doyle Family Baptism

Making Parish Donations Online

Use: ctkworc.org

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.

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.

Were You Never Confirmed?

Many of our adults, even some regularly at Mass, have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please consider it! We have a process that can help you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation that completes your initiation into the Catholic Church. Msgr. Sullivan will instruct those interested. The dates of instruction are Thursday nights (7:00-8:00 pm): November 4, 11; December 2, 9, 16; and January 13). Bishop McManus will confirm these adults at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February of 2022. Candidates should be coming to Sunday Mass. Contact Msgr. Sullivan at **508-450-2556** or by email at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

Excerpts from *The Declaration of Independence*

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation...

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness...

We have petitioned for redress, in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people...

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

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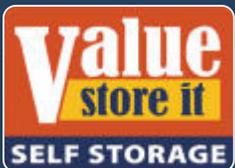



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