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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

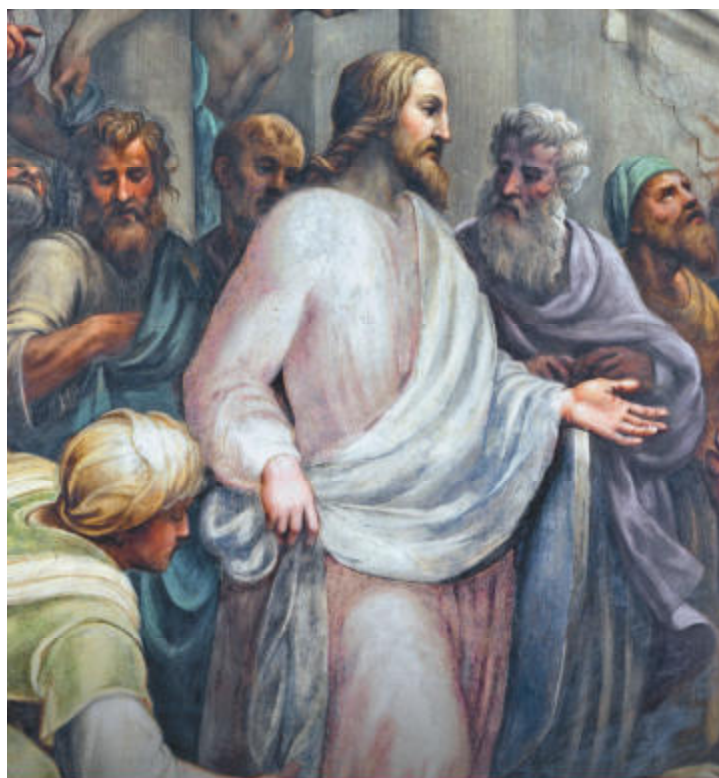
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Day Mass Times: Please watch our bulletin for posted times



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—August 28th

4:00PM Margaret T. Pappas (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—August 29th

7:30AM Donald P. Swenson (9th anniv.) req. of James D. Brock

9:00AM Ralph Warner (10th anniv.) and Stephen Warner (20th anniv.) req. of Fran and BettyAnn Warner

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—August 30th

7:00AM Philip Coleman (mem.) req. of Thomas Pappas

Tuesday—August 31st

7:00AM Dominico Phan (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday—September 1st

7:00AM Dominico Phan (mem.) req. of family

Thursday—September 2nd

7:00AM Dominico Phan (mem.) req. of family

Friday—September 3rd

7:00AM Barbara Reidy (5th anniv.) req. of family

Saturday—September 4th

8:00AM Joseph Weirich (mem.) req. of Ralph and Claire Weirich

4:00PM Rev. Peter J.J. Guerin, OSB (mem.) req. of Joseph and Carol Carlomagno

Sunday—September 5th

7:30AM Coach Rick Carter (mem.), Coach Dan Allen (mem.), and Coach Roland Perra (mem.) req. of The White Family

9:00AM Veronica E. Hennigan (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Mary F. Quarrey**, the mother of Maureen McNeil, **Maria Cinta Lowe**, the grandmother of Jessica Zequeira, **Dr. Joseph M. Murley, MD**, the brother of Mary McGee, **Robert Reid**, the father of Rev. Adam Reid and **David T. Perry**, the son of Jean Perry.

Announcing Our Parish Picnic !

On **Sunday, September 19**, the parish will host a **Parish Picnic**. The event will take place on our parish grounds from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm that day. **There will be free pony rides for our children from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the picnic.** While we have had these wonderful picnics in the past it will be especially good to sponsor one this year to "welcome home" so many of the good people we have not seen during the pandemic. Those coming may bring desserts to enjoy and/or share but all the basic **food items and beverages will be provided by the parish.** There is no cost. Games and events for children are being planned. Please plan to join us that day and come and enjoy the company of other parishioners.

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 one special feast day: **St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** (Friday). However, **Wednesday** is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Offertory

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

Offertory: \$5,269.00; **Online Giving:** \$2,060.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$250.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$300.00; **Religious Education Registration:** \$80.00; **Mission Co-Op:** \$3,038.00; **Assumption:** \$108.00; **Church in Eastern Europe:** \$103.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00; **Donation:** \$435.00; **Baptism Donation:** \$200.00.

Total: \$11,943.00

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.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR SEPTEMBER 19th's PARISH PICNIC?

If you can come and help out, please be in touch with Janet Rauktis at her email address: Janet.Rauktis@ipfs.com. Many thanks.

Father John Gavin, SJ !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 9:00 am Mass today.

**'40 Days for Life'
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22**

Christ the King parishioners will be praying outside Planned Parenthood at 470 Pleasant Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, September 22**. **YOU can help save lives** by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. To sign on for an hour of prayer (with others) please contact one of the following: **Ralph and/or Claire Weirich** (weirich.ralph@gmail.com) or **Joyce Dubuque** (jhdubue@aol.com).

**The Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults**

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.

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 on Saturday, April 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**.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Starts Saturday, September 11**

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-to-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. Through this experience the Mass emerges as the Sacrament of the Gift.

**Making Parish Donations Online
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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, **ctkwor.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.

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. Msgr. Sullivan has been visiting St. Vincent's Hospital of late.

**Bishop Robert Barron's
'THE MASS'**

Deadline to Sign Up: Friday, September 10

Our parish will offer **'The Mass,'** a highly acclaimed program on **Thursday evenings this fall**. All are welcome but because of the **need to prepare for dinner there is a Registration Deadline of Friday, September 10**. We'll offer special DVD presentations of the highest quality and have discussion groups. The program **begins on Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m.** (with dinner). Each Thursday we will begin with dinner (free will offerings accepted). The program concludes by 8:30 p.m. each evening. The schedule is as follows: **A Privileged Encounter** (Sept. 16); **Called Out of the World** (Sept. 23); **God Speaks Our Story** (Sept. 30); **Responding to God** (Oct. 7); **Preparing for Sacrifice** (Oct. 14); and **The Real Presence Creates Communion** (Oct. 21). Please let Msgr. Tom know if you would like to participate. You can call him at **508-754-5361** or email him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

**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!

Meeting: American Heritage Girls

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at 37 Massasoit Road in Worcester will be hosting an informational meeting to learn more about **American Heritage Girls** on **September 14, 2021, 5:00-6:30 pm**. AHG is for families with daughters (ages 5-18) who are seeking a faith-based, scout-type experience. There are 49,000 members across 15 countries and in all 50 states. AHG helps girls to know who they are and whose they are in Christ through service work, badge work, leadership opportunities, and more. Girls choose from more than 240 badges, participate in service projects, and are challenged by leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences. Troops are led by adult volunteers. Visit the AHG website at **americanheritagegirls.org** to learn more. Contact Lynn Somers at **lmsomers@gmail.com** with any questions.

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.

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10th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Coming this Fall

Coming again this fall and now in its tenth year will be the Novena to St. Joseph on Monday nights. We will pray for the sick, pray for improvements in palliative care, and pray to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive **Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm**. We will **begin on Monday, September 13** and conclude on November 8.

We hope that you will participate in this annual Novena especially as there are very strong indications that physician assisted suicide could become the law in Massachusetts in 2021 through an act of the Legislature.

Our speakers this year will be:

Sept. 13 - Monsignor Thomas Sullivan

Sept. 20 - Bishop Robert McManus

Sept. 27 - Marc Tumeinski, Ph.D.

Oct 4 - Kris Correia, DScPAS

Oct 11 - Rev. John Gavin, SJ

Oct 18 - Cathy Pimley

Oct 25 - Jo Massarelli

Nov 1 - Monsignor Sullivan, - Mass & Novena Prayers

Nov 8 - Rev. Walter Riley

The Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick At All Masses ~ September 11 & 12

At all our Masses on the weekend of September 11 and 12 we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to any person who wishes to receive it. This is the first time we will offer this sacrament in a communal setting since before the pandemic. You will remember that it has been our custom to offer the sacrament in this manner twice a year. We hope that anyone afflicted by a serious physical or emotional illness, those recovering from or preparing for surgery, or those who experience age-related limitations will receive the sacrament. In the sacrament we always receive the grace of God's healing. The two essential parts of the sacrament are the 'laying on' of hands and the anointing with the *Oil of the Sick*. The celebration of this Sacrament, with the whole community present and praying for one another, is always a powerful and beautiful experience. Even now, please consider if you would like to receive this Sacrament of Healing.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Tuesday, August 31

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

Wednesday, September 1

6:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus, Johnson Room

Friday, September 3

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

7:30-8:00 pm - Men's Prayer Group

CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group' September 3, 7:30-8:30 pm

Tony Penny and Anthony Zamarro spearhead this group for men's spiritual growth. The group meets for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. The format may vary a bit from month to month but we will incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. Following the hour the men may get a bite to eat off campus. All Catholic men are invited and welcome. The group will meet **this coming Friday, Sept. 3**.

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.

NEW FESTIVAL CHOIR MEMBERS?

Our Festival Choir is in need of new members, and we look forward to welcoming any who wish to join in the fun. The **Festival Choir practices from 7:30-9:00 pm on Thursday evenings and they sing at 11:00 am Masses on Sundays**. The **first rehearsal** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 16**. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jonathan Bezdegian by email at jonathan.bezdegian@gmail.com.

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: A Special Collection for the People of Haiti

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you know the epicenter of the recent earthquake in Haiti was in Les Cayes, a diocese with which we have had a long association. Hundreds were killed when the quake struck. Many more are injured, missing and homeless. Cardinal Chibly Langlois was injured when his residence collapsed. One of his priests was killed and it is reported that 18 people were killed during a baptism in the church at Les Anglais. This impoverished nation is still struggling from the deaths of more than 100,000 people in calamitous 2010 earthquake when the latest earthquake struck. For more than twenty-five years the Diocese of Worcester has had a covenant of support with the Diocese of Les Cayes. Eight of our area parishes support twin parishes in Les Cayes. In their tremendous need, our fellow Catholics in Les Cayes need the help of us all at this tragic time.

I am asking all parishes in the Diocese of Worcester to take up a second collection as soon as possible for disaster assistance in the Diocese of Les Cayes. It is my understanding that Christ the King Parish will take up this collection next Sunday, September 4 & 5. We will make a full report on this collection during the Fall. I am very grateful for the generosity of your parish to so many in need in our own diocese and in our covenant Diocese of Les Cayes.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

Bishop of Worcester

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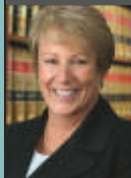


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