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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 celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately. 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.

Christ the King Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

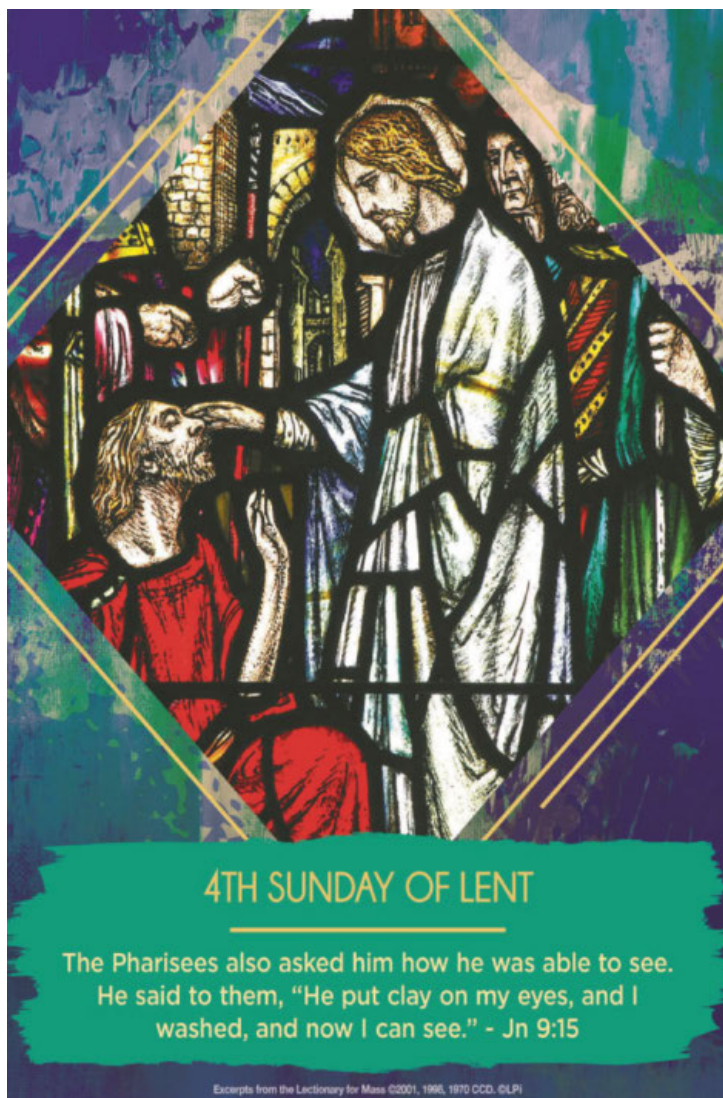
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—March 18th

4:00PM Patricia Gibbons (1st anniv.) req. of Family

Sunday—March 19th

7:30AM Virginia M. Shea (8th anniv.) req. of Stephen & Kathleen Brothers

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Dennis Ferrante (birthday) req. of Family

Monday—March 20th

7:00AM Mary L. Donahue (mem.) req. of Paul & Mary Ann Franco

Tuesday—March 21st

7:00AM Rev. Maurice F. Reidy

Wednesday—March 22nd

7:00AM Barbara Reidy (mem.) req. of Family

Thursday—March 23rd

7:00AM Janice Reidy (mem.) req. of Family

Friday—March 24th

7:00AM Laura Handy (mem.) and Lucy Jacobs (mem.) req. of Cynthia Katinas

5:30PM Rebekah O'Connor (3rd anniv.) req. of Family

Saturday—March 25th

8:00AM Catherine Ferrie (100th birthday mem.) req. of Family

4:00PM Susan Reynolds (mem.) req. of Family

Sunday—March 26th

7:30AM Florence C. Dulude (mem.) req. of Family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM The Cousineau and Curran Families

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (**Monday-Friday, 7:00 am, and during Lent at 5:30 pm Monday through Friday; Saturdays at 8:00 am**). The Mass brings many special graces! This week we celebrate two special occasions. On **Monday**, we celebrate the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While normally celebrated on March 19 when that day falls on a Lenten Sunday the feast is transferred to the following day. And **next Saturday** we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Annunciation** of the Lord. All our other liturgical celebrations this week are Lenten weekday Masses.

Offertory

We are very grateful for all your donations and gifts to the parish and the Diocese. Your donations from last weekend are as follows:

Offertory: \$6,071.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,725.00;
Mass Stipends: \$60.00; **Donation for Family in Need:** \$100.00; **Fuel:** \$220.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$39.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$280.00; **Home Mission:** \$30.00; **Church in Latin America:** \$232.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$297.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$320.00; **Earthquake Relief:** \$50.00.

Total: \$9,424.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

All parents must participate in a team-led preparation session if this is their first child and/or if they do not worship at Sunday Masses. Parents whose children are not yet born may participate in the program if they like. It takes place in the rectory on select Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The date for our next session is: **Sunday, April 23. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to pre-register for the program.** Actual baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date. The next scheduled public celebrations of infant Baptism at Mass will take place on the following Sundays: **April 16, May 21, and June 18.**

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Nancy M. O'Connell**.

'RAISING LAZARUS, RAISING FAITH'

Evening of Recollection

Reserve a Place Now

All women are invited to join the Women's Guild of Christ the King for its Annual Lenten **Evening of Recollection**. The event will take place following the 5:30 pm Mass on **Monday, March 27**, and in the Johnson Room. **Father Walter Riley** will make a presentation following dinner at the event. 6:00 pm is the start time. The donation for the evening is \$18 for Guild members and \$20 for non-members. To make a **reservation** please contact **Donna Byrnes** at 508-753-3024 or by email at **dbyrnes@charter.net**. Please reserve a place by this **Wednesday, March 22** as Donna needs to coordinate with the caterer. Thank you.

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.

Two-Weekend Food Drive Starts Now!

Nora Oliver, a member of our Confirmation Class who assists in our religious education program, is sponsoring a **non-perishable food drive** here at our church as a service project for her membership in the National Honor Society at Leicester High School. The drive will take place at all the Masses on this weekend **March 18-19** and next, **March 25-26** (not weekdays, please). All of our donated foods will go to the **St. John's Parish Food Pantry**. Your donations can be given to Nora in the church foyer where she will receive them.

**“COME HOME TO GOD’S MERCY”
Tuesday Night Confessions During Lent**

Several years ago, Bishop McManus requested that every parish in the Diocese offer opportunities for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance; confessions) on Lenten Tuesdays **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. We continue this practice. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God’s mercy in this extraordinary Sacrament. In addition to Saturday afternoons, we will be offering confessions on Lenten Tuesday evenings.

**GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND
ABSTINENCE IN LENT**

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on all the **Fridays of Lent** including **Good Friday** of course. **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 **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.

**Children’s Choir of Greater Paris
Returning this Summer
Volunteer as Host Family Now**

Many will recall the wonderful concert and two-day visit we experienced in July of 2019. And now the **Children’s Choir of Greater Paris** will return in July of 2023. Under the direction of Professor Francis Bardot about forty boys and girls (ages 11-14) will perform here on the evening of Tuesday, July 18, 2023. This is a free concert. All are welcome. For their tour the group is accompanied by several adult chaperones. Professor Bardot and his wife have met with Elise Jacques, Tom & Sue Flynn and Monsignor Sullivan to lay the initial groundwork for the group’s return visit. **We are now inviting CTK families to consider hosting a child or two (or more) for the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, July 17 and 18.** A couple of families have already volunteered on their own. If you would like to do so, please contact either **Tom Flynn** (email: fly5thom@yahoo.com) or **Sue Flynn** (email: nurse_sue52@yahoo.com). On Wednesday morning, July 19, the group will travel to Cape Cod for multiple concerts there. Plan now to join us for this wonderful evening.

Congratulations, Ralph & Claire Weirich!

For their significant contributions to the Pro-Life movement both **Ralph and Claire Weirich**, our parish Pro-Life couple, will be honored at the Annual Mass for Life this coming **Friday, March 24**, at 10:00 am, at St. Paul’s Cathedral. Bishop McManus will bestow on them the Annual **Mother Teresa Award**. Ralph and Claire have been actively involved in the Pro-Life movement for more than forty-five years. **All parishioners are welcome** and encouraged to **participate** in the **Mass** at St. Paul’s this Friday.

HOSPITAL VISITS

The priest chaplains at our hospitals continue to serve the pastoral needs of their patients. Please let us know if someone you know is hospitalized and Msgr. Sullivan will be happy to visit that person. The best thing is for a family member or friend to call the rectory to let us know your loved one is in the hospital.

‘HOPE FOR HOUSING’ CARDS

Hope for Housing cards are sold in the church foyer after all Masses. Here’s how they work: You purchase food or gift cards in various amounts of \$10 to \$100; You use the food cards for your shopping; You receive the full-face value of the card you purchase; What you don’t spend remains on your card for later use; The supermarket or store donates 5% to 10% of what you spend to prevent family homelessness. Yvonne Nguyen already has a couple of volunteers but will need to engage some additional ones (as in the past). If you would like to assist her (and you will be trained) Yvonne’s telephone number is **508-762-2161** & her email address is Yv0nn3@aol.com. Cards are available for: The Big Y, CVS, Dunkin’ Donuts, Hannaford, Panera Bread, Shaw’s, Stop & Shop, TJMaxx / Marshall, Starbucks, Amazon and Target.

Diocesan Youth Retreat

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on **May 19-21** at Anna Maria College! The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Join for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun & games (with prizes!), music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass! The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. Cost is \$125/person. **Deadline to register is April 25.** To sign up or to get more information, go to neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat. If you have any questions, contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org.

Thanks for Your Generosity

We are very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners in two recent collections. Our contributions to the special collection to assist the victims of the recent **earthquake in Turkey and Syria** amounted to **\$5,554**. Thank you.

In addition, the fairly new and now annual collection on **Ash Wednesday** to support our retired diocesan priests raised **\$5,215**. We are very grateful for your goodness to that collection as well.

CTK’s Father-Son Canoeing Trip

Do you like canoeing, camping, fishing, swimming, and exploring? We are collecting names of interested parties for a father/son(s) trip to take place during the week of **August 14-18**. Boys should be 10 or older and able to swim. There will be more information forthcoming. If interested, please contact Fran Warner at franciswarner@juno.com or cell: 774-364-2393.

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LINE

If you know of someone who could use our prayerful support please contact Mindy at 508-754-5361 or by email at mindy1052@gmail.com.

Extra Masses in Lent & Your Mass Intentions

We have a **5:30 pm Mass each weekday (Mon-Fri) during Lent**. This is our 12th year of this practice. Daily Mass during the holy season of Lent is a rich spiritual experience. Also, if you have a Mass intention but find the morning Mass is already taken by someone else, or inconvenient for you to make, you may want to consider designating this late afternoon Mass for your intention. If interested, just call Mindy at 508-754-5361. These late afternoon Masses run until Wednesday, April 5, the day before Holy Thursday.

The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference Next Saturday!

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for **Assumption University next Saturday, March 25, 2023**. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Bear Woznick, Jeff Joaquin, Msgr. Jim Moroney, David Niles, Adam Minihan and Fr. Chris Alar, MIC**. Visit the conference website at www.catholicmenworc.com for information and to purchase tickets online. For assistance with the purchase of tickets call Corinn Dahm at 508-835-8551. **Adult** tickets are \$65. **Student** tickets are \$30.

Making Parish Donations Online

We ask all parishioners to please continue your support of the parish offertory. 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**.' You can donate using your credit card. Many thanks.

Please give to *Partners in Charity*!

We are very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our parishioners to the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. The diocesan goal is \$5 million this year and we have a long way to go to meet that goal. Tens of thousands of people are served by this essential annual campaign. We hope you will contribute now with a pledge or one-time gift. 26% of our parishioners have thus far. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the church vestibule's book rack and at the rectory. Simply return it by mail, or by dropping it off, or by putting it in the offertory basket at Mass. All **checks** should be made payable to '**Partners in Charity**' (not Christ the King).

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, March 18

12:30 pm - Private Baptism
4:00 pm Mass - Food Drive

Sunday, March 19

All Masses - Food Drive
10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed. for CGS & Grades 1-6
6:00-7:30 pm - Rel. Ed. for Grades 7-10

Monday, March 20 - St. Joseph's Day

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
2:00-3:30 pm - All Diocesan Priests Here

Tuesday, March 21

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

Wednesday, March 22

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts Hall
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 24

Masses: 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
10:00 am - Mass for Life, St. Paul's
3:00-3:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Saturday, March 25

Catholic Men's Conference
4:00 pm Mass - Food Drive

Sunday, March 26

All Masses - Food Drive
10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed. for CGS & Grades 1-6
6:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Religious Education Classes *This Week & Next...*

Today, Sunday, March 19: classes will be held for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and **Grades 1-6** from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Classes will be held for **Grades 7-10** from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Next Sunday, March 26: classes will be held for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and **Grades 1-6** from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The **Confirmation** class will meet from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays

We celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. The time is **3:00-3:30 pm**.

40 Days for Life

CTK's Day is Wednesday, March 29!

Sign-up after all Masses Today!

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We pray that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion in Worcester and elsewhere. Join fellow parishioners on **Wednesday, March 29**, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. We pray across the street from the **Planned Parenthood** abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street.

Sign up in-person here today for an hour of prayer. Our aim is to ensure that a minimum of two adults be present during each prayer hour. If someone can bring a companion, that will be wonderful, and it is helpful to know in advance.

To sign up you can also contact one of the following: **Ralph & Claire Weirich** (508-791-0678 ~ weirich.ralph@gmail.com) or **Joyce Dubuque** (508-826-0703 ~ jhdubuque@aol.com).

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