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**Eucharist:**

**Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7:30am

**Sat. Vigil:** 5:00pm

**Sunday:** 8:00am &  
10:30am

**Reconciliation :  
(Confession)**

Saturday: 4:00pm -  
4:30pm and *anytime* by  
appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick :  
(& Ministry to the Sick)**

Call the rectory anytime a  
person is sick and would  
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**Baptism:**

Please call our parish  
office to arrange pre-  
Baptismal instruction and  
the time of the ceremony.

**Holy Orders:**

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or  
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434  
1660, if you want to *learn  
more about becoming a  
priest or deacon*, or,  
contact Fr. Greg Galvin,  
Vocations Office:  
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**Matrimony:**

Preparation for marriage  
must begin at least six  
months before actual  
ceremony. Please call our  
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begins in the 9th grade  
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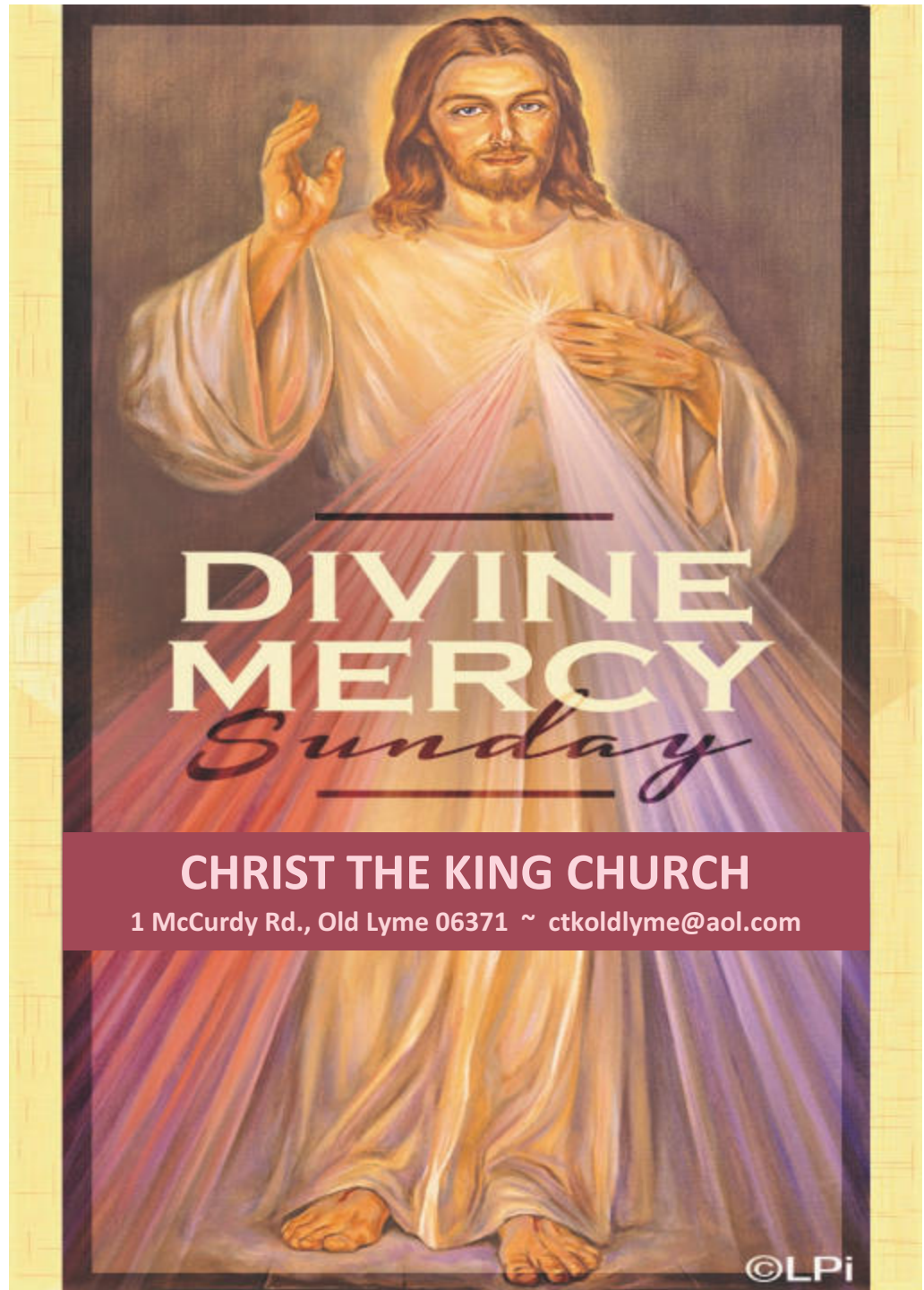
**Holy Days of Obligation:**

7:30am & 6:30pm

(No evening Mass the day  
before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed  
Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

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### MASS Schedule this WEEK

All Masses are streamed online

Sat. April 18

5:00pm *The healing of America*

SUNDAY APRIL 19

FEAST of DIVINE MERCY

10:30am *Pat Roser r/b her family*

Mon. April 20

12:00pm *In celebration of Nancy's birthday*

Tues. April 21 St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

12:00pm *The Parishioners of Christ the King*

Wed. April 22

12:00pm *Paul R. Stevens r/b Bob and Sue Staab*

Thurs. April 23 St. George, Martyr

St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

12:00pm

Fri. April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

12:00pm

Sat. April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist

5:00pm

SUNDAY APRIL 26

10:30am *Daniel Pudvah r/b Al and MaryAnn Taday*

*Betty Ann Sullivan r/b her family*

*The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be lit  
for all victims of the Corona Virus*



### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Q:** Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

**A:** If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”



### PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below.

On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."

**Online Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Service from CTK  
at 3:00PM APRIL 19**





## GOSPEL MEDITATION (John 20:19-31)

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I-don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

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## First Holy Communion Postponed

The Diocese has cancelled the Sacramental Celebration of First Holy Communion until further notice to comply with Gov. Lamont's orders.

The Sacramental celebration will not be rescheduled until the state ban is lifted.



## Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



# LIVE STREAM MASS AT CHRIST THE KING

View the DAILY MASS (M - F) 12:00PM NOON

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View the WEEKEND MASS: VIGIL at 5:00PM SATURDAY

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/223857915?pwd=d3I1YWdmRUNaSSStEcVYwMUlZVStlZz09>  
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or SUNDAY MORNING at 10:30AM

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### CTK Prayer Line

To request prayers for **any** intention, need, or in thanksgiving, please call Michele, 860-434-8529.

## FAITH SPARKS!

Please look for the Office of Faith Events' new column: "Faith Sparks" in the Four County Catholic newspaper and online.  
Visit: [NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks](https://NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks)

### Regularly scheduled parish events:

Children's Choir	Tuesday 6:15pm
Adult Choir	Tuesday 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration	M-F 6:15-7:15am
'God Squad' Prayer Group	M-F mornings after 7:30am mass

## **POSTPONED** due to coronavirus

Rosary	Tuesday 4:30 pm
Men's Club	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:00pm
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00pm
Small Christian Community (scripture sharing)	Wednesday 7:00pm
Bible Study (for all)	Thursday 9:00am
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday 9:30am
Parish Pot Luck Supper	last Friday of month 6:00pm

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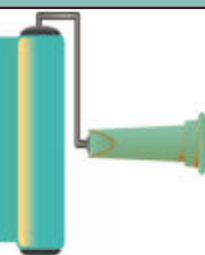
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