

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for July 15, 2020



Help for 9a & 11a Mass: In order to continue providing the highest quality Sunday experience, I need help with our later Sunday Masses. I need volunteers to help count the number of attendees, hand out mass programs, help people find seats, and to sanitize the church after mass. If you are already attending Mass at either 9a or 11a and are interested in assisting, please contact Mrs. Cindy Ordoyne either at 985.447.2013 or cindy.ordoyne@htdiocese.org.

Mass Requirements: In light of Governor Edwards' statements this past Saturday and the new guidelines from the state, it is a good time to review our procedures for Sunday Mass. To enter our church you must wear a facemask that covers your nose and mouth. We have a limited number of masks available for those who do not have a mask. Only volunteers helping coordinate Mass may arrive more than a half-hour before Mass. All other guests should not enter the church more than a half-hour before Mass. When entering the building, please sanitize your hands and locate an empty pew or chair and remain there. The chairs against the wall in the back of church are spaced six feet apart and are intended for individuals. They should not be moved. When sitting in a pew, try to avoid sitting directly behind another parishioner, this will maintain the proper distancing. Please avoid unnecessary physical contact with persons not in your family or with the church building and furniture. For communion, we use the in between, center aisles. The tape on the floor shows six feet. If you wait for the person in front of you to pass their tape before you proceed, you will be keeping a safe distance. Wait to remove your mask until after you say "amen" to receive communion. Please present your hands flat with the left over the right. When Mass is concluded, please secure all of your personal belongings and your Mass handout and lift your kneeler. Then exit the church completely before stopping to visit. When Mass is over we should keep our visiting to a minimum and always with a mask on. I know that this is a lot, but this is the best shot that we have at fighting the Coronavirus and being able to continue to worship together on Sunday.

Confirmation: Parents of our confirmation candidates. You should have received word that we have rescheduled the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Fabre for 6pm on Sunday, September 20th. Practice will be scheduled before August 1.

Virtual Bible Camp: While registration for take-home kits is closed, you may still join us at our church website <https://www.ctr-htdiocese.org/virtual-vacation-bible-camp-title> for our Bible Camp stations at your own pace. You will meet our camp facilitators as they walk with you through each day of the week. You will meet a new Bible Buddy each day and explore Imagination Station.

DATE | July 20th through July 24th

KIT PICK UP DAY | At the Information Desk in the Church Lobby on Thursday, July 16 & Friday, July 17 (8:30AM to 11:30PM & 1:30PM to 3:30PM)

There is a funeral on Friday morning from 9:00 AM until about 10:00 AM.

Prayer for Hurricane Season:

Our Father in Heaven,
through the powerful intercession
of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season
and protect us and our homes
from all the disasters of nature.

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Support Christ the Redeemer: Thank you all for your continuing support of our parish ministry in the face of this pandemic. Donations can be made by mail to 720 Talbot Ave., electronically <https://www.ctr-htdiocese.org/stewardship>, by texting 985.333.1108, by downloading the Connect Now Giving App, through your bank's automatic bill pay system, or by bringing a donation to our church.

We are here to Help: As we continue to progress through the Coronavirus and Hurricane season, we will need to rely on each other more and more. If you find yourself in need of help or need to talk to someone, please contact our office. We are here to serve you. Our office is closed to the public, but we are available over the phone from 8:00 AM to noon and from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at 985.447.2013.

Sunday Obligation: The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains lifted. If you cannot or choose not to attend Sunday Mass for any reason, you will not be sinning. There is no shame in choosing not to attend Mass if you are vulnerable, are caring for someone who is, are caring for young children for whom the distancing will be difficult, are concerned about getting sick, or for any other reason. Please take this time to sanctify your week in some other fashion until life returns to normal.

Finally, please help our Christ the Redeemer family by sharing this letter with as many people as you can. Only with your assistance can we assure that every Christ the Redeemer parishioner who wants to receive our updates can. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Alex Gaudet