

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for March 17, 2021

Easter Egg Project: Thank you all for donating over 700 Lbs of items for the food bank.

The Light is on for You: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at each church parish in the Diocese from 6-8p. I will be available from 5p until 8p or the last confessee.

Holy Week Confession: 3.28 | 5 - 8p 3.30 | 8a - 1p 3.31 | 11a - 5p

Holy Week Schedule: 3.31 | Mercy Night | 6 - 7:30p

4.1 | Mass of the Lord's Supper | 6p | Altar of Repose until Midnight

4.2. | Way of the Cross | 9a & 2:30p Solemn Service | 3p

4.3 | Easter Vigil | 8p

 $4.4\,|$ Easter Sunday Mass | 6 & 9a outdoors & 11a indoors and online

Palms Petition: For the celebration of Palm Sunday, we will be collecting palms on March 23-25. Palms must be trimmed on the ends to be held and washed with soap and water. There will be tables located near the outside crucifix where the palms can be placed. Thank you.

CRS Rice Bowl: Each year Catholic Relief Services collects funds to feed people in need across the world through the *Rice Bowl*. Rice Bowls should be turned in on Palm Sunday, March 28.

Phase 3 Covid-19 Precautions: If you feel ill, please stay home so that you can recover more quickly. A cloth face mask that covers your nose and mouth is expected. Please keep visiting to a minimum, with facemasks, and outside the buildings. We have hand sanitizer and facemasks at our entrances for your convenience. When Mass is over, I am asking everyone to make their way all the way out of the building before stopping. Two sections of pews are reserved to maintain social distancing. In the other sections of pews, a strict six feet does not need to be maintained;

however, we should still try to distance as much as possible. The process around communion, confession, and the Sunday Mass obligation are unchanged.

Practicing Lent: For Lent this year, we are using *The Search* from formed.org. Each week you can watch a new video. Each Wednesday, I will host a Mercy Night both in person and online. These nights will coincide with the content of *The Search*. Our Sunday Masses will focus on deeper participation in the Liturgy. Finally, we will have lots of time for the sacrament of Reconciliation. ctr-htdiocese.org/lentscheduleandevents

The Search: What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

CTR Prayer Line: "Again, Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." [Mat 18:19-20] Please allow us to pray with you through your need. To make prayer requests contact Dee at 985.447.8712.

Come Spend an Hour with the Lord: There is an open hour for adoration at 3p on Sunday. If you have ever considered regularly spending some time with the Lord, now is a great time to start. Please call Sara Oubre or JoAnna LeBeouf if you would like to commit to a slot. Sara: 985.446.8662 [H], 985.859.4874 [C], or 985.447.9363. JoAnna: 985.209.8181

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.

Prayer to St. Joseph: O good St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and Mary, I place myself under your faithful protection. You were always attentive to the voice of the Lord and never ceased to follow wherever God led you. Help me to hear and respond to God's voice with the same humble fidelity. O St. Joseph, Terror of demons, protect me from all that might tempt me away from abiding in communion with Jesus. Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, grant me a pure heart that I may see as God sees, and love as God loves. With deep tenderness you cared for Mary and held the sleeping child Jesus, the Son of God, in your arms. O dear St. Joseph, pray for me that I might have a mind and heart to receive that same love from my Father in heaven. St. Joseph, intercede for me always so that under your care I might be found worthy to rejoice forever with Jesus and you in heaven. Amen.

Thank you, Fr. Alex Gaudet