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Welcome *home*.

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for March 3, 2021

Phase 3: Many of you are aware that Governor Edwards intends to move Louisiana towards phase 3 which will impact our gatherings at Christ the Redeemer; however, I do not know yet how this will affect us. Stay tuned for more information.

Easter Memorial: Each year we commemorate the loved ones of our parishioners in our Easter Bulletin. The memorial envelopes for this event are due to the office by Monday, March 22.

Practicing Lent: It is not too late. For Lent this year, we are using *The Search* from formed.org. Each week you can watch a new video. Each Wednesday, I 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.

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

Easter Egg Project: Our 2021 Lenten Easter Egg is going on wonderfully. All of the eggs have been taken. If you still want to be involved, we can continue to accept final donations or needed items without a tag. Packages are due back on March 21.

Way of the Cross: Stations of the Cross are prayed at 5:30p in our church. The booklets for the way of the cross will be individually wrapped and located on the table as you walk into the main part of our Church. If you intend to celebrate the stations with us this season, please take one and keep it with you for the season. Once our parishioners are served additional books can be purchased for \$5.

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.” [Matthew 18:19-20] Please allow us to pray

with you through your need. To make prayer requests on our Prayer Line please contact Dee at 985.447.8712

Come Spend an Hour with the Lord: There are open hours for adoration at 3p on Sunday and 8a on Wednesday. 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

Covid 19 Precautions: If you are experiencing any sort of illness, please remain at home so that you can recover more quickly and restrict the spread of infections. Bishop Fabre and I ask that everyone wear a cloth face mask that covers mouth and nose for the whole time that you are on our campus. I ask you to keep visiting to a minimum with facemasks, at least six feet apart, and outside the buildings when possible. 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.

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, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen. [*Oratio* p. 88]

Prayer for Priestly Vocations: O Jesus, our compassionate High Priest, we ask you to raise up among our Christian communities abundant and holy vocations of the priesthood. Grant to the men whom you are calling to this holy service the grace to stay close to your Sacred Heart. Aid them in their commitment to prayer and grant them the grace to hear your voice more clearly each day. Give them the humility and the charity to respond to your invitation in discerning this vocation. May they encounter you close to them in every step of their journey, being reminded that they are never without you and your guidance. We ask this in your name, Jesus. Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet