

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for August 12, 2020



Solemnity of the Assumption: Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Friday, August 14 at 5:30 PM and on Saturday, August 15 at 8:30 AM.

Diocesan Awards: Diocesan Leadership Award Recipients: The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Annual Diocesan Service Award is given to exemplary lay men and women in each of the church parishes of our diocese in appreciation of their many contributions of time and talent to the life of their church parish. We thank and congratulate Ms. Sara Oubre and Mr. Lynn Sonier, this year's recipients representing Christ the Redeemer!

Youth Formation: Earlier this week I recorded a message to our parents and youth formation team members with information about the upcoming year. I want to respect our parents and volunteers by letting them hear about our plans directly. Please be on the lookout for this message.

Formed: If you are looking for what you could be doing next to feed your spiritual life, Christ the Redeemer parishioners have the ability to access the whole video library for FORMED.org. It can be accessed by going to <https://www.ctr-htdiocese.org/formed>. At this time, a code is not needed to access; you just click either link and sign up. New this week: *Divine Mercy Chaplet* prayed with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, *Clare and Francis* is a video showing the lives of these two saints, *Stealing Home* is a talk by Mike Sweney a Kansas City Royals all-star who draws connections to living faith well to the end, and *Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe* is a film about the priest who endured World War II concentration camps. FORMED Now is a daily program that will be talking about the following this week: The Feast of Saint Lawrence, The Feast of Saint Clare, Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew, Catholic Spirituality and Baseball, and Why Catholic do Penance on Fridays.

Come Spend an Hour with the Lord: There are several hours that are being temporarily filled by adorers serving additional hours. If you have ever considered regularly spending some time with the Lord now is a great time to start. Please call Sara Oubre if you would like to commit to a slot. 985.447.8662

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.

Coronavirus Precautions: While in the Church building, please wear a facemask that covers your mouth and nose. This reduces the spread of germs in enclosed spaces. At all times we should remain six feet apart and make no physical contact with each other and limited contact with parts of the Church building such as doors or the information desk. We should not gather for extended periods of time either in the church or in the parking lot. Each person should sanitize their hands when they enter the church and preferably when they leave.

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