

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for September 9, 2020



**Confession Time:** Confession this Saturday will be from 1 PM until 3:30 PM.

**Open Offices:** As things are now progressing, now is a good time to reopen our parish office. Beginning on Monday, September 19, CTR parish offices will be open for regular business hours. We will still be observing Coronavirus restrictions. Thank you for your patience for all of this time.

**Laura Relief:** I was very impressed to see the collected supplies in our lobby. Thank you for your generosity in helping people in such need after a storm. Our supplies were delivered to Catholic Charities earlier this morning. However, you have not missed the opportunity. You may continue to drop off supplies or donations as long as you would like. Supplies can also be dropped off at our local food bank. Monetary donations can be made by visiting the diocesan website.

<https://htdiocese.org/hurricane-laura-relief>

**Fire Lanes:** Please be attentive to the lines painted in our parking lot. Several worshipers have been parking in our fire lanes which are marked by red lines. This could prevent emergency vehicles from entering our parking lot should the need arise. It also makes our facility less safe for all coming to pray.

**Confirmation Practice:** Practice for the confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 PM. We ask only for candidates and sponsors to attend this practice.

**Great Vacation:** I enjoyed my vacation this past week, and I appreciated your prayers and exhortations as much as I enjoy your welcome back. Thank you.

**Youth Formation Team Members:** Please participate in the survey that can be found with my letter here <https://www.ctr-htdiocese.org/youth>. If you are not currently part of our youth formation team but feel called to work with youth you can also sign up to assist with this same link.

**Youth Formation Registration:** To follow up from last week, Registration for youth formation for the 2020-2021 year is open. We are delaying the start of our program until January of 2021 in order to better prepare our formation team for the demands of youth formation during and after Covid-19.

**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.

**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