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Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for January 27, 2021

Installation Mass: Very Rev. Mark Toups, V.G. will install Rev. Alex Gaudet as pastor of Christ the Redeemer at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 31, 2021. We hope you will join us in person at Mass or by live stream on our Facebook page.

Annual Contribution Statements: Our annual contribution statements were put in the mail this week. You should be on the lookout for yours. Please contact our office if there are any problems with your statement. Statements totaling \$250 or more will be mailed to the perspective contributor by Monday, January 25, 2021. If you do not receive one and would like to obtain a copy of your statement, please contact our office at 985.447.2013.

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 is an open hour for adoration on Friday at 2 PM. 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

FORMED.org: We just renewed our annual subscription as a gift to our parish family. Please visit the website where you'll find tons of resources, movies for adults and children, bible studies, and much more. It is all free to you, so log on and check all that FORMED.org has to offer.

Bulletin E-mail: If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you register at www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx and enter 70301. A list of churches will appear. Scroll down to Christ the Redeemer and click on the green arrow. Fill out the needed first name and email address and hit “Submit.” You are registered and will receive a Saturday morning link to the parish bulletin.

Covid 19 Precautions: Good practices around the Coronavirus, the flu, and other illnesses are more important than usual. 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 facemask that covers their 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. 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.

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 to 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