

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for August 26, 2020



I hope that this letter finds you all well. I would like to invite you to pray with me around the 6 o'clock hour for those who are or will be impacted by hurricane Laura. This storm system has turned out to be nothing like what was predicted late last week and is shaping up to be fairly devastating. This evening during my live stream I would like to pray with all of you for those who are suffering through this hurricane. I want to give special intentions to our brothers and sisters in the Morgan City area as they are the portion of our diocese most exposed to this developing monster.

Post-Hurricane Laura: Taking into consideration the rapidly changing nature of this hurricane, I do hope to have normal parish activities beginning on Friday, August 28. We should have daily Mass in the Church on Friday in one form or another. Likewise, our staff plans on being on campus to prepare for the weekend which should not be impacted by the storm at all.

Away from Campus: I will be away from Thibodaux for a much-needed vacation beginning on Monday and returning next Monday. We will have all of our regularly scheduled parish activities except for the Wednesday night live stream.

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.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor; hasten to help us.
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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