

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for September 23, 2020



**Mass Attendance:** As our mass attendance continues to rise, it is important to continue to use our space efficiently. Please be conscious that our longer pews have room for a couple or small family in the middle. Please occupy the middle of the pew when you arrive and adjust as more people arrive. We are in this together, and if we work to help each other more people will be able to worship with us on Sundays. Also, our family center is ready again for overflow. In the instance that our maximum occupancy is reached in the church the family center will be available by live stream. Communion will be brought to the family center.

**Mercy Night:** Christ the Redeemer will host a Mercy Night every other Wednesday until Christmas. Mercy Night is an evening of prayer, praise, and encounter with the Lord. Mercy Night includes teaching to help nourish and develop your faith. Mercy Night will be streamed for those who are not able to attend and will replace Preparation Day for that week. For the time being, these Mercy Nights have been scheduled as an opportunity to continue forming our ministry teams but are still open to the public.

**Love Life Amendment:** In the November elections, there will be a vote on the Love Life Amendment that would prevent legislation that says, "To protect human life, nothing in this constitution shall be constructed to secure or protect a right to abort or require te funding of abortion." There will be information cards in the vestibule of the church. There are a limited number of yard signs, please call our office if you are interested. 985.447.2013

**Hurricane Relief:** Thank you all for the significant donations that you brought to benefit hurricane Laura victims. Donations can still be made at the Good Samaritan Food Bank on Hickory St. here in Thibodaux. Monetary donations can be made online at [www.htdiocese.org](http://www.htdiocese.org).

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to all of our youth formation participants who received Confirmation from Bishop Fabre this past Sunday.

**Youth Formation Registration:** 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. 985.446.8662

**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. OLOPS; hasten to help us. OLOPS; hasten to help us.

**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 open 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.

Thank you,  
Fr. Alex Gaudet