

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for October 7, 2020



Hurricane Delta: Due to the impending landfall of Hurricane Delta as a potentially serious storm, Christ the Redeemer campus will be closed beginning at noon tomorrow, Thursday, October 8. I will celebrate Mass open to the public tomorrow. On Friday, I expect to stream Mass as I have done for previous hurricanes. Regular parish function will resume on Saturday morning when hurricane conditions end. Our Adoration chapel will close at noon on Thursday and open again on Sunday, October 11.

Medical Professionals Mass: In conjunction with the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, it is customary to celebrate a Mass in honor of Medical and Mental Health Professionals. At Masses this weekend, I will offer a special blessing for medical and mental health professionals. If you are in either profession, feel free to wear the uniform associated with your work for Mass this weekend. Brothers and sisters, please pray for our medical and mental health professionals.

Love Life Amendment: In the November elections, there will be a vote on the Love Life Amendment that would protect legislation that says, "To protect human life, nothing in this constitution shall be constructed to secure or protect a right to abort or require the 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.

Mass on the Grass: It is exciting to see so many people return to the Sunday Mass even when it is not a requirement. We are getting close to half of our pre-Coronavirus Mass attendance. Now that the weather has become absolutely gorgeous, we will be returning to having Mass on the Grass [outdoor mass] in the field beside the family center at 9:00 AM beginning this weekend and going forward indefinitely weather permitting.

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