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Welcome *home.*

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for March 31, 2021

With Holy Week about to swing into full gear, I want to take this last moment to encourage you all. Holy Week is a powerful opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, concretize your faith, and experience the work of God in our lives. Please take this opportunity to discern with God what your Holy Week should look like. Please consider using the times that we have set aside for the sacrament of reconciliation. Please consider attending our Holy Week liturgies or watching the Chrism Mass. The events of Holy Week prepare our hearts for the joy of the resurrection. If you have been looking for more, this may be the more that you have been looking for. One of the central mysteries of our faith is that our God became one of us and allowed us to kill him, but three days later he came back to life. He promises his disciples that they will share in his eternal life. Death is not the end for those who follow Jesus. I hope to see you all this week.

**Holy Week Confession:** 4.1 | 7.15p-12a      4.2 | 9:30a - 1p      4.3 | 2 - 7p

**Holy Week Schedule:** 3.31 | Mercy Night | 6 - 7:30p

4.1 | Mass of the Lord's Supper | 6p      Altar of Repose until Midnight

4.2. | Way of the Cross | 9a & 2:30p      Solemn Service | 3p

4.3 | Easter Vigil | 8p

4.4 | Easter Sunday Mass | 6 & 9a outdoors & 11a indoors and online

The church will be open throughout the week for prayer.

**Office Closure:** Our parish office will be closed April 5th and will reopen on April 6th at 8a.

**Phase 3 Covid-19 Precautions:** If you feel ill, please stay home so that you can recover more quickly. A cloth face mask that covers your nose and mouth is expected. Please keep visiting to a minimum, with facemasks, and outside the buildings. 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. Two sections of pews are reserved to maintain social distancing. In the other sections of pews, a strict six feet does not need to be maintained;

however, we should still try to distance as much as possible. The process around communion, confession, and the Sunday Mass obligation are unchanged.

**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.” [Mat 18:19-20] Please allow us to pray with you through your need. To make prayer requests contact Dee at 985.447.8712.

**Come Spend an Hour with the Lord:** There is an open hour for adoration at 3p on Sunday. 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

**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.

**Prayer to St. Joseph:** O good St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and Mary, I place myself under your faithful protection. You were always attentive to the voice of the Lord and never ceased to follow wherever God led you. Help me to hear and respond to God’s voice with the same humble fidelity. O St. Joseph, Terror of demons, protect me from all that might tempt me away from abiding in communion with Jesus. Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, grant me a pure heart that I may see as God sees, and love as God loves. With deep tenderness you cared for Mary and held the sleeping child Jesus, the Son of God, in your arms. O dear St. Joseph, pray for me that I might have a mind and heart to receive that same love from my Father in heaven. St. Joseph, intercede for me always so that under your care I might be found worthy to rejoice forever with Jesus and you in heaven. Amen.

**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