

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for September 16, 2020



**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary:** The deadline for registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration is Thursday, September 17. Please call or stop by our office if you are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage.

**Mass Attendance:** It is thoroughly encouraging to see our Mass attendance grow over these past few weeks. Our 9 AM Mass is bursting at the seams. My hope is to be able to restart having this Mass outside. The weather is starting to be in the right range to make it very pleasant. However as a quick fix for this week, you may want to consider attending an earlier or later Mass if you usually attend the 9 AM Mass in order to avoid being turned away.

**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:** At long last, our 2019-2020 Confirmation Class will celebrate their confirmation celebrated by Bishop Fabre on Sunday, September 20. Congratulations for all of your hard work leading up to this milestone. Let's pray for our confirmation students.

**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. 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.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Alex Gaudet