

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for October 14, 2020



**Drive Boo:** On October 30 between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Christ the Redeemer will host a Trunk or Treats: Drive Boo!!! Bring all of your creativity to enjoy the fall. Trick or Treat a day early by driving through our church grounds. There will be music and prizes. Upload your costume pictures to our Facebook page to enter the contest. More information will follow.

**Blessing of the Graves:** The blessing of the graves will be held throughout the Thibodaux area between October 31st and November 1st. On Saturday, October 31st St. John the Evangelist, after 4:00 PM Mass will bless its graveyard. On Sunday, November 1st, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles after 10:00 AM Mass, St. Bridget after 10:30 AM Mass, St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Thibodaux at 2:00 PM, Garden of Memories at 2:00 PM, and Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chackbay after 3:00 PM Mass will bless their graveyards.

**All Souls Day:** Mass for All Soul's Day will be celebrated three times. Mass at the usual 7:30 AM time will be celebrated as normal. I will then celebrate two additional Memorial Masses at 12:05 PM and 5:30 PM. These two later masses are taking the place of our customary big Memorial Mass for all of the deceased of the past year. We have sent personal invitations to all of the families involved. If you wish to attend an All Soul's Day Mass please try to attend the early morning Mass. We are limited in our seating capacity for all of these Masses.

**Dia de los Muertos:** Our Day of the Dead Altar will be on display beginning October 30th through November 19th. I invite you to bring framed pictures of your deceased loved ones to place on the altar located in the church lobby. Please be sure to mark your picture with your name and contact information.

**Mercy Night:** Next Wednesday we will host our next Mercy Night. Come and experience an evening of quiet prayer, adoration, and faith formation.

**Hurricane Relief:** Donations for hurricane relief 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).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**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