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Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for January 13, 2021

**Personal Time:** Thank you all for allowing me some time to get away for rest and recreation. I had a wonderful vacation and look forward to our time together tonight and this weekend.

**Prayer to St. Joseph:** O, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen. [*Oratio* p. 88]

**Prayer for Vocations:** Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy church. Teach them to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our young people the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom upon the earth. Grant them the courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; who live in reign forever and ever. Amen. [Daily Roman Missal p. 2297]

**Installation Mass:** The Very Rev. Mark Toups, V.G. will install Fr. Alex Gaudet as pastor of Christ the Redeemer at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 31, 2021. We hope you will join us in person at Mass or by live stream on our Facebook page.

**Annual Contribution Statements:** Our business office staff is in the process of preparing the annual contribution statements used for IRS purposes for our contributors. Statements totaling \$250 or more will be mailed to the perspective contributor by Monday, January 25, 2021. If you do not receive one and would like to obtain a copy of your statement, please contact our office at 985.447.2013.

**Family Life Center:** The re-opening of our Family Life Center to parish ministry groups and those utilizing our facility regularly has been delayed and will not re-open in January as

expected. Considering the new mutations and increasing numbers surrounding Covid-19, our Diocesan Leadership Team has determined that now is not the right time to host even medium-sized gatherings. Thus, I must delay re-opening of our FLC. I apologize and ask your prayers and patience as we continue to maneuver through what still stands in front of us with Covid-19.

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

**Come Spend an Hour with the Lord:** There are open hours for adoration on Thursday at 10 AM and on Friday at 10 AM & 2 PM. 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

**Holiday Precautions:** The Advent and Christmas celebrations will bring a good number of new people to celebrate with us in our parish. Good practices around the Coronavirus, the flu, and other illnesses are more important than usual. If you are experiencing any sort of illness, please remain at home so that you can recover more quickly and restrict the spread of infections. Bishop Fabre and I ask that everyone wear a facemask that covers their mouth and nose for the whole time that you are on our campus. I ask you to keep visiting to a minimum with facemasks, at least six feet apart, and outside the buildings when possible. 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.

**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.

Thank you,  
Fr. Alex Gaudet