

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Weekly Update for October 28, 2020



Hurricane Zeta: I expect that all the upcoming parish activities will be good to go for this weekend and the following. They should not be disturbed by the Hurricane. I do not expect that we will lose electricity, but I will offer Mass and Confession at all of our normal. That being the case, please be prepared that our liturgies might be in the dark and warm. Stay safe y'all.

Drive Boo: On Friday, October 30th between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Christ the Redeemer will host a Trunk or Treats: Drive Boo!!! First and most important this is a drive-through event. My hope is to sever a large number of our parishioners without the cross over that a large gathering brings. The only way to participate in our Drive Boo is to drive through.

1. Costume Contest (nothing horror or gruesome) will be held online on the CTR Facebook page beginning at 12 noon tomorrow, Thursday & ending at 7 PM on Friday. An event will be posted on the FB page, and you will be able to submit a picture. Only Parents or guardians should post. The top three contestants with the most "likes" will be declared winners. Winners will be announced during the live weekly parish update next Wednesday. Winners will pick up their prizes at our office. Prizes include \$25 gift cards to Creole Lanes, Da Swamp Trampoline Park, and The Ballpark Miniature Golf.

2. During the journey through our parking lot you'll have an opportunity to win prizes. A designated area of the parking lot will be numbered. Numbers will be pulled at random times utilizing a timed buzzer. The vehicles in the chosen area will win prizes.

4. Each person inside a participating vehicle will be given a two-part numbered ticket. During our live Facebook Parish update, next Wednesday numbers will be pulled for prizes. Please hold onto your tickets. You could win prizes such as \$25 gift cards to Bourgeois Meat Market, Orange Leaf Shop, Raising Cane's Gift Bag, and other items from area merchants.

5. Our parking lot will also include a scavenger hunt which you will do from your vehicle and also an area for photos which will also be taken from your car.

6. We encourage you to decorate your vehicles if you wish. You will remain in your car and in the designated car line. Your kiddos will receive a bag of goodies from Fr. Alex.

We hope you will come out on Friday between 5 PM and 7 PM to enjoy our Drive Boo! You won't want to miss out on our Music, Prizes, and Treats! Cost you nothing but a little time

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. The *Dia de los Muertos* altar is sponsored by our Spanish community.

Come Spend an Hour with the Lord: There is an open hour for adoration at 6 PM on Mondays. There are several hours that are being temporarily filled by adorers serving additional hours [Monday @ 5 PM; Tuesdays @ 10 AM, 3 PM, and 4 PM; Friday @ 10 AM and 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 if you would like to commit to a slot. 985.446.8662

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.

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.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet