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Weekly Update for April 21, 2021

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**St. Joseph the Worker Collection:** Since last October with our iGiveCatholic Campaign, Christ the Redeemer raised around \$25,000 towards a restoration project for our Family Life Center. The expected expense for the total project is around \$40,000. On the weekend of May 1 & 2 for the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, I am proposing to have a second collection to support this building fund. Please help me keep our parish campus excellent. Giving can be either done traditionally through the collection or online through our website. [ctr-htdiocese.org/stewardship](http://ctr-htdiocese.org/stewardship)

**Youth Formation:** The 11th grade Theology of the Body confirmation retreat is set for Saturday, May 1st from 9a-3p. Please contact Mrs. Hailey Lemoine with any questions at [hailey.lemoine@htdiocese.org](mailto:hailey.lemoine@htdiocese.org). St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us.

**Confession Delay:** I will be participating in a funeral on Saturday morning. I will begin offering reconciliation as soon as I return, but it should not be any later than 1p.

**Homebound Vaccine:** The Office of Public Health has formed a team that will go out to administer the Covid-19 or flu vaccines to the homebound and their caretaker. If you are homebound or know someone who is and would like to receive the vaccine, please call our office at 985.447.2013.

**National Child Abuse Prevention Month:** Child abuse has been a lingering scourge in the American Catholic Church if not more in the United States. Through this great sorrow, we can take a real stand against this continuing plague. Please join me with your prayers throughout the rest of this month. This April please take a moment to learn what you can do to prevent abuse. For more information: [htdiocese.org/preventabuse](http://htdiocese.org/preventabuse)

**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 Tuesday and 3p on Sunday. There are also requests for prayer partners on Tuesday at 2p, Wednesday at 11a, and Saturday at 11a. 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