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Weekly Update for May 26, 2021

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**Youth Formation:** Hailey Lemoine — It is with a heavy, yet hopeful heart that I share with you of my resignation as Coordinator of Youth Formation here at the parish. Over the last eight months, I have been welcomed, loved abundantly, encouraged to grow, and entrusted with your children and grandchildren. In return, you gained not just my service but my gratitude and heart as well. I could not have asked for a more loving parish to serve, and a more welcoming parish to integrate my family into. Thank you very much for all that you have done for me and more.

Fr. Alex — I want to thank Hailey for the tremendous effort that she has given to Christ the Redeemer particularly in helping us with the heavy lift of youth formation during the Coronavirus. Thank you.

**Confession Delay:** This weekend our diocese will be ordaining two transitional deacons and a priest at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. I will be attending this ordination and will most likely be delayed in beginning Saturday confessions. I will be back as quickly as possible.

**Family Life Center:** Thanks again to all who donated, we raised \$17,633 for our FLC renovation which will begin on May 31 and conclude by July 1.

**Domestic Church Retreat:** This is a retreat for Sacramentally married couples that provides them with an opportunity to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together as well as an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in formation with Domestic Church. July 15th - 18th, 2021

**Parish Communication Project Update:** Thank you to all parishioners who have returned their Parish Communication Card to date! If you have not had the opportunity to return your card you will be receiving a reminder letter in the mail next week. We are striving for 100% participation to update our parish contact information for every family.

If you have not yet returned your family contact card, please do so as soon as possible by:

- mailing to the church office using the envelope provided;
- bring your completed card to Mass;
- or visit our parish website at [www.ctr-htdiocese.org](http://www.ctr-htdiocese.org) and complete an electronic version of the Communication update Card.



**Phase 3 Covid-19 Precautions:** If you feel ill, please stay home so that you can recover more quickly. A face mask is advised. 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. **The Sunday Mass obligation and the process around communion 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:** A larger number of chairs and kneelers are available in our adoration chapel. There is an open hour for adoration at 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

**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