



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

RISEN CHRIST Catholic Parish

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the last few months, parishioners have been asking me, "what ever happened to the remodel project we were planning to do in the church?" That is a great question! In March 2020, we selected the architect... then the world shut down the following week! It was impossible to do

anything on this project in the last year because of COVID and its impact on the life of our parish. Finally, we are in a good place to take the next steps.

Four years ago, it was announced at a Mass with the Archbishop that we would begin the process to remodel the church. Two years ago - shortly before COVID hit the world stage - I spoke at all weekend Masses to announce that we are continuing with the project and to explain the goals of the remodel. As you may remember, the goals are as follows:

1) Find a new location for the choir. This is for several reasons, including the safety of our musicians who must use the stairs, to ensure that nobody is standing above the Tabernacle, and for the sake of making our music ministry open to those in wheel chairs.

2) Remove the baptismal font in the front of the church. In early 2018, the Holy Family Chapel was reestablished as our baptistry and a new baptism font was installed there. The one in the sanctuary is no longer needed.

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DAILY MASSES

Daily: 6:30am, 8:00am and 12:15pm
Saturday: 8:30am and 4:00pm (LIVESTREAMED)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9:00am & 2:30pm
Sunday: 4:45pm
Wednesday: 11:15am
First Friday of each Month: 11:15am

OFFICE OPEN

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
Tuesday and Thursday By Appt. Only!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday: 8:30am—5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—3:00pm
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12:15pm-12:45pm**

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Welcome to Risen Christ Catholic Parish

For most Catholics, the parish is the most concrete experience of the Church. Together we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrate his Sacraments, and exercise his works of mercy. Strengthened by the Lord, we live our faith publicly so that all might participate in his salvation and discover the lasting joy of a relationship with him. Fr. Scott Bailey and the staff invite everyone to participate in our ministries, activities, and liturgies; there are opportunities for spiritual growth and to share your faith with others. Risen Christ Catholic Parish welcomes all visitors and is happy to have you pray with us.

*Week at a Glance***Readings for the week of September 19, 2021**

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Friday Morning Men's Group – Salvation History

Have you ever wanted to walk through the events of the Old Testament – the complete history of God's people, in order, and with a great guide who can explain it and make it as exciting and applicable to your life as it really is? If you've always wanted to see the full picture of the Old Testament and its fulfillment in Christ but haven't had time for the Catholic Biblical School, or if you've wanted to get to know and discuss our faith with other men, this program is for you. This men's group meets every Friday by Zoom from 6:30am to 7:30am

so men can start their day with faith and fellowship and still get or connect to work at an early hour. While the group meets every week, it's not necessary to attend every session – feel free to join when you can! **However, to participate, you do need to sign up. To do that, go to our parish website and click on "Friday Morning Men's**

Group – Salvation History." So, grab a cup of coffee, turn on your computer, and join your brothers on an invigorating and challenging journey through *Salvation History!*

FR. SCOTT BAILEY PRESENTS:**REASONS TO BELIEVE**

**Monday Evenings
6:00pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall**

**Reasons to Believe in Jesus—September 20
Reasons to Be Catholic —September 27**

**RCIA, Adult Confirmation and Intro to Catholicism!**

**Instructor: Jason Cox, M.T.S.
Tuesday, 6:30pm-7:15pm
in the Parish Hall**

Starts Tuesday, September 28th — April 5th

*Upcoming Events***ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL**

Monday—Friday @ 8:30am-12:00pm

**REASONS TO BELIEVE IN JESUS
PRESENTED BY FR. SCOTT BAILEY**

*Monday, September 20th @ 6:00pm
in the Parish Hall*

WHAT IS LITURGY?

Thursday, September 23rd @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

**RCIA, ADULT CONFIRMATION AND
INTRO IN CATHOLICISM
PRESENTED BY JASON COX**

*Tuesday evenings starting September 28th
6:30pm-7:15pm in the Seminar Room*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION KICKOFF
MASS AND DINNER**

*Wednesday, September 29th @5:30pm
in the Church and Parish Hall*

Religious Ed Kickoff!

SAVE THE DATE: the Religious Ed Kickoff Mass is Wednesday, September 29, at 5:30 PM, followed by a catered dinner for parents and students in kindergarten through 5th grades and middle school! Whether you register for in-person or at-home classes, this Mass is for you! Materials for home-based catechesis will be available at the Mass for pickup. Haven't signed up for Religious Ed yet? Get busy! Registration is open on the parish website: www.risenchristchurch.org. In-person classes begin Wednesday, October 6th.

For students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades who are not yet confirmed, this Mass is a requirement of sacramental preparation. Please wear masks. Signing up for the Mass and dinner through the website is also strongly encouraged so we order enough food!

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Information Session

Next Sunday, September 26, please join us for a Sacramental Preparation Information Session after the 11:00 Mass in the Parish Hall of the Emmaus Center. We'll cover the Restored Order of the Sacraments of Initiation, expectations for sacramental prep at Risen Christ, and a basic calendar of important events and deadlines. Parents of 3rd through 12th graders who have not received First Holy Communion and/or have not been confirmed are encouraged to attend.

Please Pray for the Sick:

Daniel Foxhoven, Tyler Biedermann, Duane Kirscht

**Please Pray for the Deceased:**

Captain Tom Barry, Margarita Rodriguez Alvizures, Renee Poytra, Ray Garota

**CALL THE OFFICE FOR ANY PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR RECENTLY SICK/DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers all expectant mothers and the children in their wombs, especially those from Risen Christ.

All Expectant Mothers!

If you are a member of our parish and you are pregnant, please contact the office with your first name and due date so that we can keep a rose in the vase in the Holy Family Chapel during your pregnancy and we can pray for the healthy development of your child.

WHAT IS LITURGY?

Thursday evenings in September
from 6:30pm-7:30pm
Jason Cox, our staff theologian, will be leading
a class on Liturgy in the Parish Hall.

THEOLOGICAL TIDBITS

Can a Christian prove to a non-believer that God exists, beyond the shadow of any doubt? Many Catholic intellectuals have answered in the negative. We can provide compelling evidence for the existence of God but not definitive proof to where the non-believer has to believe. Perhaps this is God's way of honoring our freedom to embrace or reject Him.

Blaise Pascal was a pious mathematician who enjoyed observing gambling dens. This helped him develop a method for leading others to belief in God. Pascal proposed that even if one is not forced to believe in God by proofs, one can still bet on the existence of God. He then pointed out that betting on God's existence opened up the possibility of eternal life, if God did in fact exist. But even if God didn't exist, no one would remember any of this, after death. However, if God did exist and one bet against his existence, there was now the possibility of damnation.

**FR. SCOTT'S LETTER
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3) Remove the white tile in the sanctuary. In the last several decades, white tile has become common in bathrooms. That could not have been foreseen when the church was built, but the tile no longer has the aesthetic value that it once had. We have many couples getting married these days (about 20 weddings each year), but almost none of them choose to get married in our church, often because of the white tile. Most of our couples prefer to marry elsewhere (sadly, we have only 1-3 weddings in our church each year).

4) Make the restrooms and confessionals accessible for those with physical disabilities, as they are currently very challenging for people with wheel chairs or walkers.

We DO NOT have any architectural drawings yet. I want us to do this project together. This is OUR church. The archbishop is fully supportive of the remodel project and he looks forward to us developing drawings. We will be seeking input from the entire community at certain points along the way, and I am creating a committee of parishioners who will help make final recommendations on design elements. In the end, the Archbishop gives final approval to any design we propose.

In the coming weeks, we will have a couple of programming meetings with groups of our parishioners who are involved in various aspects of our parish life. We will also have one big meeting to which EVERYONE is invited. You will get to meet the architect and contractor, and they will lead us through a discussion of the project and solicit your thoughts/dreams/ideas. More info on that to come soon.

It is exciting that we are finally able to make some concrete steps toward making the remodel of our church a reality! Please pray for me and for our parish as we begin this project.

Blessings to you!

Yours,
Fr. Scott

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Time is running out to be photographed for the pictorial directory. Call Bettinger Photography at 303-733-6076 to schedule a professional portrait at their exclusive portrait studios located at 2431 South University Blvd.

The last day to participate is quickly approaching!

Parish Information

Mass Intentions and Readings

Baptism

Call the parish office to register for a Baptism class. Baptisms are scheduled after the 11:00am Sunday Mass only.

Marriage

Couples wanting to get married at Risen Christ need to contact us at least 8 months prior to their wedding to discuss marriage preparation. An initial meeting will be scheduled to discuss the marriage preparation process in more detail.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for bringing adults into the church (converts) and for Catholic adults who need to complete the initiation sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office for more information.

Religious Education for Children

Please call the parish office for registration information and for class information.

Sacrament of the Sick

In the case of serious illness in the family, contact the parish office immediately. Please do not wait until death is imminent.

Adoration Chapel

Parishioners may contact the office to receive the code for the door to the chapel.

Lost & Found Items

Any item lost in the church or in the office building will be held in the parish office for one month before being discarded.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FUTURE MASSES, PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE.

Sunday, September 19

7:30am—Int. of Barbara Watry
9:00am—Betty Jones+
11:00am—Donald Daeke+
5:30pm—LeRoy & Joyce Strand+

Monday, September 20

6:30am—Marlene Cawley+
8:00am—Int. of Cindy Williams
12:15pm—Judy Lambert+

Tuesday, September 21

6:30am—Int. of Rosina Kovar
8:00am—Tom Benson+
12:15pm—Dick & Dorothy Wolsfeld+

Wednesday, September 22

6:30am—Int. of Matt Tynan
8:00am—Joesph Horrigan+
12:15pm—Barbara Urbanski+

Thursday, September 23

6:30am—Parishioners
8:00am—Jack Gardiner+
12:15pm—Brigette Sullivan+

Friday, September 24

6:30am—Int. of Shevaun Hegarty
8:00am—Peter Gutrich+
12:15pm—Robert Weiland+

Saturday, September 25

8:30am—Rose Roth+
4:00pm—Jason Hill+



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING FOOD BANKS

Our next food bank will be this **Thursday, September 23rd**. We are in need of volunteers at **2:00pm** in our parking lot to help unload the truck from Food Bank of the Rockies, pre-box, then distribute the food to the poor. We will need about 30 volunteers. To volunteer please email Rick at: parishinfo@risenchristchurch.org

DON'T FORGET ABOUT ONLINE GIVING!

Giving online is easy and allows you to setup automatic recurring contributions. Go to our website and click on the red "donate" button to set up an account!



Food Collection for the People in the Inner City

"Hunger Knows No Season"

More than ever, there are people who desperately are in need of food. A list of needed items is available on the food collection boxes located in each vestibule. We are asking parishioners visiting the church to take a list of needed food items. At your convenience, please bring your donations of non-perishable items and place them in the food collection boxes in the vestibules.

Thank you for helping feed the hungry!

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If you have an immediate family member who is on active duty in the military, call the office with name, rank and the branch of service the person is serving in.

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