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#### AUG. 1, 2021 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BREAD

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

JOHN 6:33

#### WELCOME TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite you to register with the Parish Office. If you are not Catholic, have been away from the Church or simply want information about CtR, please contact us at stewardship@ctrcc.com.

#### **PARISH E-NEWSLETTERS & UPDATES**

To opt into receive Fr. Sean's parish updates via Flocknote, our parish messaging system, text ctrcc to 84576 or visit **ctrcc.flocknote.com**.

#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 7, 9, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.

Livestream Mass 9 a.m. Monday-Friday, Sunday www.ctrcc.com/live-stream

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#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9-10 a.m., Church Appointment only on weekdays; email priests@ctrcc.com

> Office Hours: Mon – Thurs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to I p.m.

# WELCOME!

Dear friends in Christ,

As we move into August, we continue our deep dive into the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St. John, and on this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus makes abundantly clear that he himself is the eternal bread of life that has come from heaven. Just as God rained down manna for the Israelites while they were on their journey in the desert, so too does he give us food – Jesus! – that is life for the world.

I love the line from the people who hear Jesus' words, "Sir, give us this bread always." It's oddly formal and polite ("Sir"), and yet so simple in its declaration. They hear of the bread of life and so they want the bread of life. Ah, but do they really know what they are asking for? Are they prepared to conform their life to His to truly receive what is being offered? Or do they simply want to fill their bellies while they continue to seek out so much else that fails to satisfy them? Those same questions are good "food for thought" for us as we approach the table of the Lord.

School will be back in session in just a few weeks, but before we say goodbye to summer I wanted to give you an overview of what the youth at CtR have been doing the past few months. We had a busload of our high school students attend the annual Steubenville Mid-America conference in Springfield, MO and from reports it was a spiritual blessing for all. This weekend we've got another group attending the local Archdiocesan Youth Conference at the Hilton of the Americas in downtown Houston and that's always a great event. And then next week we'll have yet another group (this time junior high students) off in Medina, TX, for a camp aimed to grow them in their faith.

Add in that weekly Mass and bible studies in the Youth Suite in our Redeemer Activity Center (RAC) and you can see it's been a productive summer. It's all to help them grow in discipleship and the parish can be rightly proud of the good things the youth are doing. When you think of it, that's really why we are all part of the Church. The Lord desires us all, young and old alike, to grow into lifelong intentional disciples that seek to make Him known in all we say and do. As we continue to resume more and more of our former activities at church, at school, at home, and at work, let's keep that foremost in our hearts and minds.

Speaking of our youth, next weekend at all masses we will offer a blessing for all our school children, youth and young adults, as well as staff members, who will soon be heading back to school. We've been blessed to have many of our college students home over the summer and we wish them God's blessing as they go off to their respective universities. In particular I want to encourage our students to continue their faith life back on campus. College is often a time young adults can drift from active participation in the life of the Church. In fact the numbers of college-age students that leave active participation in the faith is staggering. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Nearly every college or university has a Newman Center where students can connect with fellow Catholics and the larger Catholic community. Named after St. John Henry Newman, these centers allow Catholics to "find a place" within the Church when they are away from their home parish. We're blessed that our three most popular public universities in the state, UT, A&M, and Houston, all have vibrant Catholic populations where students can be engaged in the faith, as does Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, Texas State, Texas Tech, and on and on. I encourage parents and grandparents to gently encourage your college students (you might even "expect" it) to attend Mass on a regular basis. If they can find time to attend football games and parties, or find time to go to the library, there is no reason that they can't also find an hour on Sunday to go to church, too. It'll help them in more ways than they can imagine as they grow into the disciples the Lord calls them - and all of us - to be.

After a break last year during the pandemic, today we again resume our participation in the annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as we welcome Father Osas Onaiwu of the Somascan Fathers to CtR. As you may recall, each year we host a visiting sister, priest or brother to inform us of the good work their religious order is doing in spreading the Gospel to all people throughout the world. It is our chance to unite our hearts with those at work in the missionary fields and to offer our support for their service. Missionary appeals are the chief ways these orders sustain their work, so I'd ask you to please be generous in the second collection that will be taken.

Father Osas is a member of the Somascan religious order of priests, and if that sounds familiar, it's probably because it is the same order of our new Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, who has visited us several times at CtR. Known as "Company of the Servants of the Poor," the Somascans originated in 1534 under the direction of St. Jerome Emiliani in Venice, Italy, and today they minister throughout the world with a special emphasis on the care of orphans, youth, and the poor. All the proceeds from the second collection will be forwarded to the Somascan missions to help foster their initiatives on behalf of all of us. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Osas to CtR.

Peace, Fr. Sean

# **READINGS & PRAYERS**

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Carrie Driver Donald Burt Justin Taylor David Gonzalez Family Leon & Margaret Mistretta Family Tori Gancy Family Patricia Barica Wynn Allie France Efaw Gil Welch Michael Bell Ramon Arciniega Greyson Hall Meridith Baxter Timothy Blake Jordan Pamela McKay Charles Turco Enzo Domenico Macerola Lorraine Lemon

**McSwaine** Steve McVille Family Eric Cuttingham Family Claire Fielding Josephine Grygar Harold Lindgren Carol Peiffer Mia Celestin Bruce Cerniglia Ramonita Rios Maria Cabrera Jeanne Woody Nick Alonzo Jamie Alonzo Teresa Cheong Jack Dettweir **Cristian Cardenas** Maria Muñiz de Gonzalez Marel Fernandez David Rosprim Tanner Lee

Mary Jean & Ray Waquespack Sr., Family Pierre Leforte Remy Leforte Eric Éllisor Ray Waguespack Jr. Dylan Waguespack Wendy Nataly Quintero Araujo Christopher Elizondo Patricia Johnson Fred Rabitto Lexi Johnson **Ricky Ross** Suzie Chudomelka Loretta Mock Eaton 'Bud' Lang Amelia & Rodolfo Fernandez Florence Riley Lynn Varga

Morgan Celestin Taylor Russalino **Richard Mostacci** Belinda Lundholm Amanda Carrasco **Florence Riley** Marcos Sy Kim Suy Irene A. Suy Jamie Sy Rose Virginia Sy Leticia Uv Rosario Chan Uy Chiao Bing Uy Bon Pao Renato Robles Jr. Claudia Nwadinobi Joe Pilat

## **MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

#### MONDAY, AUG. 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard Readings: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

**9 a.m. Mass**: For safety & peace in family, Teresa Toebert, Helen Francis

#### **TUESDAY, AUG. 3**

Readings: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

9 a.m. Mass: Harry Conte, Sr. +, Sue Kramr +, Vincent & Ane

#### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4

St. John Vianney Readings: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

9 a.m. Mass: Wayne Adrien +, Waldo Medina +, Deirdre Haida +

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 5

Readings: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

9 a.m. Mass: Vincente Dao Danh Du, Juan Carlos Ruvalcaba +

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

9 a.m. Mass: Julio Alvaro +, Joseph Tung Hoang +

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 7

St. Sixtus II, Pope; St. Cajetan Readings: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

**5 p.m. Mass**: Bill & Elizabeth Podraza, Paul Pereira +, Billy Derkowski +

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 8

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings**: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

7 a.m. Mass: Helen Francis, Apolonio Gonzalez + 9 a.m. Mass: CtR Parishioners 11 a.m. Mass: Bertha Acosta de Lucio +, Flores Tabarez Family 5 p.m. Mass: Delia Roccaforte +, Charles & Regia Stegent + To schedule a mass intention or submit a name to the prayer list, email Daniela Gonzalez at daniela.gonzalez@ctrcc.com.

#### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Father, your son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick sisters and brothers. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in His suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **NEWS & STEWARDSHIP**



#### **INAUGURAL MEN'S RETREAT** SEPT. 24-25, 2021

Registration is now open for CtR's inaugural Men's Retreat to be held here on our beautiful campus.

All men, no matter their level of spiritual life, who desire to spend time with the Lord and other men on the journey.

Register and learn more online.

ctrcc.com/mensretreat



#### **REDEEMER CHOIR KICK-OFF** 7 P.M. AUG. 5, PARISH OFFICE

The Redeemer Choir kicks back into gear for 2021-22 with its first rehearsal on Aug. 5. If you are interested in joining the choir, reach out to Bridget Wenk at bridget.wenk@ctrcc.com.

The choir sings at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass and at all major parish liturgies. This is an adult choir, and all those who enjoy singing are welcome. Rehearsals are 7-9 p.m. every Thursday.

ctrcc.com/music



#### JOIN THE SACRAMENT **PREPARATION TEAM**

Join us in being Disciples of Christ by volunteering with the elementary sacrament team. The sacrament team leads our families in creative and interactive experiences designed to grow their understanding and knowledge of reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Any interested adults, please contact Michelle Christopher, Coordinator of Sacraments, at michelle.christopher@ctrcc.com.

PARTY after the 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Redeemer Activity Center

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### **STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURES**

#### COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

| Offertory                                | \$18,865 |
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| Paypal                                   | \$620    |
| Faith Direct                             | \$41,961 |
| Weekly Collected<br>Fiscal YTD Collected |          |
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| 2021 Goal       | \$305,000 |
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| Paid to Date    | \$247,926 |
| Balance due     | \$57,074  |
| DSF Donors: 692 |           |

Learn more about how the DSF impacts our community at ctrcc.com/dsf.

#### **ONLINE GIVING AT CTR**

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To register for our online giving system, Faith Direct, visit faithdirect.net to securely enroll online by using our church code: TX150. You can also donate via PayPal. To opt out of receiving your paper envelopes, visit our website at ctrcc.com/donate.



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