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DEC. 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite you to register with the Parish Office. For more information about CtR, please contact us at stewardship@ctrcc.com.

PARISH E-NEWSLETTERS & UPDATES

To 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. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 9 a.m. Wednesday: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

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

P: 281-469-5533 | F: 281-469-8441 www.ctrcc.com

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9-10 a.m., Church Wednesday: 5:45-7 p.m., Chapel

God's

Story

of Love

Unfolding

To make appointments for other days and times, email priests@ctrcc.com

Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WELCOME!

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Our celebration continues today, as the birth of our Savior is not a once-and-done proposition but continues up until the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on Jan. 9. So let the Christmas spirit reign in your hearts and in your homes a few days longer. Don't be so quick to put away the decorations (especially the crèche!) and try to hold on to the spirit of Christmas – the celebration of the Word made flesh that dwells among us – throughout this coming year.

As the Christmas season continues today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This great feast day, which is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following Christmas Day, is a beautiful reminder of the dignity and respect that being part of a family calls us to honor. We are members not only of our personal families, but also of the family of God. We honor Jesus, Mary and Joseph and we look to them to guide us in dealing with our families.

Many if not all of us have unique family structures. There are always areas of both great love and great tension within every family. Some family members we are extremely close to while others may be estranged from us, often for years. If there are difficulties or bitter feelings lingering in your family perhaps this start of the new year would be a good time to bury the past and build up your family on the model of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May they serve as an inspiration to us all to always follow the will of God in our family lives.

Remember that next Saturday, Jan. 1 is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and a Holy Day. It's also World Day of Prayer for Peace. We'll celebrate Mass on Friday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m., and on New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m. Join us either in person or on the livestream at 9 a.m. as we honor the mother of our Lord and ask for God's blessing in this coming year. Note that later in the evening on Jan. 1 we will celebrate our regular 5 p.m. vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord.

Looking ahead, we always like to begin the new year with an opportunity for us to grow in our faith. This year we're bringing back "The Search" to CtR. It's a seven-week small group and video evangelization series from the Augustine Institute hosted by Chris Stefanick. It's an invitation to all seekers, wanderers, and searchers, which I suppose is all of us, who have "big picture" questions about faith and meaning, like: Why are we here? What is the purpose of life? Who is God and what does He have to do with me? This series is perfect for anyone looking to return to their faith in the new year, has doubts or questions, or wants to learn more about being faithful in our modern world. It'll run on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning on January 13. For more information and to register visit www.ctrcc.com/thesearch or contact Camilla Mackenzie in our parish office. Note that this is the same program we ran in January 2021, so those who joined us then might want to seek out another Adult Faith Formation program. We offer a variety and have more planned in 2022.

In the final days of the calendar year I invite those who wish to make a financial donation (and gain an IRS deduction) to please do so before our offices close at 12 noon on Friday, Dec. 31. You are welcome to drop off a check in the office this week, or better yet, do so electronically online at *www.ctrcc.com/donate*. You can make a donation directly to the parish operating income, or to the Ignite Capital Campaign for our planned Marian Grotto and Prayer Garden, or to the Diocesan Service Fund (DSF), of which we get back 100 percent of our overage of our goal. Thank you for your generosity to CtR not only at the end of the year, but throughout 2021. It was another challenging year because of the pandemic, but thanks be to God and your support, we have been able to offer just about all of our programs and ministries to continue to spread the Good News. God bless all who have given so selflessly and generously to make that possible!

Lastly, thanks to our Knights of Columbus for their sponsorship of the 2022 parish calendar that is being distributed at Mass this weekend (and for the book, "The True Meaning of Christmas," that was distributed on Christmas Eve and Day). Thank you, brother Knights! May the Lord bless us all with good health of body, mind, and soul in the coming new year.

Peace, Fr. Sean

READINGS & PRAYERS

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Jesus Salvador Rubio John Fine Virginia Fine Douglas Ledkins II Carol Peiffer Socorro Cory Nevarez Janis Watson Martha Pulpido & Family Krista Cordova Landon Garcia Salvador Escamilla Fred Murphy Mike Mauk Jay J. Zinser Lexi Johnson Dick Williams Daniel McKey Jettie Arp Bogle Terry Williams Kim Daylor Dr. Gerry Romano 2nd Lt. Christopher McDowell Bree Phillips Jack Deettweiler Dale Lafley Patricia Barica Gilbert Sanchez Joseph A. Arp Sr. Ginger Elzner Janet Zeringue Kyler Singletery Gabrielle Waguespack Clara McVille Patricia Padua Alyssa Dalton Mary-Ann Wisnoski Kevin Wisnoski Ruth Quintero Patricia Johnson Charlene Bolton Theresa Rhodes Inez Elaine James Belva Traux Robert Corcoran Gerry Galamay Ricky Railford Paul John Bacque` Jeff Schober Ryan Waguespack Philip Amedee Paul Ehlinger Thomas Iron Cristina Beauchamp Grayson Hall Marc & Vita Jo McVille Eric Ellisor Carmen Sewell

Tommy Celestin Family Dr.Guy & Farrah Lefort Family Suzanne & Steve Scheel Rod Johnson Ryan Johnson Madonna Lemon Joshua Laurendine Rachel Garcia Evelyn Garcia Anthony Garcia Cathy Garcia Erik Garcia

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 27 St. John

9 a.m. Mass Everly Gonzales Natividad Capito Zolzislaw Stelmach +

TUESDAY, DEC. 28 The Holy Innocents

9 a.m. Mass Fermin Joseph Trevino Mary Jose Martinez + Ronald Joseph +

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29 St. Thomas Becket

9 a.m. Mass Rodolfo Pena + Rebecca Pena + Judith Femat +

7 p.m. Mass Mark Joiner + Thuyen Vuong Dominque + Sister Edna Ann Herbert Op

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

9 a.m. Mass Lance Bertrand + Catherine Stine + Virginia Fine + FRIDAY, DEC. 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

9 a.m. Mass Ryan & Jamie Moore John Rigas + Ron Andreo +

SATURDAY, JAN. 1 New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

9 a.m. Mass Jacob Favila + Jeff Champness + Fanny Archila +

SUNDAY, JAN. 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

7 a.m. Mass Arrow Osborne 9 a.m. Mass CtR Parishioners 11 a.m. Mass Fabio Diaz + Talisco Family 5 p.m. Mass Mike Bell + Alvaro Gonzalez Jr. + Alden Loesch 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. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Rose Marie Proske Donna Sue Robinson

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURES

Ways to Support CtR During the Season of Giving

As we approach the joyous celebration of Christmas and a New Year, we are grateful for the gifts shared with CtR year-round. End-of-year giving provides a last chance to make tax-deductible contributions that further support our mission and long-term vision at CtR as we share our faith and become family to one another in Jesus. Gifts made directly to the parish help support our ongoing operations and provide the opportunity for education, evangelization, charity and service, as we are called to use our diverse gifts to grow together and encounter Jesus in word and sacrament. You can make a gift directly to the parish in support of our mission at ctrcc.com/donate or by dropping off your gift at the Parish Office. Thank you for all you do for our parish community through your faithful stewardship and your ongoing support of our programs, our people and faith.

Other important ways to help keep our parish community thriving:



The Ignite Campaign at CtR: Our parish community is asked to prayerfully consider participation in the Ignite Capital Campaign to provide for the future of pastoral ministry to the 1.7 million Catholics in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. At CtR, we are making a good faith effort in support of Ignite to fund a parish beautification project. Learn more about the impact of the campaign and the Marian Grotto and Prayer Gardens Expansion project, and give at *ctrcc.com/ignite*.

Diocesan Services Fund: The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) supports 60+ programs across the Archdiocese to support Catholic education of children and adults; pastoral ministries for the sick, the poor and the incarcerated; the formation and education of church leadership; and to offer support to San José Clinic, St. Dominic Village and Catholic Charities. DSF funds help us to grow our own programs at CtR in support of our mission. Help us "Walk in the Light of Christ" and meet our \$305,000 goal for 2021 at archgh.org/dsf.



CtR Pipe Organ Project: The CtR Pipe Organ Project will allow parishioners to directly engage in bringing a pipe organ, which is uniquely suited for leading large assemblies, in singing the acclamations, hymns, and Psalms at Mass in a way we never have before. A new pipe organ will allow parishioners to directly engage in bringing a pipe organ, which is uniquely suited for leading large assemblies, in singing the acclamations, hymns, and Psalms at pipe organ, which is uniquely suited for leading large assemblies, in singing the acclamations, hymns, and Psalms at Mass in a way we never have before. Learn more and give at *ctrcc.com/pipeorgan*.

For questions about giving opportunities at CtR, please contact Megan Dillingham, Direct of Advancement and Stewardship, at megan.dillingham@ctrcc.com.

COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF DEC. 12, 2021

Offertory	\$29,407
PayPal	\$695
Faith Direct	\$44,874
Immaculate Conception	\$3,986
Weekly Collected	\$78,962
Fiscal YTD Collected	\$1,555,571

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2021 Goal......\$305,000 Paid to Date.....\$309,601 Over goal: \$4,601 DSF Donors: 783



from Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

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Our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to our many liturgical ministers for the gift of your service to our parish! Liturgy is the work of the people and the people who help make our Masses beautiful are truly a gift from God. We, the Body of Christ, offer up so much of our time and talent to help our fellow parishioners encounter the true presence of Christ.

We give thanks to our Sacristans, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Candle ministers, Church Tenders, Arts and Environment ministers, Lectors, Sewing ministers, team of Perpetual Adorers and Rosary ministers, Altar Linens & Vestments ministers, our Mass Coordinators and many Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound. Special thanks to Patty Arnett, Anthony Brown, Caroline Champness, Ed Crosson, Janet Kelly and Joanne Lapps, Cathy Morehouse, Dcn Steve and Carol Moses, Deanna Negrete, Jeanne Netardus, Belinda Richardson, and Gretchen Towe for their selfless devotion as Coordinators of their respective ministries.

As you can see, it takes a village....but this is the gift that God has given us through the birth of his son Jesus Christ and the sacrificial celebration of Holy Mass. God Incarnate allows us to join him as his Body, his People, and we are his One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Merry Christmas!

The Christmas season continues! Join us this week to celebrate Mary, Mother of God.

Friday, Dec. 31 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God **Saturday, Jan. 1** 9 a.m. Mass for Mary, Mother of God

UPCOMING

JANUARY





PARISH MORNING OF PRAYER SATURDAY, JAN. 8 IN THE PARISH HALL

Looking for a way to begin 2022 with prayer? Join us for a Morning of Prayer with Fr. Orrin Halepeska on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 8:30am-12pm. Whether you are a beginner in prayer or looking to deepen your prayer practice, there is a place for you here. Childcare is also available.

To register and more information can be found at ctrcc.com/morningofprayer.

"THE SEARCH" STUDY BEGINS JAN. 13

Do you have questions about faith and meaning? Are you looking to return to your faith in the new year? Join us for The Search, a 7 week small group series asking life's big questions like why are we here? What is the purpose of life? Who is God and what does He have to do with me? This series, beginning on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., is perfect for anyone who has questions, doubts, or wants to learn more about living out our faith in the modern world.

To register and learn more, visit *ctrcc.com/thesearch.*

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE NEW SEMESTER BEGINS JAN. 18 & 20

Registration is now open for Journey Through Scripture "The Bible and the Sacraments", a sixweek study from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology beginning on Jan. 18 and 20, 2022. There are two time slots to choose from: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays. 9 p.m. The individual registration fee (\$25) covers materials and \$40 for couples.

Register online at *ctrcc.com/jts*

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE JAN. 22, 2022

Join with CtR parishioners and thousands of others from across the state for the 2022 Texas Rally for Life to memorialize the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision.

The rally is 1-4 p.m. in Austin Bus departs from CtR promptly at 9:30 a.m. and returns to CtR at 6:30pm. (4 p.m. departure from Austin). Learn more and register online.

ctrcc.com/events/texas-rally-for-life



NEWS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY



WOMEN'S RETREAT FEB. 25-26 AT CTR

Registration is now open for the 3rd Annual CtR Women's Retreat! Join us Feb. 25-26 for a weekend of "Cultivating Hearts of Praise and Gratitude." The retreat will take place on our beautiful campus and will feature time for personal prayer, sharing, and music. The cost for the weekend is \$65, which covers meals and supplies.

For more information and to register, visit *ctrcc.com/womensretreat*.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT FEB. 5 AT CAMP ALLEN

Begin the New Year with a get away to renew your marriage. Make plans now to attend the Married Couples Retreat Feb. 5 from 9 am to 8 pm at Camp Allen. The day includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a candle light dinner. The cost is \$140 per couple.



Learn more and register online. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Wright, Director of Family Life, at christy.wright@ctrcc.com.

ctrcc.com/events/married-couples-retreat.





PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Rejoice! He is with us! The same Christ Child that graced us in the stable is present in our Adoration Chapel now! Resolve to visit Him for a specified Holy Hour each week. As 19 year old Dylan says: "We need a place within ourselves that we can find deep interior peace. That's what (adoring) the Eucharist is all about: It's a radical invitation to love and be loved." Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Orientation: Check out *ctrcc.com/adoration* or text 832-640-2491. The next Adoration phone meeting is Jan. 19. Dial 505-738-1555, Pin 849 300 499# at 7:30 until 8:30 p.m.



Christ the Redeemer Catholic School

The 2022-23 Admissions Season at Christ the Redeemer Catholic School is just around the corner with new applications accepted beginning Jan. 18. If you are interested in learning more about our school, please schedule a private tour, or come see us at one of our upcoming admissions events.

Contact Us

admissions@ctrschool.com 281-469-8440 www.ctrschool.com



Middle School & Kindergarten Preview

6 P.M. JAN. 6 I RSVP ONLINE CTRSCHOOL.COM/ADMISSIONS

Christ the Redeemer Catholic School in Houston Earns National Certificate for STEM Excellence - Campus Certification from National Institute for STEM Education

Christ the Redeemer Catholic School is the most recent school in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the third Catholic grade school in the United States to earn the National Certificate for STEM Excellence (NCSE) - Campus Certification from the National Institute for STEM Education (NISE). The NCSE recognizes individual school campuses for their commitment to and systematic support of teachers' understanding and use of high-impact, evidence-based STEM instructional strategies.



"Through this certification process, we learned that STEM is about so much more than robotics and coding," said CtRCS Principal Dan Courtney. "Our teachers strive to inspire critical thinkers who are eager to solve real-world problems in creative ways across disciplines. We learned to value the power of collaboration, communication, and the redesign process as vital components to STEM learning.

"As a Catholic school with an amazing fine arts department and a belief that our Catholicity runs through the fabric of all we do, adding the arts and religion to our STEM program makes us a true STREAM learning environment."

Learn more about STEM at CtRCS at ctrschool.com/stream-school



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