

## JAN. 2, 2022 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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## 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

## RECONCILIATION

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

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

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# WELCOME!

Dear friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Just as the wise men from the East long ago journeyed to see the newborn child Jesus, we too are called to do Him homage as well. Where do we see God manifested in our world today? How do others see Christ manifested in us? Let us pray that we will see Him in all people and all places in this coming year.

Christians first celebrated the Epiphany (or "the manifestation") in northern Africa sometime during the 3rd century. This means our Church first celebrated the "Day of the Three Kings" even before we observed Christmas itself. In many parts of the world, Epiphany is celebrated on Jan. 6, traditionally following the 12th night of Christmas of Jan. 5, but in the United States it now is celebrated on the first Sunday after Jan. 1, regardless of the day, so this year it is taking place at its earliest possible time. Next Sunday, Jan. 9, will be the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and that will conclude our liturgical season of Christmas.

If one of your New Year resolutions is to deepen your prayer life (and I pray that it is!), then I invite you to join us next Saturday, Jan. 8 for a Morning of Prayer workshop with Fr. Orrin Halepeska, our former parochial vicar and now Pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Rosenberg. Fr. Orrin will help us discover how to cultivate a fruitful life of prayer and the Spirit, and so whether you are a beginner in prayer or desire a deeper connection with God in 2022, there's a place for you here. It runs from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Parish Hall with breakfast offered from 8:30-9 a.m. There is a cost of \$10 to cover materials and a book that will be used, so we ask you to please register in advance at *www.ctrcc.com/morningofprayer*. Childcare will also be offered.

I'm writing this letter several days before Christmas due to the publishing deadline of our bulletin printer. My intention was to share with you some revised protocols for our celebration of the liturgy that are due to begin today. In a memo to all priests on Dec. 17, Cardinal DiNardo set forth several directives that he asked to be implemented beginning today on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. However, due to the noticeable rise in the number of people testing positive for COVID-19 and the high transmission rate of the Omicron variant, it is possible that Cardinal may delay that directive. It's hard to write in advance about something that hasn't yet happened and that, in fact, may or may not happen. It's a bit uncertain and confusing, as is so much of life these pandemic days.

With that caveat, you may (or may not!) see the return of holy water in our baptismal font this week. I know many of us have longed to have that available, so we are grateful to have it back. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days is also scheduled to be lifted as of today, per Cardinal DiNardo. However, he has asked the pastors to remind you that those who find it impossible to attend Mass, due to illness, advanced age, caring for a sick person, or being at high-risk for contracting COVID-19 are not bound to that obligation. They should fulfill their obligation by prayer or meditation on the scriptures of the day. If you fall into one of the categories, and especially in light of the risk for contracting COVID-19 for our high-risk parishioners, you are invited to continue your participation in Mass via our livestream. I'll have more to share on all of this next week once we have a bit more clarification on the timeline.

Looking back to Christmas, please join me in thanking our liturgical ministers and volunteers who helped make all our liturgies flow so smoothly this year. My thanks to Director of Liturgy, Ofelia Carrasco, who attended to all the little details that made our liturgies beautiful and spiritually fulfilling. It may look effortless, but I assure you a lot of planning is required to make it happen. She was ably assisted by Deanna Negrete, along with numerous volunteers and helpers who pitched in along the way. Patty Arnett, Cecilia Le, and a wonderful team of creative women helped oversee the lovely art and environment of the church. And, of course, we are grateful for all of our ministers of the Word, Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, sacristans, and acolytes who gave of their time to cover our many masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Likewise we're thankful for the beautiful liturgical music provided by our choirs, expertly led by Bridget Wenk and assisted by Christine Marté and Jared Cook on organ, and Mark Dolce with our Contemporary Choir. Special thanks to Mark Veenstra, who coordinated the debut of our CtR Orchestra at the 8:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. They all put in multiple rehearsals and enabled us to praise the newborn king with heavenly hearts, voices, and instruments. Our parish is blessed with selfless people who sacrifice so much so that so many can experience the goodness of God. Thank you one and all for your beautiful stewardship of time and talent.

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 JAN, 3, 2022	<b>9 A.M. MASS -</b> Frances Holecek +, Daniela Gonzalez, Tammy Tadlock +
TUESDAY JAN. 4, 2022	<b>9 A.M. MASS -</b> Vilma Branzuela +, Allison Retuya +
WEDNESDAY JAN. 5, 2022	<b>9 A.M. MASS -</b> Ken Sklarek, Mary Sklarek, David Shear + <b>7 P.M. MASS -</b> Manuel & Lucinda Garza
THURSDAY JAN. 6, 2022	<b>9 A.M. MASS -</b> Patricia & Lew Russell, Carl Bilsky +
FRIDAY JAN. 7, 2022	<b>9 A.M. MASS -</b> John Judy, Juan Restrepo +
SATURDAY JAN. 8, 2022	<b>5 P.M. MASS -</b> Lisa Veenstra, Tony & Clara Dorcz +, Thien Hoang Joseph +
SUNDAY JAN. 9, 2022	7 A.M. MASS - Bielamowicz Family 9 A.M. MASS - CtR Parishioners 11 A.M. MASS - John Judy, Jeff Daly 5 P.M. MASS - Priest intentions

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 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. *Thank you for the 788 donors who helped us achieve our goal! CtR receives 100 percent of additional funds given above our goal. We are grateful for your generosity and support.* 



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

## Prayer for a Stewardship Parish

Dear Heavenly Father,

My parish is composed of people like me; I help make what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring people to worship & fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with your help, O God, I shall dedicate myself, to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be. AMEN

## COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF DEC. 19, 2021

Offertory	\$23,811
PayPal	\$2,990
Faith Direct	\$44,874
Weekly Collected	\$71,675
Fiscal YTD Collected	\$1,627,2461

## **DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)**

2021 Goal......\$305,000 Paid to Date.....\$313,457 Over goal: \$8,457 DSF Donors: 788



# **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**



## **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



Early Childhood Program "In the beginning..." Genesis 1:1

### **Contact Us**

genesis@ctrcc.com 281-469-5432 www.ctrcc.com/genesis Hours: 9 am - 2 pm Ages: Children from 18 months through 5 years old Program Options: Monday/Wednesday/Friday, Tuesday/Thursday, or Monday - Friday

# Genesis Early Childhood Program

Genesis Early Childhood Program is a ministry of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church. Our purpose is to provide a safe, loving Catholic Christian environment where young children learn through participation in developmental and age-appropriate experiences. Our curriculum provides activities to support and enhance each child's spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional, physical, creative and language development.

## Parishioner Priority Enrollment for 2022-23:

Opens Tuesday, February 8 at 8:15 am

# UPCOMING

# JANUARY



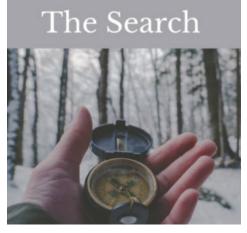
8:30AM-12PM IN THE PARISH HALL Register online at Ctrcc.com/morningofprayer



## 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.

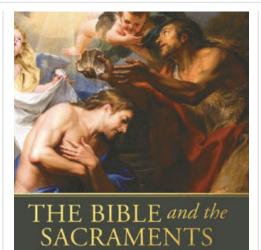
To register and more information can be found at ctrcc.com/morningofprayer.



## "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 is perfect for anyone who has questions, doubts, or wants to learn more about living out our faith in the modern world.

Register at 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**

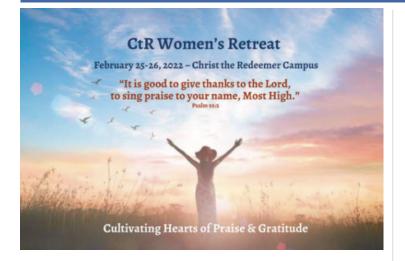
It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then to use the chalk as part of blessing one's home in the new year. Write above the main doorway of your home:

# 20 + C + M + B + 22

2022 for the year; C, M, B for the three Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which is Latin for "May Christ bless this house."

As you are writing, pray the following: May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us. May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen

# **FEBRUARY**



### WOMEN'S RETREAT FEB. 25-26 AT CTR

Epiphany Blessing of

Chalk

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.



# **AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

Our Simbang Gabi Mass and celebration on Dec. 20 was a wonderful success! It is an honor for our parish to host this beautiful Filipino tradition. Thanks to all who helped make it a success, from music ministers to hospitality.

















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