

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021



WHO WE ARE

Whether you're from down the street or from out of town, we're glad you're here. We consider Christ the Redeemer to be a home: a home for saints and for sinners, a home for those who have questions about the Faith and for those searching for more, a home for seasoned Catholics as well as those entering a Catholic Church for the very first time. Regardless where you are on the journey or what brought you here, we have a place for you. *Welcome home.*

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF TIME BEFORE MASS BEGINS:



Prayerfully read the Scripture readings that will be proclaimed during today's Mass.

Ask yourself: "What is God saying to me, in my life, through today's Scripture readings?"

Ask yourself: "What do I need from God today? At this Mass, today, what do I need God to say or do?" In silence, tell God exactly what you need from Him.

NEW TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER?



We're glad you're here. If you need anything, we are here to help you!

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TODAY'S READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

Reading I | Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R./ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

R./ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R./ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

R./ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reading II | Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel | Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

The Gospel of the Lord



LITURGICAL MUSIC

4PM Gathering

Hail the day that sees Him rise

Charles Wesley

Hail the day that sees him rise,
Alleluia! To his throne beyond the
skies. Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for
sinners given, Alleluia! Enters now the
highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alle-
luia! Lift your heads, eternal gates.
Alleluia! He has conquered death and
sin; Alleluia! Take the King of glory in.
Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives;
Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he
leaves. Alleluia! Though returning to
his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls us all
his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!
His atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Al-
leluia! He the firstfruits of our race.
Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain,
Alleluia! Partners of your endless
reign, Alleluia! See you with
unclouded view, Alleluia! Find our
heaven of heavens in you. Alleluia!

7AM Gathering

HOLY IS THE LORD

Chris Tomlin/Louie Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands, for the
joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing, ev-'ry one sing.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty. The
earth is filled with His glory (Repeat).
The earth is filled with His glory. The
earth is filled with His glory.

9AM & 11AM Gathering

HE IS EXALTED

Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on
high, I will praise Him; He is exalted,
forever exalted, and I will praise His
name

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall
reign; Heaven and earth rejoice in His
holy name; He is exalted, the King is
exalted on high

5PM Gathering

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

4PM Offertory

Be Not Afraid

John Michael Talbot

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst. You
shall wander far in safety Though you
do not know the way. You shall speak
your words in foreign lands And all will
understand. You shall see the face of
God and live

Be not afraid. I go before you always
Come follow me And I will give you
rest

Blessed are you poor For the
kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are
you that weep and mourn For one day
you shall laugh. And if wicked men
insult and hate you all because of me
Blessed, blessed are you

7AM Offertory

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

The splendor of the King, clothed in
majesty; Let all the earth rejoice (2x's)
He wraps Himself in light, and dark-
ness tries to hide, And trembles at His
voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, Sing with me:
How great is our God! And all will see
how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is
in His hands; Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, Father,
Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the
Lion and the Lamb

Tag: Name above all names, worthy of
all praise. My heart will sing: How
great is our God!

9AM, 11AM & 5PM Offertory

HERE AS IN HEAVEN

Mack Brock, Steven Furtick

The atmosphere is changing now, for
the Spirit of the Lord is here. The evi-
dence is all around, that the Spirit of
the Lord is here

Overflow in this place, fill our hearts
with Your love; Your love surrounds
us; You're the reason we came, to en-
counter Your love; Your love sur-
rounds us

Spirit of God fall fresh on us, we need
Your presence. Your kingdom come,
Your will be done here as in heaven

4PM Communion

I Am The Bread Of Life

Sutton Coldfield

I am the Bread of life, He who comes
to Me shall not hunger, He who
believes in Me shall not thirst. No one
can come to Me Unless the Father
draw him. And I will raise him up, And I
will raise him up, And I will raise him
up on the last day.

The bread that I will give Is My flesh
for the life of the world, And he who
eats of this bread, He shall live for ev-
er, He shall live for ever.
And I will raise him up, And I will raise
him up, And I will raise him up on the
last day.

Unless you eat Of the flesh of the Son
of Man And drink of His blood, And
drink of His blood, You shall not have
life within you. And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up, And I will raise
him up on the last day.

I am the Resurrection, I am the Life,
He who believes in Me Even if he die,
He shall live for ever. And I will raise
him up, And I will raise him up, And I
will raise him up on the last day.

Yes, Lord, we believe That You are the
Christ, The Son of God Who has come
Into the world. And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him
up, And I will raise
him up on the last
day.

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LITURGICAL MUSIC

7AM Communion

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Martin Willett

Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; we who live, we who die are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.

Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; And all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory.

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we share

Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table; Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace

Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love

9AM, 11AM & 5PM Communion

NO OTHER NAME

Joel Houston

One name holds weight above them all. His fame outlasts the earth He formed. His praise resounds beyond the stars And echoes in our hearts, the greatest One of all

His face shines brighter than the sun His grace as boundless as His love He reigns with healing in His wings The King above all kings, the greatest One of all

Lift up our eyes see the King has come Light of the world reaching out for us There is no other name, there is no other name; Jesus Christ our God, whoa; Seated on high the undefeated One. Mountains bow down as we lift Him up. There is no other name, there is no other name Jesus Christ our God, whoa

Find hope when all the world seems lost. Behold the triumph of the cross His power has trampled death and grave. Our life found in His name, the greatest name of all

4PM Closing

Sing to the Mountains

St. Louis Jesuits

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and song

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made. let us be glad and rejoice. Death has last and all is life. Sing of the glory of God.

7AM Closing

FOREVER

Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever For He is Good He is above all things His love endures forever. Sing Praise (2X's)

With a mighty hand and out-stretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever. Sing Praise (4X's)

Forever God is Faithful, Forever God is strong! Forever God is with us, forever and ever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God we will carry on His love endures forever. Sing Praise (4X's)

9AM & 11AM Closing

GO OUT IN THE WORLD

Ed Bolduc

Go out in the world, gotta go out in the world; Go out in the world tell everyone the good news; Go out in the world, gotta go out in the world; Go out in the world tell everyone the good good news

Go and make disciples of all the nations; Go out in the world tell everyone the good news. Go and make disciples of all his people; Go out in the world tell everyone the good good news

5PM Closing

THE LION AND THE LAMB

Mooring, Brown

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah He's roaring with power and fighting our battles; And every knee will bow before Him. Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain; For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb; Every knee will bow before Him

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise, For who can stop the Lord Almighty



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

HOW CAN WE HELP

Date	Mass	Ministry	Minister
5/22	4PM	Acolyte	Bourgeois, Ken
		Lector	Arceneaux, Laura
5/23	7AM	Acolyte	Dean, Carey
		Lector	Griffin, Karen
5/23	9AM	Acolyte	Joubert, Irwin
		Lector	Sobert, Sally
5/23	11AM	Deacon	Fonseca, Rod
		Lector	Gaudet, Don

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OFFERING STATEMENT ~ *For God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Collection total for the weekend of May 2, 2021 was \$7,150.49. We, at Christ the Redeemer greatly appreciate your donations and your sacrifice. Thank you for your great generosity!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to the \$3,645.00 collected through our Family Life Center Renovation collection held on the weekend of May 1 & 2. Your donations will certainly help with this project. If you didn't contribute, but would like to you can drop off your donation to our church office, use our online portal at www.ctr-htdiocese.org or place a donation in an enveloped marked Family Life Center Project and drop into the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS & VIGIL LIGHTS

Mass Intentions: May 16th thru May 22nd

M/M Anthony Adams, Anne Albert, H. J. "Bro" Albert, Estelle Bergeron, Lester & Rita Bourgeois, Philip Breaux, Michael Chancellor, Lane Duet, Valcour & Velma Duet, Rev. Mr. Charles "Charlie" Giroir, Neil & Lucy Gros, Doris Langlois, Ferol "Pops" Langlois, Sr, Ferol Langlois, Jr, Jeanie Martinez, Andrew John Melvin, Louise A. Melvin, M/M O. T. Melvin, Jr, Maurice P. Mire, Russell & Genela Naquin, Wayne Naquin, Emma G. Shaw, Loy Andrew Smith, Alexander and Louise Stevens, Bobby Theriot, Roy & Edna Theriot, Mary Truxillo, Hilery Richard

Tabernacle Lights for May 16 thru 22: Fr. Patrick O'Brien, Fr. John Gallen & Dcn. Charles "Charlie" Giroir

Adoration Lights for May 16 thru 22: Maurice P. Mire, & Charleston Hebert, Sr.

Parish Communication Update Project



Parish Communication Project Update-Communication Card Weekend

This weekend is our Communication Update Weekend! In an effort to better serve and communicate with our parish families we have provided a personalized communication update card for every registered family by mail.

We are requesting all families complete and return their Communication update Card this weekend at Mass or by: mailing your completed card to the church office using the envelope included in the mailing or visit our parish website at <http://bit.ly/ChristTheRedeemerCommunicationCard> and complete an electronic version of the Communication update Card by scanning the QR code.



Your help by returning your communication update card as soon as possible is vitally important to achieving our goal of 100% participation. Thank you for your cooperation!

We need to hear from you!



Confirmation for our 11th graders is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. mass. Candidates are asked to arrive by 5:15 p.m. to meet with Bishop Fabre before mass. Practice for Confirmation Students and Sponsors will be held this Sunday, May 16th at 4 P.M. The final class will follow the 5 P.M. Mass.

- ◆ Confirmation is a sacramental outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a permanent imprint on the soul, completes Christian initiation, and empowers us to be witnesses to Christ (CCC 1302-1305).

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates as they make their bold proclamation of faith!

<i>Hunter Adams</i>	<i>Sasha Aulich</i>	<i>Paige Benoit</i>	<i>Maddie Chiasson</i>
<i>Rae Cortez</i>	<i>Anna Durocher</i>	<i>Brodie Hendrix</i>	<i>Rickey Lovell, III</i>
<i>Lindsey Matherne</i>	<i>Kylie Naquin</i>	<i>Dylan Ordoyne</i>	<i>Hannah Pellegrin</i>
<i>Tan Singleton</i>	<i>Alexis Thibodeaux</i>	<i>Eliza Thibodeaux</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Thibodeaux</i>



**A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SACRAMENTALLY
MARRIED COUPLES
July 15th—18th, 2021**

Hosted by Christ the Redeemer on the grounds of Lumen Christi Retreat Center

- Total Retreat Cost is \$500 per couple.
- Couples with Parish Sponsorship, cost is \$375 per couple.
- Christ the Redeemer registered parishioners will be sponsored.
- Online Registration available: www.ctr-htdiocese.org/domesticchurch

PROMISE To Protect



Pledge To HEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to rally us all together in prayer and support for all those in the cycle of abuse and trafficking. These are still an ugly but real part of our world. The fight against child abuse and the battle for the dignity of the human person is far from over because original sin is still very much alive, and our enemy is a clever one and on the prowl. Human weakness will always be with us in this valley of tears; nevertheless, some sin and crime can be tolerated even a little. Please stand with me with your prayers.

Further the time has now come after three years to renew each of our Safe Environment Training. Remember with me that this training is the United States Catholic Church's response to the reality of child abuse. In it you will learn what to look for if a child is being abused and who to contact if you know or suspect that abuse is happening. Adults who prey on children are manipulative and clever. They turn their powers on the child and try to hide themselves.

Thus, it is my hope that every adult here at Christ the Redeemer will join me in taking child abuse prevention seriously. We are now given a moment, to say with our actions that no instance of abuse will be tolerated. Each of us who might be a safe place for a child to share their hurt must be ready and equipped to act. Certainly, many of us are legally mandated reporters, but more so this is not merely about fulfilling some law, but about protecting those innocent little ones around us whose angels are always before the face of God.

Dear brothers and sister, please stand with me in prayer and in preparation for this fight. Please be prepared to renew your Safe Environment Training. More information will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Fr. Alex G. Gaudet

Pastor of Christ the Redeemer

- ◆ **Safe Environment Training Certifications happen every 3 years. 2021 is a renewal year.**
- ◆ **All volunteers of the Diocese are required to complete the Safe Environment Training Program.**
- ◆ **The Safe Environment Training Certification process has been streamlined and**
- ◆ **Our office staff will be available to assist in completing the training.**
- ◆ **Instructions and timeline will be forthcoming**



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