

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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RADIATING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY AND BEYOND

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6th Sunday of Easter—May 17, 2020

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-Parish Pastoral Council, May 9, 2020



Next week will be the beginning of Phase 2. Being patient and calm must be top-of-mind right now. A steady stream will be far more effective than a rushing river that can cause damage along the way.

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A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

#ChurchNeverStops—For more information on getting involved email us at office@ctrwestvan.ca.

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Today	May 17	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass LIVE	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
Monday	May 18	10:00 a.m.	CTR TV Episode 1 Posted	rebrand.ly/ctrtv
Tuesday	May 19	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A.	Zoom
Wednesday	May 20	10:30 a.m.	Lectio Divina Posted	rebrand.ly/lectiodivina
Thursday	May 21	7:30 p.m.	Mass in Time of Pandemic	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
Friday	May 22	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Zoom
		10:30 a.m.	Lectio Divina Posted	rebrand.ly/lectiodivina
		2:45 p.m.	Knitting for Charity	Zoom
Sunday	May 24	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass LIVE	rebrand.ly/ctrmass

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Watch online liturgies at rebrand.ly/ctrmass.

Sun May 17	LIVE AT 10:00 a.m.	Mary Catherine Buholzer † 6th Sunday of Easter
Mon May 18		Pat Gleeson †
Tues May 19		Kristian & Mary Tibay (int)
Wed May 20		Hank Giefing †
Thu May 21	LIVE AT 7:30 p.m.	Holy Souls Mass in Time of Pandemic
Fri May 22		Christopher Boon Chua †
Sat May 23		Shirley Tempest †
Sun May 24	LIVE AT 10:00 a.m.	Joseph Francis Fernandes † Ascension of the Lord



We'll be running small-group faith studies online via Zoom. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please email Krista at discovery@ctrwestvan.ca.

Missals and Hymnals for Loan

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Sunday missals, hymnals, and missals for the daily readings are available for loan to parishioners who want a physical copy for the duration of the pandemic. Drop by the parish office to pick one up a Sunday missal

from the box outside the rectory door! Hymnals must be reserved in advance.

Daily Mass readings can also be found at https://rcav.org/prayer-and-spirituality-mass-readings/.



Confession Schedule

Sundays: 4:15—4:45 p.m. Saturdays: 9:30—10:00 a.m. Or by appointment with a priest.

Do not approach our <u>outdoor</u> confessional screens until the area is completely clear to maintain space. We ask you to leave immediately as soon as you've made your confession and not to visit with others in the parking lot.

Please Pray For

All those affected by the COVID-19 virus

Kathy Barcenas, Ken Beesley, Helen Bush, Ron Buziol,
Noel Callahan, Stephanie Cameron-Anctil, Leo Dy,
Ted Ewbank, Mireille Farwagi, Marylin Goulet,
Germaine Guay, Annie Mackenzie, Peggy McCormick,
Mary Menescardi, Juanita Nazareth, Eduardo Peralta,
Graham Ridsdale, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan,
Linwood Trask, Molly Waechter, Ed Wild, and Terry Zweng



Online Giving

The Archdiocese has set up a 'digital offertory basket' for our parish! You can make your contribution (one-time, weekly, at rebrand.ly/ctroffering. If you prefer to

or monthly) at <u>rebrand.ly/ctroffering</u>. If you prefer to make a <u>one-time</u> donation to your parish offertory, click the link at the top of the form. To make changes to your online offertory gift please contact the Archdiocese at 604 -683-0281 ext. 50322 or <u>donations@rcav.org</u>.

To donate over the phone, please call Catherine Davidson at 604-922-1371. Thank you all so much for your sacrificial support at this difficult time.



Pope's Pastoral Works

Please note that the second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works scheduled for May 17 has been postponed until the fall.

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Mass in Time of Pandemic

Join us this coming Thursday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. for our next Mass in Time of Pandemic streamed live from CTR, to implore God to bring an end to this

pandemic. We are joined this time by Fr. Bryan Duggan, who will be preaching.

To view the live Mass, go to <u>rebrand.ly/ctrmass</u> just before 7:30 p.m. to enter the stream. Do not click this link too early as we test before each Mass and you may experience connection issues if you join before the scheduled time.

CTR TV Episode 1 Posted

Our first episode of CTR TV, a new YouTube series of interviews with parishioners and others, arrives online

Monday morning at 10 a.m. It's not live, so you can watch it at your convenience. In this episode of CTR TV, Msgr. Smith interviews parishioner and emergency room and palliative care physician Dr. Dave Williscroft. Watch online and subscribe to our channel for future episodes at rebrand.ly/ctrtv.

CTR Virtual Pilgrim Virgin Mary

We are living in a time that we could never have imagined and yet there is still much evidence that we do not walk alone through life; that God is with us.

That is why we invite you to pay homage to our Blessed Mother, to show her our love, to ask for her help and her much-needed intercession. CTR's Pilgrim Virgin will start coming to your homes virtually and will stay with your family for three days. Just fill in an online form (available next week), and the coordinator, Paola Sepulveda, will contact you. She will send you an email with a picture of our CTR Virgin Mary that we encourage you to print and place in a special place in your home where you and your family gather to pray together. Paola will also send you prayers we have prepared for you to pray during those three days. We encourage you not to forward the image to others as if it were a chain letter because we hope to keep track of who is welcoming Our Lady—when circumstances permit, we hope to continue the pilgrimage using a physical image of Our Lady.

Let us open our hearts wide to Mary who comes to share our life with us and to give us the great treasure she holds in her heart, her Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Column



When will Masses resume? How will it work?

I would be thrilled to respond to those

questions—when I know the answers! Archbishop Miller has invited parishes to plan before they act, just as we've done at Christ the Redeemer from the beginning of the pandemic.

All I can tell you is that we will **not** be ready to reopen next Sunday, May 24.

Anticipating the preliminary go-aheads that arrived as expected this week from the provincial health authority and the Archdiocese, the Parish Pastoral Council met on Saturday to discuss returning to the public celebration of Mass. Among the topics discussed were protecting the most vulnerable, dealing with people who show at the church with symptoms of illness, the number of Masses on Sunday, the method by which attendance would be limited, and the distribution of Holy Communion.

The wise advice of the PPC members will now be harmonized with the latest <u>directives issued by the Archbishop</u> May 15. The council will meet again to decide on the final plan.

The key conclusion of the PPC meeting is presented on the front of this bulletin: "Our overriding principle is that safety remains our paramount concern, and we will resume Masses only when we are able to do so safely, carefully respecting the provincial health authority's directives." We have been ordering supplies and equipment for several weeks now. Many necessary items have been delivered, but we are still waiting for others.

As I mentioned at Mass last week, the Council also acknowledged the difficult decisions that Archbishop Miller faces at this time as our chief shepherd and expressed its confidence in his guidance in this challenging time. I conveyed these sentiments to the Archbishop, who was very grateful for this support.

There is no doubt that our final plan for the resumption of public Masses will come too soon in the judgement of some and too late in the judgement of others. I can only ask for your patience as we make these difficult decisions – and for your charity as well.



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This Week's Online Ideas

• The Vatican has released a free online prayer book available in English, French, Italian, and Spanish. It contains prayers, rituals, and supplications for the sick, and

explains how Catholics can continue to practice the faith in this time. Click this article to find the book: https:// www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/vatican-releases-free -online-prayer-book-amid-pandemic-35073.

FORMED

Our parish pays for a subscription to this Catholic on-demand video service. Formed is FREE for you to join—if you already have, please note that all accounts have been reset recently and you'll need to sign up again. To sign up, visit formed.org, click "Sign Up", and "I belong to a Parish" and search "Christ the Redeemer Parish" in the search bar, find our parish, create an account, and enjoy Catholic films and resources!

Recommended Books This Week



PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

• Robert Royal's powerful masterpiece Catholic Martyrs of the 20th Century. A lighter read is the Seven Big Myths About the Catholic Church in which Professor Christopher Kaczor distinguishes fact from

fiction about Catholicism.

FR. IEFF'S RECOMMENDATION

• Choose Life: The Two Ways, by Frances Hogan, in which we are encouraged to grow in self-knowledge of our own sinfulness, which in turn enables us to confront discouragement and weakness.

GIFT SHOP RECOMMENDATION

• The bookstore has three copies of a gem by Scott Hahn and Mike Aquilina called Living the Mysteries. They share writings from seven of the great Fathers of the Church on topics ranging from marriage to the Church (\$20—pick up at the rectory or we'll deliver).

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