



CHRIST THE REDEEMER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH • 599 Keith Road, West Vancouver, BC, V7T 1L8

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

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 6, 2020



CONFIRMATION

Our congratulations and prayers for all the students at St. Anthony's School and PREP who were Confirmed this week!

Sienna Alsop
Sebastian Arevalo
Mikayla Boffo
Nico Bosa
Ren Bracken
Ariana Brezai
Marco Burgos
Aynslie Burns
Justin Carotenuto
Blake Dong
Julianne Glowacki

Isabella Gonzalez Rodriguez
Gabriella Kasabashian
Grace Kim
Elanor Kostamo
Justin Kwon
Sienna Loo
Sienna McMillan
Ziara Modequillo
Julia Moretto
Michaela Clare Neilson
Maria Pyk
Alexandra Scoles

Maya Spadavecchia
Esperanza Stevens
Lindsay Tanious
Sofia Tiberio Krupa
Maximilian Van Wollen
Kate Vrsnik
Zara Warwas Gonzalez
Sasha Wein
Addison Wright
Emily Wright
Nicholas Zastre

A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Get more information about how you can be involved in parish life by emailing office@ctrwestvan.ca.

Today	September 5	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass LIVE	rebrand.ly/ctrmass
Monday	September 6	9:00 a.m.	Labour Day—Mass	Church
Friday	September 11	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Zoom

Mass Schedule & Intentions

W = Weekday Public Masses—Register at door, limit 50.

S = Sunday Public Masses, with listed Mass Group—
Pre-Registration Required at ctrwestvan.ca/reopen.

L = Live Streamed Mass online at rebrand.ly/ctrmass.

Sat Sept 5	W S	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. St. Thérèse	Mern Koszman † <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i>
Sun Sept 6	LS S S	9:00 a.m. St. Isaac 11:00 a.m. St. Kateri 5:00 p.m. St. Damien	Joseph Tan (int) <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mon Sept 7	W	9:00 a.m.	Maria Rosa Toselli † <i>Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labour</i>
Tues Sept 8	W	8:15 a.m.	Francisco Sepulveda † <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Wed Sept 9	W	8:15 a.m.	Russell Sheehan †
Thu Sept 10	W	8:15 a.m.	Chan Keng Boon †
Fri Sept 11	W	8:15 a.m.	Hank Giefing †
Sat Sept 12	W S	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. St. Rita	Fr. Xavier Royappan † <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
Sun Sept 13	LS S S	9:00 a.m. St. André 11:00 a.m. St. Gemma 5:00 p.m. St. Luke	Hank Giefing † <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>



Goodbyes and Hellos!

This past Friday we said farewell to **Thomas Chan** who is on his way to Scotland to pursue his masters' degree after three years at CTR. The parish is also pleased to welcome **Elizabeth Krump** who will be joining the parish team. Elizabeth brings many years of experience with Catholic Christian Outreach and we are excited to welcome her to the parish and see her missionary spirit at work! Let us support them both in prayer.



Labour Day—Tomorrow

Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. and the parish office will be closed.



Confession Schedule

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

Please Pray For

Peter Culos

Those affected by the COVID-19 virus

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Kathy Barcenas, Thelma Bayley, Stanley Bednarski, Helen Bush, Ron Buziol, Noel Callahan, Stephanie Cameron-Ancil, Caleb Clarke, Leo Dy, Ted Ewbanks, Mireille Farwagi, Michael Froh, Joan Gideon, Germaine Guay, Annie Mackenzie, Mary Menescardi, Eduardo Peralta, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Thua Tran Thai, and Molly Waechter



Online Giving

It is easy to make your contribution online at rebrand.ly/ctroffering. If you prefer to make a one-time donation, click the link at the top of the form. To make changes to your online gift, please contact the Archdiocese at 604-683-0281 ext. 50322 or donations@rcav.org. To donate over the phone, please call the parish office at 604-922-1371. Although the collection is down Thank you all so much for your sacrificial support at this difficult time!



Second Collection

For the Holy Land

Next **Sunday, September 13**, there will be a second collection in support of Christians in the Holy Land. This collection was rescheduled from Good Friday. You can donate at rcav.org/donate-second-collection or, if attending in-person, using your envelope.

Parish Religious Education Program



If your children do not attend Catholic school, they belong in our parish religious education program (PREP)! Our children are grouped by age to learn about faith and prepare for the sacraments in weekly classes. Please stay tuned for registration information later this month: the program is set to begin in October this year.

A WEEK OF NIGHTS TO REMEMBER

The front page of the bulletin presents the names of the 34 young people who were confirmed (or, if already confirmed, received a special blessing) in three separate ceremonies last week. Restrictions caused by the pandemic meant their Confirmation was attended by a very small number, celebrated without the Archbishop, and lacked the usual red gowns and reception afterwards.

But we think the newly confirmed will not soon forget the experience.

Since they had not been in class for some months, and the usual pre-Confirmation event was back in November, our parish youth ministry team decided to make these celebrations unique and memorable.

Those to be confirmed, together with their parents and sponsor, found themselves gathered in the gym, wondering what was to happen next. Msgr. Smith arrived, pretending to be puzzled, and then explained that the special event showed how special these young people are to our parish community. So special, that we wanted to do everything possible to make up for the long wait and any possible disappointment about the necessarily-small liturgies.

Organizer and master of ceremonies Jeremy Keong, a teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, greeted the small crowds with enthusiasm and energy. He spoke as much to the sponsors and families as to the confirmands—because they are crucial to the continuing life of faith for their daughters and sons.

Nicole Greig and Christine Weiss, young adult leaders from the parish youth ministry, told the story of their own journey to discipleship. Each told a story that involved the welcome they received at Christ the Redeemer. Each extended an invitation to the confirmands, describing the opportunities to join with other young Catholics in parish activities designed for them.

To the surprise of some, everyone was asked to bring out their phones. The young people focussed their phone cameras on a QR code that led to joining Christ the Redeemer's youth ministry Instagram page: <https://instagram.com/ctrwvyouth>.

Parishioners Tim Kostamo and Kyle Neilson, parents of those being confirmed, talked about their connection to CTR through Alpha (starting up again this month), Faith Studies, and the Friday Morning Men's Prayer group. The adults were then asked to pull out their phones and connect to a special form by which interested parents and sponsors could learn more about all that's happening in the parish this fall.

That form is not only for those who were in the gym last week! We invite anyone who would like to know about opportunities for connecting with others and spiritual growth also to click on this link: rebrand.ly/ctrconfirmation

The question, "where do we go from here?" is one for everyone at Christ the Redeemer, young and old.

One of the powerful testimonies was a moving account of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Dr. Tim Kostamo. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/NCbXTyYMMhE>

Needless to say, despite the success of the event in the gym, the true center and heart of these three remarkable gatherings was the Sacrament of Confirmation itself. The congregation moved from the gym to the church, accompanied by the beautiful notes of "The Blessing" sung by a gifted trio of youth ministry musicians: Nicole Greig, Andrew Maledy, and Jeremy Keong.

Msgr. Smith administered the sacrament following strict sanitary protocols, which meant each candidate stood before him, masked but joyful at the gift of the Holy Spirit.



CONFIRM, O GOD, WHAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT IN US, AND PRESERVE IN THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: MAY THEY NEVER BE ASHAMED TO CONFESS CHRIST CRUCIFIED BEFORE THE WORLD AND BY DEVOTED CHARITY MAY THEY EVER FULFILL HIS COMMANDS. WHO LIVES AND REIGNS FOR EVER AND EVER.



FAITH STUDIES *and* Alpha



Return online this September.

For all the information
and to register, visit
ctrwestvan.ca/discipleship.