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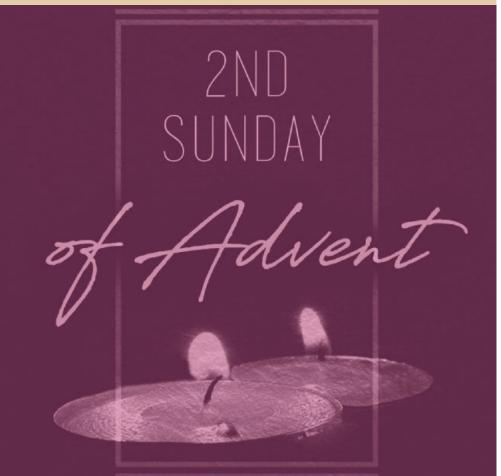
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### DEC. 5, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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

HOURS EXTENDED DURING ADVENT Saturday: 9-11 a.m., Church Wednesday: 5-7 p.m., Church

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.

# WELCOME!

Dear friends in Christ,

This second week of Advent finds us still waiting and watching for the coming of the Lord, but we get a most welcomed visitor today – John the Baptist. He comes seemingly out of nowhere to prepare the way of the Lord and while he was by all accounts a bit eccentric, his message is as timely today as it was some 2,000 years ago. Let us heed his message to repent and as we go about busily preparing our Christmas lists and making plans for the holidays, let us prepare our hearts as well to welcome the coming of the King of Kings.

As mentioned last week we are once again assisting our twinned parish of Our Mother of Mercy Church by collecting Christmas gifts for the children of that community. Many of the larger parishes of the archdiocese have a "twin" and it is encouraged that the two work together on a variety of projects. We've collaborated on the Christmas gift giving project for several years now and it is always a success. CtR parishioners are generous in giving and our brothers and sisters in Christ at OMOM are truly grateful.

OMOM was founded in Houston's Fifth Ward in 1930 and is one of the great historical African-American parishes in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. It is quite small in number, but they are large in spirit. It serves not only as a spiritual home, but also a community advocate in the Fifth Ward and is a place of refuge for many who are trying to make it through these difficult times. Each year OMOM tries to offer each child a Christmas present from the larger community. For many it might be the only present they will receive.

We invite you to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift and drop it off in the narthex next week or, better yet, use our convenient Amazon Wish List found at *www.ctrcc.com/toydrive* and have it sent directly to the office. The gift need not be elaborate or extreme, but simply from the heart. The children range in age from just a few years old up to 17, but the bulk are in the 5-15 age range. What do they want? Well, just about whatever any child wants. Feel free to use your imagination. Basketballs are always popular with the boys last year and the young girls always seem to gravitate to the dolls. Maybe you can ask an expert – your own child living under your roof. It's a safe bet that the children of OMOM would welcome the same type of gifts.

Closer to home we are also again collecting gift cards to be distributed through Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM). Drop off a gift card to a local merchant (Walmart, Target, and HEB gift cards seem to be the most popular as they can be used for a variety of items) in the narthex at church or in the office over the next week and we'll distribute them through CAM. It's a great way to help out those in need in our community.

This Wednesday is a Holy Day as we honor the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We'll celebrate a vigil Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, Dec. 8, masses will be at 9 a.m. (livestreamed) and 7 p.m. The CtR School students will have a separate Mass in the afternoon, so there is plenty of room for everyone at the morning Mass. It is under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception that the United States has been dedicated as well as our Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. While the Blessed Virgin Mary has many titles and days dedicated to her, the Immaculate Conception is supreme.

Next Sunday, Dec. 12, is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but because it falls on a Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent takes precedence. While we can't have a specific Mass for her, we definitely can celebrate her with a Prayer Service on Saturday, Dec. 11 beginning at 10 p.m. - yes, late into the night so that we can greet the new day by singing her praises. It will be bilingual in both English and Spanish, and include all the readings, hymns, and songs that we are accustomed to using to honor Our Lady. A simple fiesta will follow as we conclude the night/morning. Her feast day is always a special day in all Catholic parishes, but especially those of us in Texas and the southwest. Our Lady of Guadalupe is Patroness of the Americas (as declared by Pope Pius XII in 1946) and holds a special place in the hearts of all people of faith. Please join us for a late night prayer to honor her.

Remember our Christmas liturgical schedule for this year: On Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24 masses will be at 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 12 a.m. Midnight. On Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25, masses will be at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (bilingual). Both the Midnight Mass and the 9 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed. Note that there is no Saturday evening vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on Dec. 25. All masses for the Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 26 at our regular times.

Peace, Fr. Sean

# **READINGS & PRAYERS**

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

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 Ehlinaer 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 Arlie Oetken Ernesto Navarro Sue O'Donoghue Thomas Huebner Tommy Lemoine Larry Bradley Carl Linsensen Carol Peiffer Anel Ramos Jeanette Anderson Angelina Rangel Orlando Rangel Jorge Manuel Llopiz Joe Marie Sequeria Aria Martinez

### **MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

MONDAY, DEC. 6 St. Nicholas

9 a.m. Mass: James Cao +, Therese Nguyen, Diane Perham +

#### TUESDAY, DEC. 7

St. Ambrose

9 a.m. Mass: Leila Annai Gonzalez, George Bilotta +, Therese Nguyen

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 a.m. Mass: Sofa & Fortunato Hermosa, Natividad Capito 7 p.m. Mass: Michael Gallagher +, Juan Restrepo +, Dan Coppoletta +

**THURSDAY, DEC. 9** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

9 a.m. Mass: George Bilotta +, Avelina Mandapa +, M.J. & Leelamma Francis

FRIDAY, DEC. 10 Our Lady of Loreto

9 a.m. Manuel & Lucinda Garza +, Osvaldo Gamarras, Alicia Garza SATURDAY, DEC. 11 St. Damasus I

**5 p.m. Mass**: Carolyn Hughes +, Steve & Jeanette Roznowski +, Martha Barbor +

SUNDAY, DEC. 12 Third Sunday of Advent

7 a.m. Mass: Mary C. Kahlich +, Jose Tereso Lucio +, Alexander Gwodz + 9 a.m. Mass: CtR Parishioners 11 a.m. Mass: Jorge Carmona, Aurora Seguerra, Roline Negre + 5 p.m. Mass: Darrell Macaleyandor+ Patricia Ann Geis +, Elizabeth Ortez + 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

Paul Bacque Mildred E. Alberts Dr. Gerald "Gerry" Joseph Romano

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

# **STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURES**



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

	2021 Goal
DSF	Paid to Date.
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2021 Goal	\$305,000
Paid to Date	\$300,818
Balance due	\$4,182
DSF Donors: 778	

We are grateful to our parishioners for the 1,428 gifts we've received to help generate \$292,018 so far for DSF this year. Please contact Megan Dillingham in the Stewardship & Development Office with DSF questions.



### **COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF NOV. 28, 2021**

Offertory	\$20,376
Paypal	\$1,460
Faith Direct	\$43,011
End-of-Year Gifts	\$4,000
Weekly Collected	\$68,847
Fiscal YTD Collected	\$1,407,283

### **ONLINE GIVING AT CTR**

To register for our online giving system, Faith Direct, visit **faithdirect.net** to securely enroll online by using our church code: TX150. You can also donate via PayPal. To opt out of receiving your paper envelopes, visit our website at **ctrcc.com/donate** or let our parish office know by calling 281-469-5533.

# **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT CTR**



Schedule

### Tuesday, Dec. 7

- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, Dec. 8
- 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday, Dec. 11
- 10 p.m. Prayer Service for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*bilingual*) Reception to follow with traditional festivities.

### Monday, Dec. 20

7 p.m. Mass for Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Advent tradition and an annual celebration at CtR. Extended Reconciliation hours (all in the church):

> Wednesdays 5-7 p.m. Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22

> > **Saturdays** 9-11 a.m. Dec. 4, 11, 18

Also by appointment. Email priests@ctrcc.com



Schedule

### Frid<mark>ay, Dec. 24 – Chris</mark>tmas Eve

4, 6:30, 8:30 p.m. and Midnight Mass

**Saturday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day** 9 and 11 a.m. (bilingual) Mass The 9 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed. Visit ctrcc.com/live-stream.

Caroling begins 30 minutes before all Masses on Christmas Eve and Day.

Sunday, Dec. 26 – Feast of the Holy Family 7, 9, and 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mass (no Saturday evening Vigil Mass on Dec. 25) **Friday, Dec. 31** 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God We will have overflow seating in the Parish Hall at all masses with a live video viewing of Mass and distribution of Holy Communion.

**Saturday, Jan. 1** 9 a.m. Mass for Mary, Mother of God



# **NEWS AND EVENTS**

# **Advent Traditions**



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SATURDAY, DEC. 11

Join us for a prayer service in honor of Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There is a reception following in the Community Center featuring traditional festivities, music and dances.

9:15-9:45 p.m. – Matachines dance 10 p.m. – Prayer Service (bilingual) 11 p.m. – Reception with Mariaches and Folklórico dancers



### SIMBANG GABI 7 P.M. MONDAY, DEC. 20

This is a beautiful long-standing tradition of the Filipino community to prepare for nine days for the feast of Christmas. This year also marks 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. All are welcome to an evening of prayer and song.



### HOLIDAY OUTREACH AT CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Join us in supporting local families and helping to provide all they need for a joyful Christmas. Every year, we collect toys and gift cards to benefit our sisters and brothers in need.



### Our Mother of Mercy Toy Drive

Bring new, unwrapped toys to the narthex or parish office, OR order from the Amazon Wish List on our website. We also need volunteers to sort donations and distribute them at Our Mother of Mercy. Sign up to help online. *ctrcc.com/toydrive* 



### The Giving Tree

Bring gift cards of any amount up to \$25, preferably to Walmart, Target, HEB or Kroger, to the narthex or parish office. These cards are sent to help families through Cypress Assistance Ministries. *ctrcc.com/givingtree* 

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**



WELCOMING SUNDAY AFTER 9 AND 11 A.M. MASS IN THE PARISH HALL SUNDAY, DEC. 12

If you are new in the Parish, have missed any of the previous Welcoming events or simply want to learn more about our church, please join us for Welcoming Sunday for refreshments and community. For questions, contact the Office of Development and Stewardship at stewardship@ctrcc.com.

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Awaiting His Coming: Make the Advent season special by making a Holy Hour during December.

Pick an hour a week to be with Our Eucharistic Lord in the Chapel and prepare your heart for His coming in a profoundly peaceful way. Let us know what hour you have chosen, by texting or leaving a message at 832-640-2491. Orientation: Check out *ctrcc.com/adoration*.

The next Adoration phone meeting is Dec. 15. Dial 505-738-1555, Pin 849 300 499# at 7:30 until 8:30 p.m.

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### SAVE THE DATE: FEB. 5, 2022 MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT 9 A.M.-8 P.M. AT CAMP ALLEN

Married couples are invited to a day away at the beautiful Camp Allen to spend in prayer renewing your marriage. The cost is \$140 per couple and includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

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**



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

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 2022-2023 OPENS:

Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 8:15 am

Hours: 9 am - 2 pm

**Program Days**: from Labor Day to Memorial Day with breaks similar to local school districts

**Ages**: 18 months through 5-years-old

**3 Program Options**: Mon/Wed/Fri Tues/Thurs Mon-Fri





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