

Dear friends in Christ,

We've got comings and goings this week at the parish. First, we welcome our first-ever parish administrator for CtR. It gives me great joy to announce that Mr. Phillip Jackson will take on this new role for us. Many of you know Phillip through his many years of dedicated service to the parish as a lector, spiritual director and adult education leader, and more recently as our soon-to-be deacon. Since last year, Phillip has been the acolyte at mass and in that role he is learning the skills needed as a deacon in the church. (He'll be ordained in six months.) He has done all this while working as an administrator in the Department of Health and Human Services for the City of Houston.

It was about this time last year when I approached Phillip with the idea of becoming a full-time member of the pastoral staff of CtR, specifically as our parish administrator. It has been my desire for the past two years to hire an administrator for the parish who could take over the many day-to-day tasks of administration that a parish of our size has to contend with, from dealing with outside vendors and contractors, personnel issues and financial contracts to the variety of archdiocesan policies that seem to be handed down to us from the Chancery on an almost weekly basis. I have been doing nearly all of this the past two years and, quite frankly, it's killing me. The role of pastor is a unique one in that the responsibility for all facets of the parish falls to me which is fine. That's part of the job and I understand it. But I have found these past two years that the administrative burden saps nearly all of my time that should properly be dedicated to "pastoral" duties, the care of the parish. Believe me, I would much rather be at the hospital visiting the sick or working in a counseling session with a couple than having to deal with yet another meeting with the guy who installs the phone system.

Phillip was interested in making a career change and we have been working to finalize the details of his job at the parish. It's a bold move for him, leaving the corporate world to come work for the Church, and I thank him for his willingness to tackle what is, admittedly, a job without a clear description at the moment. (We're working on that, though I am finding new things each day for him to do!) I anticipate him playing a large role in our upcoming Capital Campaign and subsequent building project. He comes with great qualifications. He is a former officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and holds both an undergraduate and M.B.A from Prairie View A&M University. He's owned his own business and has worked in a variety of administrative roles in his career. Most of all, and this is the key, he is a dedicated servant of the Lord. He, along his wife Karla, who works at St. Katherine Drexel parish, and their five children have a great love for the Church and a desire to be of service to the parish and to people. We are blessed to have him full-time at CtR. Please join me in welcoming Phillip as our parish administrator and continue to keep him in your prayers as he finishes the last semester of his four years of studies leading to his ordination to the diaconate on February 3, 2007.

With Phillip's coming it is also time to announce someone from our staff who is leaving though, thankfully, not just yet. Fredna Kilcommins, our Director of Religious Education, has let me know of her desire to step down from her position after this coming RE year. Fredna has been DRE at Christ the Redeemer the past seven years and in that time has seen the program grow to one of the largest in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Last year, 1,707 children were enrolled in RE classes and we have every indication that this coming year will be at least equal to that. Words can not express my gratitude to Fredna for the terrific work she has done in overseeing the religious education of our children. Indeed, I can think of no more important task in a Catholic parish than seeing that children are instructed well in the ways of the faith. We have been truly blessed to have her leading our staff and all our catechists these past years. She is here every day and takes a keen interest in all the children. I am sorry to lose her, but she has promised to continue to play an active role in the community just as she and her husband John have done since the first day the parish was established in 1980. She simply wants to slow down and spend more time with her family and after years in service to the Church as a teacher and DRE, it is time. We wish her well and we thank her more than she can ever know.

As I said, Fredna will continue to serve as the DRE this year, and we will begin immediately to advertise the opening for the position to start next July 1. As you might imagine, the hiring of a DRE is a crucial one for a parish as the DRE plays a vital role in handing on our faith to our youngest parishioners. Fortunately, there has been a growing resurgence of trained and educated professional catechists the past several years and I have every belief that we will be able to attract a field of qualified candidates. We'll soon begin to put together a comprehensive job description and put the word out of our opening. I hope to form a hiring committee to interview candidates in the spring and ideally we'll have someone in place before the end of the RE year. Please keep the parish in your prayers that we might find a dedicated servant to fill the position, one who carries the same qualities that has made Fredna such a good fit for us.

Speaking of RE, it's that time again. Registration for Religious Education classes resumes on Tuesday, Aug. 1 and runs throughout the month. We had a record number of children register in the spring, so if you did not take advantage of that early registration period, please do so this coming month. Forms will be available in the parish office and on the web site. We are also in need of a handful of teachers and catechists to fill out some of our classrooms. If you are interested in teaching, please give Fredna a call in the office. It would be a great way to serve the children of our parish and what a blessing it would be for some new catechists to be trained one final time by Fredna. She will guide you through everything you need to know to teach the kids.

Finally, a word of thanks to the tremendous response to our Operation Backpack school supply drive the past two weekends. The parish provided more than 100 backpacks, 600 spiral notebooks, 300 packs of notebook paper, 400 boxes of Crayons and just about everything else needed for school. The response was overflowing! On behalf of the all the children who will benefit from your generosity through CAM, thank you very much. This was our first year to participate in Operation Backpack but I am sure it won't be the last. Thank you also for your generosity during the St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag collection last week. Your gifts will be used to help those most in need through this wonderful Catholic organization.

Peace, Fr. Sean

Mass Intentions for Week of July 31, 2006		
Monday	9:00 AM	Vincent Tran+, Virgilio Adriano+ Miguel Ochoa+
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Mike & Rosaly General Mrs. Emendorfer + Joseph & Mary Bilski+
Wednesday	7:00 PM	John R Schmitt+, Stella Schmitt Thomas Barkley+
Thursday	9:00 AM	Bill Schneider+, Kathy Davis+ Jodie Tanner+
Friday	9:00 AM	Carl Rizzotto+, Adam Jozwiak+
Saturday	5:00 PM	Donald Skweres+, Julian Laskowski+ Tom Flaherty+
Sunday	7:30 AM	Marie Ladewig+, Dorothy Zajac+ Matt & Stella Kresz
	9:00 AM	CtR Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Jason Plata+, Dorothy Novak+ Margaret & Dominic Waters
	5:00 PM	Mary Ellen King+, Brianna Murphy+ In Thanksgiving to Virgin Mary

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Envelopes (554)	\$20,586
Loose	\$7,807
Mailed In.....	\$1,707
Children's Envelopes.....	\$14
Total	\$30,114
Weekly Budgeted Expense	\$31,582
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$6,368

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 30

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM
 9:00 AM RCIA Dismissal 112, 204, 205
 3:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble Church

Monday, July 31

8:00 AM Church Cleaning Church
 9:00 AM Mass Chapel
 7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation CC
 7:30 PM Venture Scouts 215, 217

Tuesday, August 1

9:00 AM Mass Chapel
 9:35 AM Rosary Chapel
 7:00 PM Contemporary Ens. Pract Church
 7:00 PM K of C Officer's Mtg 111
 7:00 PM RCIA Team Mtg 112
 7:00 PM Welcome Comm. Mtg 113
 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 201

Wednesday, August 2

10:00 AM Morning Bible Study 205
 7:00 PM Mass Church
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 573 Mtg. CC

Thursday August 3

9:00 AM Mass Chapel
 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 113
 7:30 PM Art & Environment Mtg 112

Friday, August 4

9:00 AM Mass Chapel
 9:30 AM CtR Home Schoolers 112

Saturday, August 5

9:00 AM Pro-Life Rosary Church
 5:00 PM Mass Church
 6:00 PM K of C School Raffle Mall
 6:30 PM K of C Install of Officers Church, Chapel
 6:00 PM Bunco 111

Sunday, August 6

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM
 7:30 AM RCIA Dismissal 112, 204, 205
 8:30 AM K of C School Raffle Mall
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of Word 111
 12:00 PM Welcome Reception 111
 3:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble Church
 7:00 PM Town Hall Mtg for Music Church



Coffee & Donuts- Knights of Columbus

Readings for the Week of July 30, 2006

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Expect the Miraculous!
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

The world is full of distractions that can keep us from enriching our spiritual life. How much more then do we need to set apart time to spend with Jesus in adoration. **MAKE AN HOUR A WEEK to be with Jesus in Adoration.** 281.856.0989.

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RE Registration:

RE Registration begins this week, Tues. Aug. 1st. Registration forms are available in the lobby of the administration Bldg.

"But I'm not a teacher"

You do not have to be a certified teacher to be a catechist. People like you volunteer each year to help nurture young people in their faith. CtR provides you with the necessary formation, resources, and support. Your goal is to lead children to learn more about being Catholic. The RE staff is available to answer any questions.

Portraits:

All pictures you purchased from the liturgy for First Eucharist and Confirmation are in the RE Office. Portraits can be picked up during regular business hours.

Preschool Teachers Needed:

We are in need of Preschool Teachers on Sunday mornings during the 9 or 11 am Mass when classes start in September. There are openings for 3 years, 4 years and K at the 9 and 11am Masses. We provide all materials and training. If interested call Jill at 281-469-5533, ext. 108.

Vacation Bible School DVD'S:

This year we are offering DVD's of all five days activities for only \$10. This DVD includes VBS music, Grande Games, Hot Bible Adventures, Sing and Play OLE, Maraca Munchies, Cactus Crafts and Missions, Fiesta Finale and Chadder's Desert Drive-in Theater. On the last day is a five minute video taken in the church along with individual pictures that can be down loaded. To reserve you copy call Jill or Debbie H. @ 281-469-5533 or come by the church office and pick one up.

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Youth Bible Study

You are invited to attend youth bible study on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in room 111. This group of young people has a thirst for learning more about the bible.



I Feel Good When I Thank God

Here are some of "My Good Deeds" from the children's envelopes: help my mom and dad clean up. - Telling my sister Alyssa witch car to goin without being told. - lisening to my mom. - helpi my cousing clean. - helping momma grocery shop. - I cleaned up my room & bathroom without being told. - Please watch over Mrs. Audrey Lyons.

Bereavement Ministry

The first meeting of the next session for the Serenity Support Group will be held on **August 29th, from 7-8:30 PM** in room 217. If you are interested in joining for sharing and support, or would like more information, please call Peggy Gajdica @ 281-374-0403.

Daily Scripture readings at: www.usccb.org/nab

When you go on vacation this summer, please mail your weekly envelopes to the parish office.



In Our Parish

Let us keep the following people in our prayers: Mary Fleming, Jacque Fleming, Pat Fagan, Eileen & John Shelander, Audrey

Kenjura, Albro Lundy III, Natalie Smith, Christine Novak, Pat O'Connell, Francis Wooley, Cathy Hoefler, Mary Baxter, Curt Kelley, Dana Mead, Desiree & Deron Arceneaux, Frank Castronovo, Chrissy Mylod, Ann Brooke, Alvin Sodalak, Rosemary Potter, Daphne Kowalski, Shelly, Ryan & Sean Gurcze, Margaret Trinker, Matt, Matty & Jacob King, Kelly Case, Regina Osterhaus, Helen LaKome, LaVerne Ball, Lu Gunn, Margaret Prendergast, Margaret Kaucher, Carol Parrish, Agnes Machacek, Hilbert Pechacek, Camille Joseph, Natalie Gibson, Lou Frayler, Marlene Haraka, Terri Dome, Evangeline Beverly, Mickey Diaz, Stella Garcia, Carson Cocales, Lucy Calzada, Bonnie Suddreth, Barbara Kainer, Rose Marie Nieswiadomy, James Grahmann, David Hawkins, Kelly Giles, Mary Ann & Joseph Taylor, Jennifer Wysocki, Aly Bemis, Demian Tierney, Alice Roberts, Steve Supercinski, Jr., and Leslie Brangwynne. Please keep them and all the sick of our parish in your prayers.

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In your prayers, please remember Judy Jenkins, wife of Eddie & daughter of Audrey Lyons who recently passed into eternal life. And in your prayers remember the family that they may feel the love and comfort of the Father to heal their pain.

Prayer List for our Service Men & Women



Please keep the following in your prayers as they serve this wonderful country:

Casey Smith, Ernesto Meruelo, Paul Mallory, USNA, Jaime Martinez, Michael Sutton, Brett Guidry, Marcus Malek, Lcpl Dave Lewis, Lcpl Nathan Kemnitz, Josh Beaver, Lcpl Michael Jenigan, Lt. Luke Gorney, Lt. Michael Gorney, Ross Christensen, Allen Bravenec, David Frederick, Wesley Drake, John Snead, Sgt. Sean Taylor, Sgt. Mark Howell, Kyle Berlanga, PFC David Wilhite, Jeremy Miller, Major Jason Colbert, Cpt. Mark Grahmann, Stuart Laperouse, Brady Bennett, Melissa Montelongo, Nate Brown, Matthew Macejewski, Rick Grog, Corp. Paul Black Jr., Spc. Edward Herrera, Marc Weiner, Brandon Sokora, Joseph Vinklarek, Ian Roberts, Gary Lang, Ordet Klekar, Major Lloyd Waugh, Lcpl. John Buikema, Angela Tripp, Wade Coker, Tyler Coker, Karl Aschenbeck, Donnie Fricks, Jr., Alex Lambert, Augusto Cespedes, Jr., Lt. Col. Patrick D. Bertlshofer, Christopher Petrovich, Lcpl. Louie G. Welch, Cadet Greg Lambert, USMA, Anthony Barth, Lt. Col. Peter A. Lee, Capt. Christopher B. Lee, Rayford Siegel, Brig. Gen. Stephen Mueller, Lt. Neal Simpson, Matthew Phillips, Lt. Matthew Schlarmann, Michael Zdunkawicz, Jr., Cadet Will Callegari, Staff. Sgt. Christopher Bell, Nick Prien, and Cadet Alex Lathrop.

(Please call the parish office to add the name of your loved one in the Armed Services to our prayer list. If your soldier has been discharged from the service, please call and let us know.)

Stewardship

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the psalmist; "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

See Psalm 145

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

EMHC are registered parishioners who have received the sacrament of Confirmation and are 18 years of age and older. They assist in the distribution of the Eucharist. EMHC receive spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their roles with knowledge and reverence. Preparation requires a two part course of instruction.

Contact Person: Joanne Lapps

Phone: 281-2561437

Email Address: jlapps@sbcqolbal.net.

Adult Faith Formation (AFF):

Mother of God and Our Mother

Do you know your Mother? If you have ever desired a deeper relationship with Mary, this is the class for you! Join us as we look at what the Church teaches about Mary, going back to the earliest centuries of Christianity—and why she is so important. We will explore how Mary is a model of the Church and also hear musical selections demonstrating a few of the varied ways our Christian tradition has shown our love for her. Presented by Jonathan Raia, a seminarian for the Diocese of Austin studying at St. Mary's Seminary here in Houston. Monday, July 31, 7 – 9 p.m. in the Community Center.

What is RCIA????? – Come and See – Taste and See!!



Curious about RCIA? What is it? Who is it for? What happens there? Join us for **ice cream** sundaes and learn more.

When: Sunday, August 27, 2006 after the 5PM Mass

Where: CtR Community Center

Come and feed your sweet tooth, your imagination and your soul.

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LITURGY CORNER

The Responsorial Psalm

“The unfolding of your words gives light” (Psalm 118:130). The book of Psalms, also called the psalter, is a collection of 150 poem-songs inspired by the Holy Spirit and entrusted to Israel in view of the day when Jesus, the Son of God, would use them to express his own prayer to the Father. The Church sings the psalms and, like Christ her head, finds in them the expression of her own prayer. Psalm singing marks or accompanies various moments of the Mass. The Responsorial Psalm chanted after the First Reading is one such moment.

The text of the Responsorial Psalm is given in the Lectionary. Psalms are best chanted to a simple melody that allows the sacred text to speak for itself. The psalmist or cantor sings the verses of the Responsorial Psalm from the ambo, signifying that the psalm, like the reading that preceded it, is the word of God addressed to his people as well as their prayer to him. During the Responsorial Psalm, the congregation remains seated, listening with reverent attention and singing the response after each strophe. The Responsorial Psalm is a meditation, a prayerful repetition of the word of God. The Responsorial Psalm is the word of God “taken to heart.”

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Liturgical Ministers Needed



Please note the August schedule for Liturgical Ministers was printed with many unfilled spots. As you can see, we are short ministers for quite a few masses. If you are discerning a ministry here at CtR, we encourage you to join in the many liturgical opportunities available. Our greatest needs are in hospitality (Ushers & Greeters) and Altar Servers (4th grade through adults.) Please contact Debi Miglicco at 281-469-5533, ext.119, or email to liturgy@ctrcc.com.



Liturgical Minister Schedule – August 5/6

Sacristan: Reggie Vasquez and Catherine Rogers					Mike Conroy
Ministry	5 PM Sat	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	5 PM Sun
EMHC	1. Daly, Joan	1. Atchison, Diane	1. Bell, Douglas	1. Arnett, Patty	1. Babin, Anne
	2. Dolinsky, Carol	2. Atchison, Ken	2. Bonin, Mike	2. Barber, Maria	2. Castillo, Sharon
	3. Garich, Jan	3. Bolduc, Debbie	3. Chambers, Lorrie	3. Blue, Duncan	3. Conroy, Shannon
	4. Head, James	4. Diffendal, Maureen	4. Croes, Tony	4. Bradley, Bill	4. Damore, Mary
	5. Head, Norma	5. Hawkins, Rebecca	5. Daues, Dan	5. Bradley, Stacie	5. Lapps, Drew
	6	6. Henderson, Mollie	6. DeJohn, Joe	6. Cavestany, Adrian	6. Lapps, Joanne
	7	7	7. Hagenbuch, Joseph	7. Cavestany, Cherrie	7
	8	8	8. Jackson, Phillip	8. Farrell, Marilyn	8
	9	9	9. Kash, Diane	9	9
	10	10	10. Unverferth, Jim	10	10
	11	11	11	11	11
Usher	1. Drouet, Paul	1. Hickey, Pat	1. Daues, Nancy	1. Cayer, Joann	1. Carnicle, Alma
	2. Harlan, Brenda	2. Moses, Carol	2. Laird, Jayne	2	2. McFarland, Walynn
	3. Sage, Julia	3. Moses, Steve	3. Lange, Scott	3	3. Schmidt, David
	4. Thornton, Carolyn	4. Petrzelka, Valerie	4. Reyna, Angela	4	4. Schmidt, Donna
Greeter	1. Thornton, Lisa	1	1. Thornton, Carrie	1	1. Schmidt, Leah
	2	2	2	2	2. Schmidt, Lexi
Servers	1. Harlan, Collin	1. Rinaldi, Mary	1. Daues, Gregory	1. Bradley, Morgan	1. Kuxhausen, Sarah
	2. Otto, Joey	2. Rinaldi, Peter	2. Fishbeck, Kyle	2. Rodriguez, Phillip	2. Petrash, Margeaux
	3. Parker, Mason	3. Rios, Jonathan	3. Snowden, Natalie	3. Stevens, Zachary	3. Priest, Jessica



The Classics, a group of seniors over the age of 50, will not have a meeting in August! We will resume our monthly meetings and pot-luck dinners on the 3rd Sunday of September. Our monthly bus trip will be on Saturday, August 12th, when we travel to Magnolia for a dinner and show at the Magnolia Opry. Space is available for nonmembers on this trip, but you must call to reserve a place. Please call Cecilia Forrest at 281-469-1065 for information about the bus trip, our monthly meetings, and our other activities.

Young Adult Group: Food, Faith, Fellowship, and Fun

Come join us as we have our weekly Young Adult social. We meet in the courtyard outside the church after Sunday 5pm mass. We also have a bi-monthly meeting for Bible Study, discussion, & guest speakers in Rm. 111, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For more information, contact C.J. McCarren at (281) 469-5533, or e-mail at youth2@ctrcc.com. Hope we see you there!

SAVE THE DATE !!!!



The "Riverboat" is Coming !!!!

Who: Everyone 21 years young and older
What: Annual Riverboat Casino Night Event
When: Saturday, September 30, 2006 6pm – 11pm
Where: CtR Community Center
Why: Have fun!! Activities include: dinner, drinks, blackjack, poker, roulette, wheel of fortune, craps, slots, raffle, silent auction, card cutting, mystery prize balloon sale, door prizes PLUS free babysitting.
Needs: Donations of any kind to make this a successful event. Cash, checks, gift certificates, raffle and auction items are needed.
Contact: Patty Lynch 281-469-5533 x133 with questions and/or donations.

On-Going Fundraising

Thank you for using your **Randall's Good Neighbor number 1368**. CtR received a check for \$171.42 for the 2nd quarter of 2006. The 1st quarter amount received from the **Kroger Share Card** program was \$222.43. Our library benefited from the recycle bins in the amount of \$104.00.



Wayne & Patricia Moore
Jesse & Thelma Escamilla
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K.T. & Paula Sweeney
Pearl Rice
Mitch & Christy Thomas
Tom & Melinda Cocoran
Michael & Elisa Sierra
Cat & Marlen Bazan
Spring Gehring & Joshua Lowery

Retrouvaille

The 4 Stages of Marriage – (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on Sept 1-3 call 800-470-2230 or email: lbconner@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Share! Your Heart and Home – Host Families Needed

Volunteer families/persons-*with or without children at home* – are needed to host international exchange students. SHARE! Your Heart, Home, and Texas with a boy or girl from a variety of countries. All students are 15 to 18 years old, speak English, have medical insurance and spending money. Students are arriving in August and will attend the high school closest to their host family's home. Families are able to review student application to choose one to match their family. Please call Yvette Coffman at 1-800-941-3738.

Calling all Angels!!

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We need help with the mail out of our Stewardship booklets. Anyone wanting to earn feathers for their wings please call Charlotte at 281-469-5533, ext. 109. We are planning to meet on Wednesday, August 2nd at 10 AM.

**Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, August 6th
7 PM**

Do you have an opinion? We will have a panel of experts from the archdiocese, Fr. Sean and members of our staff for a discussion **to address the questions and comments of members of CtR (via a question box)**, concerning our music here at Christ the Redeemer.