Associate Rector Position

About Christ Episcopal Church

Founded in 1846, Christ Episcopal Church is a historic, vibrant, and growing parish located on the Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain in the New Orleans area. Rooted in the Episcopal tradition, we are a welcoming and loving community committed to meaningful worship, Christian formation, pastoral care, and service to others.

As a program-sized parish, we are blessed with an engaged congregation, dedicated lay leadership, and a collaborative clergy and staff team. Our wider mission also includes Christ Episcopal School, serving students from early childhood through high school, and Christwood Retirement Community.

We seek a full-time Associate Rector who will join us in the joyful work of building Christian community, nurturing discipleship, and sharing the love of Christ with one another and the world. We hope to call a new associate in the summer of 2027.

Position Summary

The Associate Rector works collaboratively with the Rector, clergy, staff, and lay leadership in the worship, pastoral care, formation, and outreach ministries of the parish.

The Associate Rector will share responsibilities for adult Christian formation, outreach, youth and pastoral care with teams of capable lay leaders, all while participating fully in the sacramental, liturgical, and congregational life of Christ Episcopal Church.

This position reports directly to the Rector.

Primary Responsibilities

Christian Formation and Discipleship

- Develop and coordinate engaging opportunities for adult Christian formation, including Sunday offerings, evening programs, and special events with the formation committee.
- Identify, recruit, and equip lay leaders to participate in teaching and formation ministries.
- Serve as a clergy resource and liaison to the Youth Ministry Team, supporting the spiritual formation of young people and their families.

Pastoral Care

- Visit parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or experiencing illness, grief, or other pastoral needs as a second line resource referred by the lay pastoral ministry team.
- Support, encourage, and provide spiritual and practical guidance to the parish's lay pastoral ministry team.

- Help cultivate a congregational culture of mutual care, hospitality, and Christian community.

Outreach and Community Engagement

- Work with parishioners and community partners to develop, coordinate, and support meaningful outreach ministries through the outreach committee.
- Encourage greater congregational participation in opportunities for service, compassion, and engagement with the wider community.
- Support lay leadership in identifying and responding to emerging needs within the community.

Worship and Parish Leadership

- Preach, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and participate in the liturgical life of the parish as scheduled by the Rector.
- Participate in staff meetings, parish committees, vestry, and other aspects of parish leadership.
- Be accessible to parishioners for pastoral conversations, meetings, and spiritual guidance.
- Collaborate, as appropriate, with the chaplains of Christ Episcopal School and the Christwood Retirement Community.
- Undertake additional ministries and responsibilities as directed by the Rector.

Qualifications

Required

- Ordination as a priest in the Episcopal Church or Anglican Communion, with eligibility to serve in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.
- A Master of Divinity degree or equivalent.
- A commitment to the doctrine, discipline, worship, and common life of the Episcopal Church.

The Ideal Candidate

We are looking for a priest who:

- Has a deep and growing spiritual life rooted in prayer, Scripture, and the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.
- Appreciates the richness of Anglican spirituality, theology, and the Book of Common Prayer tradition.
- Is an engaging and thoughtful preacher who makes Scripture accessible, relevant, and meaningful to everyday life.
- Genuinely enjoys people and finds joy being in relationship with others.
- Is a compassionate pastor, gifted teacher, and collaborative colleague who exercises ministry with initiative and enthusisam.

- Is a servant leader who encourages, equipes, and empowers others for ministry.
- Demonstrates emotional maturity, flexibility, and the ability to work well with people of different backgrounds and perspectives.
- Brings a sense of humor, humility, and joy to ministry, taking the work of the Church seriously without taking themselves too seriously.

Above all, we seek a priest who loves God, loves people, and finds joy in the shared work of ministry.

Compensation and Benefits

This is a full-time clergy position. Compensation and benefits will be commensurate with experience and consistent with diocesan guidelines.

Inquiries and Applications

For additional information or to express interest, please contact:

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