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Welcome *home.*

July 14, 2021 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Covid Vaccine: Louisiana State Health Officials will be offering the first dose of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for those who wish to receive it at Christ the Redeemer on Sunday, July 18 at our 9a, 11a, and 3p Masses. Recipients must be at least 12 years old. You may call 855.453.0774, use the QR code to the right or visit laredcap.oph.dhh.la.gov/surveys/?s=XJLPNCNYLP to register for a specific time or walk up before or after any of the advertised masses. Bishop Fabre and I encourage each person to make their own choice about vaccination, but offering the vaccinations at our church will provide easier access for those interested in vaccination.



Homebound Ministry: In bringing the Eucharist to the faithful who are ill or otherwise unable to be present in our church building, we bring the joy of the church to the suffering and isolated. My hope is to resume our regular ministry to the homebound. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact our office. We are also recruiting more ministers. Homebound ministers are Safe Environment certified adults who are also Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. New ministers will be trained before they begin.

Children's Liturgy: I am hopeful to restart our children's liturgy program; thus, we are rebuilding our team of volunteers. I hope to have 16 adults 21 years of age or older committed to one mass per month. The program runs for approximately 20 minutes to facilitate children's liturgy during the Liturgy of the Word.

Adult Confirmation: If you are an adult Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, Christ the Redeemer will host formation classes for those who are over 18 years of age and are no longer in high school. Classes begin on Thursday, August 19, 2021. To register call the office before July 30. Come and see all that the Lord has to offer you through a deeper relationship.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration is open. If you are a registered member of Christ the Redeemer celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or beyond wedding anniversary in 2021, we want to celebrate you and invite you to participate in the diocesan celebration. Contact our office by July 30th to register.

Family Center Update: Thank you to everyone who donated to our Family Life Center facelift. Renovations are ongoing; however, the drywall is repaired, all of the light fixtures and the ceiling tiles have been installed. The painting is completed. There are some loose odds and ends that need to be finished before we can start renewing the floors. This is the last phase. For now, the restrooms in the center remain closed. Your patience is much appreciated with this project.

Coordinator of Youth Formation: Let's pray together. I ask all of us to jump in and help us search for our next Youth Formation Coordinator with your prayers and by sharing our open position. Resumes can be sent to ctrchurch@htdiocese.org. For more information: www.ctr-htdiocese.org/cyf.

Safe Environment: For first-time volunteers, the Safe Environment training can be intimidating. If you have any difficulties or concerns, please call our office. We go out of our way to help our volunteers complete this project. The training teaches you to be conscious of signs that someone around you is being abused and to know what to do with your suspicions. Early training or renewal ensures your ability to volunteer because completion is expected and required before engaging in any volunteering. All volunteers are mandatory reporters regardless of what capacity they serve and must be certified. Training can be found here: <https://htdiocese.org/safe-environment>

Domestic Church Retreat: This week is your last chance to sign up for this retreat. The Domestic Church Retreat is for Sacramentally married couples that provides them with an opportunity to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together as well as an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in formation with Domestic Church. July 15th - 18th, 2021 Register here: ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat

Phase 3 Covid-19 Precautions: If you feel ill, please stay home so that you can recover more quickly. A face mask is advised. We have hand sanitizer and facemasks at our entrances for your convenience. When Mass is over, I am asking everyone to make their way all the way out of the building before stopping. The Sunday Mass obligation and the process around communion are unchanged.

CTR Prayer Line: "Again, Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." [Mat 18:19-20] Please allow us to pray with you through your need. To make prayer requests contact Dee at 985.447.8712.

Come Spend an Hour with the Lord: There is an open hour for adoration at 3p on Sunday. There is also a request for a prayer partner on Wednesday at 11a. If you have ever considered regularly spending some time with the Lord, now is a great time to start. Please call Sara Oubre or JoAnna LeBeouf if you would like to commit to a slot. Sara: 985.446.8662 [H], 985.859.4874 [C], or 985.447.9363. JoAnna: 985.209.818

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

Prayer for Hurricane Season:

Our Father in Heaven,
through the powerful intercession
of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season
and protect us and our homes
from all the disasters of nature.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor; hasten to help us.
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Prayer for Youth Formation:

Blessed are you,
Lord God of the universe.
In ages past, you sent teachers
to guide your people in your ways and to teach
them to love You and their neighbor.
In Jesus Christ, you fulfilled and
completed all you had begun.
In Jesus we meet the Teacher from whom all wisdom
and knowledge flow.
Our parish is in need of new teachers to aid in the
formation of our young people.
Send us Lord, laborers for your vineyard.

Through Christ our Lord.
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