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Welcome *home.*

February 16, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**Rise Up** | Rise up is a one-day gathering for men. This year's theme is *Life is Messy* based on the book by Matthew Kelly. Our keynote speakers this year are Mr. Wade Berzas, Fr. Patrick Riviere, and Fr. Antonio Speedy. The day begins with a daily Mass celebrated by Bishop Fabre. There will be talks, time for reflection, and time to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Registration is \$35 and can be done [here](#). Registration includes a full day of engaging speakers, time for prayer, a copy of *Life is Messy*, and two meals. Please tell a friend who could use this ministry.



**Mardi Gras** | Our offices will be closed on February 28 and March 1 in observance of Mardi Gras. March 1 is the two-year anniversary here at Christ the Redeemer. Please pray for me, but other wise have fun. If you see me on the route, please say high. If you're riding, please not in the face.

**Ash Wednesday** | The beginning of lent is just around the corner. Have you thought about what you want to work on during this year's great fast through lent? Ashes will be distributed at our customary 7:30 AM Mass and at 12:05 PM and at 6:00 PM with Mass. I will be available for confession from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM except for liturgy times.

**Bishop Fabre** | On February 8 at Noon, the Congregation for Bishops announced that the next Archbishop of Louisville Kentucky would be our own Bishop Fabre. Sadly this means that Bishop Fabre will be leaving our diocese to take up this next part of his journey. He has served our diocese for the past eight and a half years and will be greatly missed. His installation in the Archdiocese of Louisville will take place on March 30. Starting now, please join me in praying for three specific intentions, for Archbishop Fabre to have a smooth transition into Louisville, for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, and for our next bishop.

**St. Joseph Altar** | An altar in honor of St. Joseph the Husband of Mary will be erected for public veneration on Saturday, March, 19th. Viewing will begin around 8:00 AM. The altar will be blessed following our 8:30 AM Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph. The altar will be available for viewing until 5:00 PM.

**Youth Formation** | Our next gathering for our jr. high disciples is Sunday, February 20th at Christ the Redeemer at 6:00 PM. Our next meeting for our 4th & 5th-grade disciples is on Monday, February 21st at 5:30 PM. Our next gathering for our high school disciples is on Sunday, March 6th at ED White following 5:00 PM Mass in the chapel. Our next meeting for our 1st, 2nd, & 3rd-grade disciples is Monday, March 7th at 5:30 PM.

**Adoration** | The Holy Hour is an ancient practice of spending an hour with the Lord in the Eucharist. This goes back to when the Lord invited Peter, Andrew, James, and John with him into the garden just before his final arrest. They could not even stay one hour with him. This privileged experience of the Lord in his sacramental presence offers us the opportunity to engage the living God face to face. Since December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1994, Christ the Redeemer has offered Thibodaux the opportunity to spend an hour with the Lord continuously. For the time being, I am looking for five people to commit to one of the following times. An adorer is only committed to spending one hour in our adoration chapel. During that time you are invited to pray, read scripture, or participate in your devotions. For your convenience, there are rosaries, bibles, and spiritual books available to you. If you would like to commit to a time, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, 985.447.9363, or 985.209.818.

- Wednesday @ 7:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- Saturday @ 2:00 PM.

**Married Couples Retreat** | Want to take your marriage to the next level? Want to learn a way to integrate your marriage with the Faith? The Domestic Church movement in cooperation with Christ the Redeemer is hosting a married couples retreat on April 7-10 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. For more information call 225.439.0734 or email [stephtoups@gmail.com](mailto:stephtoups@gmail.com) or register at [ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat](http://ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat).

**ACTS Retreats** | Also save the date for the ACTS Men's Retreat on March 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> and the ACTS Women's Retreat on April 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. An ACTS retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith, renew ourselves spiritually, and build lasting friendships. The ACTS retreat is presented by lay men or women with spiritual direction provided by clergy. All Christians age 18 or older are invited to attend. Registration forms are available in the front office.

**Hurricane Ida** | More work is happening behind the scenes as we solidify the contract with our architect. We will be building plans for rebuilding soon. Please continue to be patient with me and this process.

Thank you,  
Fr. Alex Gaudet