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Welcome *home.*

February 23, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Livestream Changes | There will be no livestream tonight, February 23rd or March 2nd. Tonight I will be attending an alumni event at Notre Dame Seminary. We will be celebrating the outgoing rector who oversaw most of my formation. Next week, we will be celebrating Mass for Ash Wednesday. In the following weeks, I will be switching over to streaming our Mercy Night events.

Farewell Masses | The Diocese will be hosting several farewell Masses for Bishop Fabre next month.

1. Holy Cross, Morgan City - Mon, March 7, 5:30PM
2. Sacred Heart, Cut Off - Wed, March 9, 6:00PM
3. **St. Joseph Co-Cathedral - Sun, March 13, 2:00PM**
4. St. Joseph, Chauvin - Thurs, March 17, 6:00PM
5. Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales - Sun, March 20, 2:00PM

Rise Up | Rise Up is quickly approaching as is the beginning of Lent. Rise Up is a great way to jump start your Lent and reset your spiritual life. No one should do this alone, consider reaching out to a friend, neighbor, or colleague to attend with you. There are no strings attached, just come and see. 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 my 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 hello. If you're riding, be gentle.

Ash Wednesday | 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.

Way of the Cross | For each of the Firdays of Lent, the Way of the Cross devotion will be prayed in our church beginign at 5:30 PM. The Way of the Cross will be followed by at Mass at 6:00 PM.

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, March 6 at 3:30 PM at the ED White Student Union. It will be followed by Mass at 5:00 PM. Our next gathering with our High School disciples is Sunday, March 6 beginning with 5:00 PM Mass at the ED White Chapel. Class will follow. The next gathering for our 1st - 3rd-grade disciples is on Monday, March 7th and begins at 5:30 PM. The next gathering for our 4th & 5th-grade disciples is on Monday, March 14th and begins 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. For the time being, I am looking for three 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, 8:00 AM, & 6:00 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 or register at ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat.

ACTS Retreats | Also save the date for the ACTS Men's Retreat on March 24th-27th and the ACTS Women's Retreat on April 21st - 24th. 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