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Welcome *home.*

December 2, 2020

Weekly Update:

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Coordinator of Youth Formation: I would like to introduce to you for the first time Mrs. Hailey Lemonine who has accepted our position as coordinator of youth formation. We will continue to introduce her throughout December.

Immaculate Conception: Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 5:30 PM, and on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 7:30 AM. Because of the Coronavirus, Immaculate Conception does not carry the usual obligation; however, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of the United States.

Christmas Toy Drive: The Thibodaux Area Toy Drive is collecting toys for Christmas to be distributed to less fortunate families in our area. Please consider participating by taking a tag from the tree in our church lobby. Details are located on the back of the tags. Please return your gift to our lobby with your tag attached. The deadline for returning gifts is Sunday, December 13th.

iGiveCatholic: This year Christ the Redeemer raised \$5,092.00 through the iGiveCatholic Campaign. Thank you all very much for supporting our ministry.

FORMED.org: We just renewed our annual subscription as a gift to our parish family. Please visit the website where you'll find tons of resources, movies for adults and children, bible studies, and much more. It is all free to you, so log on and check all that FORMED.org has to offer.

Rejoice: *Rejoice: Advent Meditation with the Holy Family* is a brand new guided meditation for the Advent Season. These are available for \$5 at the Church Office from 8 AM until Noon and from 1 PM until 4 PM. These Advent reflections from Fr. Mark Toups are a powerful way to prepare for the coming of the Lord. This book can be used for your personal meditations but are also an awesome opportunity to share faith with a small group of people. Video resources can be found here study.ascensionpress.com/leader_downloads/rejoice-advent-meditations-with-the-holy-family.

Bulletin E-mail: If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you register at www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx and enter 70301. A list of churches will appear. Scroll down to Christ the Redeemer and click on the green arrow. Fill out the needed first name and email

address and hit "Submit." You are registered and will receive a Saturday morning link to the parish bulletin.

Hurricane Zeta: Some parts of our diocese have been greatly impacted by Hurricane Zeta, if you wish to get involved in our local recovery efforts there are two opportunities. To volunteer to physically help you can use the following form or call Catholic Charities at (985) 876-0490.

htdiocese.org/disaster-volunteer. Donations are being operated through the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana at

catholicfoundationsl.org/catholic-foundation-of-south-louisiana-disaster-emergency-relief-fund-delta.

You can donate money or purchase supplies through Amazon.com on this page. You may also send monetary donations to Catholic Foundation Memo: Disaster Relief and mail to PO Box 505, Schriever LA 70395.

Come Spend an Hour with the Lord: There are open hours for adoration on Tuesday at 10 AM, 3 PM, 4 PM, & 5 PM, on Thursday at 10 AM, and on Friday at 9 AM, 10 AM, & 2 PM. If you have ever considered regularly spending some time with the Lord now is a great time to start. Please call Sara Oubre if you would like to commit to a slot. 985.446.8662

Coronavirus Precautions: Please wear a facemask that covers your mouth and nose when you are on our campus in the church, in the adoration chapel, or at Mass on the Grass. This reduces the spread of germs in enclosed spaces. At all times we should remain six feet apart and make no physical contact with each other and limited contact with parts of the Church building such as doors or the information desk. We should not gather for extended periods either in the church or in the parking lot. Each person should sanitize their hands when they enter the church and preferably when they leave.

Sunday Obligation: The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains lifted. If you cannot or choose not to attend Sunday Mass for any reason, you will not be sinning. There is no shame in choosing not to attend Mass if you are vulnerable, are caring for someone who is, are caring for young children for whom the distancing will be difficult, are concerned about getting sick, or for any other reason. Please take this time to sanctify your week in some other fashion until life returns to normal.

Finally, please help our Christ the Redeemer family by sharing this letter with as many people as you can. Only with your assistance can we assure that every Christ the Redeemer parishioner who wants to receive our updates can. Thank you.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet