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Welcome *home.*

June 1, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Ordinations | On Saturday, June 4, there will be an ordination at St. Francis de Sales, Cathedral in Houma. The ordination begins at 10:00 AM and will probably run for a few hours. Anyone may attend. Mr. Davis Ahimbisibwe will be ordained to the diaconate, and Deacons James Rome and Stephen Castille will be ordained to the Priesthood.

Confession | I will be participating in the ordinations this weekend. I will not be able to predict when the ritual will be over, and it will run past noon. So, I will return to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as I can, but I will probably be delayed.

Preparation Day | There will not be a live stream tonight so that I can attend an event with the priests; Preparation Day will return next week.

KC Shrimp Boil | The Knight of Columbus Shrimp Boil rescheduled from last year will be on Saturday, June 11th from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM in the parking lot.

Safe Environment | We are approaching our yearly Safe Environment Audit. Thank you to all who completed their training for the 21-24 period. It is critical that we comply with the national requirement that all volunteers be certified for Safe Environment. All previous certificates expired in 2021; therefore, all volunteers must renew their certifications to continue volunteering in our church. Current certificates will last until June 2024. If you are unsure if your certification is current, please check with our office. If you have not completed your certification, please do so as soon as possible. Here: <https://htdiocese.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php>. For anyone who is in need of assistance completing the certification process, please contact our office, and we will gladly help you get certified.

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 people to commit to one of the following times. An adorer commits to spending one hour in our adoration chapel. You are invited to pray, read scripture, or participate in your devotions during that time. There are rosaries, bibles, and spiritual books available to you for your convenience. If you would like to commit to a time, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, 985.447.9363, or 985.209.8181.

- Wednesday @ 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 6:00 PM [everyother week]

Hurricane Season | Alas, that time of year has returned. As much as I do not want to think about it, it is time to pray for hurricane season. Attached below is a prayer for you to consider praying as part of your devotions.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

A Prayer for God's Protective Care
during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.
The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order
and returned to its former quietude.
You are still the Master of land and sea.
We live in the shadow of a danger
over which we have no control;
the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
can awake from its seeming lethargy,
overstep its conventional boundaries,
invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.
During this hurricane season,
we turn to You, O loving Father.
Spare us from past tragedies
whose memories are still so vivid
and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal
with the passing of time.
O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf,
so that spared from the calamities
common to this area
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem,
where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

*Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981),
Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973),
following Hurricane Audrey in 1957*