

March 9, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**Rice Bowl** | Join our faith community and more than 12,000 other catholic communities across these United States in a transformative Lenten journey with the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl from our information desk. During the forty days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

**Mercy Night** | Each Wednesday during Lent, we will be having adoration together from 6pm until 7:30pm. I will be speaking about the Eucharist and ways to pray with it. Please come join us.

**Hike for Christ** | I am proud to announce that Christ the Redeemer will be hosting the Hike for Christ this year. Please save the date for April 15 beginning at 9:00am until 4:00pm including the 3:00pm Good Friday Solemn Service. The Hike for Chirst is a day-long street way the cross and is an excellent way to sanctify your Good Friday.

**Priest Convocation** | On March 14, 15, & 16, the priests of Houma-Thibodaux will gather with Archbishop Fabre as a community here for the last time in a convocation. Please consider praying for us over these days. On Monday, March 14 we will have daily Mass and Youth Formation in the evening. On Tuesday, March 15, we will not have daily Mass in the morning. On Wednesday, March 16 we will not have daily Mass in the Morning, but we will have Mercy Night in the evening. For those three days, St. Joseph Co-Cathedral will have Mass at 6:30am, 12:10pm, and 5:30pm.

**Bishop's Appeal** | We have met and exceeded our goal for the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you all so much for continuing to support these most important ministries.

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

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

- 1. Sacred Heart, Cut Off Wednesday, March 9, 6:00pm
- 2. St. Joseph Co-Cathedral Sunday, March 13, 2:00pm
- 3. St. Joseph, Chauvin Thursday, March 17, 6:00pm
- 4. Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales Sunday, March 20, 2:00pm

**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 and will be available for viewing until 5:00 PM. This year's St. Joseph Altar is dedicated to Archbishop Shelton Fabre, the transition in our diocese, and for our next bishop.

**Youth Formation** | Our next gathering for our Jr. High disciples is Sunday, March 13th at 6:00pm at CTR. The next gathering for our 4th & 5th-grade disciples is on Monday, March 14th and begins at 5:30 PM. Our next gathering with our High School disciples is Sunday, March 27th at 6:00pm at CTR. The next gathering for our 1st - 3rd-grade disciples is on Monday, March 28th and begins at 5:30 PM. Youth Rally 2022 will be hosted at ED White on April 9, 2022. This is a one-day youth conference for youth in 8th-12th Grade. More information coming to your e-mail.

**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 two 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 @ 7:00am & 8:00am

Married Couples Retreat | Want to take your marriage to the next level? Want to learn a way to integrate your marriage with the Faith? Marriage and your faith are not extraneous to us. They form the key pillars of our shared life in the primordial sacrament. The Domestic Church retreat seeks to address the place where faith and marriage meet to strengthen each other. 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 <a href="mailto:stephtoups@gmail.com">stephtoups@gmail.com</a> or register at <a href="mailto:ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat">ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat</a>.

**ACTS Retreats** | A waiting list has been started for the upcoming ACTS Men's and Women's Retreats as they are both full. This is a good problem for us to have. Both retreats are asking for their fellow parishioners to offer prayers on behalf of the participants during the retreat. There will be a link in the bulletin to signup to commit to an hour of prayer on their behalf.

**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