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December 29, 2021 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**Merry Christmas** | I hope this newsletter finds you having had a good and restful Christmas celebration. Of course, the holidays are not over quite yet. For New Years, we will celebrate a vigil Mass on New Years' Eve at 6p and on New Year's Day at 8:30a. Later that day we will celebrate the Epiphany at 4p and on Sunday at 7a, 9a, & 11a. In order to give our staff time to celebrate the holidays, our office will be closed from December 23rd until January 3rd. Please have a happy and safe New Years celebration.

**Adoration** | The Holy Hour is an ancient practice of spending an hour with the Lord in the Eucharist. This goes back 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, 1994, Christ the Redeemer has offer the good people of Thibodaux the opportunity to spend an hour with the Lord continuously. Prior to the lockdowns associated with the Coronavirus, our chapel has only been closed for Triduum, the last three days of Holy Week, and for major Hurricanes. The pandemic lockdown was the longest time in our history where continuous adoration was disrupted. Since the end of the lockdown, our chapel has operated from 7 AM to 7 PM because of concerns shared between myself and our committed adorers. However, it is my sincere hope to be able to return to full perpetual adoration as soon as there are enough committed adorers. For the time being, I am looking for four people to commit to one of the following times. An adorer is only committed to spending the 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.

- Saturday @ 10 AM, 11 AM, & 2 PM.
- Sunday at 3 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).

**Hurricane Ida** | As I talked about last week, we still need to have some issues from Hurricane Ida damage dealt with in the office areas in the Church, but I have asked to begin this process after Christmas. Also, our parish has been connected with a local architect who will be assisting us with our long term recovery. This is a step in the right direction for us. Just like our staff, they will be entering the new world of FEMA for Hurricane Ida in January.

**Youth Formation** | To start the New Year, our 4th & 5th graders have class at 5:30p on January 3. Our 1st-3rd grades have class on January 10 at 5:30p. Our next night for High School and Jr. High is Sunday January 16th at ED White.

Thank you,  
Fr. Alex Gaudet