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Welcome *home.*

November 8, 2023 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Cold and Flu Season | It is getting to be the time of year for illness. Please, please, please, if you are sick, stay home. Please be attentive to how you feel. If you are coughing, please stay home or wear a facemask.

Vocations Call to Action | Please join me in intentionally praying for an increase in vocations. I will be praying each day at 3:00 PM for our current and future men.

Confession | I will be away on vacation this upcoming week. We will have all of our regular mass times, but confessions will be suspended until November 19.

Youth Formation | On Sunday, November 12 our High School students will meet at CTR from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Monday, November 13, our 1st - 3rd grades meet at CTR from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

Dia de los Muertos | Our Day of the Dead altar will be displayed until November 19. All parishioners are invited to bring a framed photograph of their deceased loved ones for the altar. Please label your frames with your name and phone number.

Thanksgiving Food Drive | We will host a food drive to benefit the Thibodaux food bank through this weekend. We are looking for non-perishable food items.

Thanksgiving Week Schedule | We will have a Mass for Giving Thanks at the end of Hurricane Season on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00 PM. Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 7:30 AM on Thursday, November 24. We will also have daily Mass on Friday, November 26. Our office will be closed on Wednesday, November 22 and will reopen on Monday, November, 27.

iGiveCatholic | Our iGiveCatholic goal this year is \$12,000. We are looking to accomplish three goals: 1) replace our holy water receptacle which is cracking, 2) replace our aging organ, and 3) improve our Baptismal font. iGiveCatholic is on November 28th and is a one-day national charitable giving movement. Early giving begins on November 13.

Christmas Toy Drive | If you or someone you know, is in need this year for the Christmas Holidays, please call the Toy Drive Office to apply over the phone at 985-446-0074 or 985-438-2300.

Mass Intentions | The 2024 Mass Intention book has been opened. Forms are available in the church office or the information desk. To request masses or vigil lights for dates in 2024, please fill out the form and return it to our offices. For questions please call the office at 985.447.2013.

RCIA | Registration for the Christian Initiation for Adults is open. Christian Initiation for Adults is for those interested in becoming Catholic or would like to learn more about becoming catholic. RCIA is arranged around your schedule. You can call our office to register.

Domestic Church Retreat | The Evangelization retreat allows sacramentally married couples to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together. The retreat serves as the introduction to the Domestic Church Movement. However, the retreat can be fruitfully attended by any sacramentally married couple. It will be held on January 18-21, 2023 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. Visit domesticchurchfamilies.com/events-1 to register.

Homebound Ministry | I am looking to populate our list of parishioners needing communion brought to their homes. Please contact our office if you or someone you know can no longer attend mass and wants the Eucharist brought to their home. I am also looking to strengthen our homebound-ministry team. You can become part of this team by contacting our office.

Adoration | In the Holy Hour, we experience the Lord in his sacramental presence. Adorers are invited to pray, read scripture, or participate in devotions. Conversations with other adorers should be kept to a minimum and respectful of the prayerful environment. If you want to become an adorer or serve as an alternate, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, or 985.209.8181.

Hurricane Season | Please commit to praying daily for a calm hurricane season. A prayer for God's protection during hurricane season is in the bulletin.

House Blessings | Some of our parishioners have been able to get their damaged homes back together; while many others are still in the repair process. I invite you to have your house blessed when you feel it is ready. So, if you would like your home blessed, please contact our office for times and availability. Know that evening times will be in short supply.

Parish Registration | We have received back about 42% of all responses. If you consider Christ the Redeemer your home, we would love to help you register as one of our parishioners. You can begin this process by contacting our office by sending an e-mail to ctrchurch@htdiocese.org or calling 985.447.2013. All existing registered families were mailed a copy of their current information. Please return your form to our office by dropping it into our collection basket or using the provided return envelope.

Formed | Are you looking for Catholic resources for the entire family? Sign up for FORMED. Christ the Redeemer has renewed our subscription so parishioners can enjoy this platform. To sign up go to formed.org/signup. Search for our parish by zip code.

Safe Environment | The Safe Environment Certification program is an effort by the Catholic Church to ensure the ongoing safety of children in our communities. The certification prepares our parishioners to identify and adequately respond to signs of abusive behavior. This prepares our parishioners to cooperate with local mandatory reporter laws. The Church provides a background check for each volunteer as part of this certification. For more information please call the office. All parish volunteers and ministers must have this certification. The victim abuse hotline number is 985.873.0026 or 985.850.3172.

Community Volunteers Needed | The Good Samaritan Food Banks are looking for volunteers. These two banks work in conjunction with Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux to provide for the local area. The Thibodaux location can be reached by contacting 985.447.9776.

Upcoming Diocesan Events |

- American Indian Mass - November 17 at St. Charles PAC at 6:00 PM
- Diocesan Leadership Awards - December 10 at St. Francis de Sales at 2:30 PM
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass - December 12 at St. Francis de Sales at 7:00 PM.

What do you want me to do for you? | These are the words of Jesus to the blind man on the way to Jericho. Sometimes we know what we need to do but lack the resources or connections to make them happen; sometimes, we don't even know where to start. Is there a sacrament that you want to receive? Do you want to get married? Do you need to get your marriage blessed? Do you need an annulment? Do you need counseling or just want some prayer or life advice? We do that. The relationship with Jesus also includes his church. We want to walk alongside you to help you get what you need from Jesus. Do you know someone who is struggling? Send them our way.

In Christ,
Fr. Alex Gaudet