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Welcome *home.*

## February 15, 2023 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**Bishop's Appeal** | A regional reception will be held with Fr. PJ Madden tomorrow, Thursday, February 16 at 5:00 PM in the St. Genevieve Parish Family Center. You can optionally RSVP either with this QR code or by calling 985.850.3136. Fr. PJ will provide updated information on ministries across the diocese. Please pray for our diocese and consider making a commitment to support the ministers of our Bishop's Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$27,000.



**Mardi Gras** | Happy Mardi Gras. Please know that you are in my prayers. Be safe and enjoy. Our office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday in observance of Mardi Gras.

**Ash Wednesday** | On Ash Wednesday, Christ the Redeemer will offer Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 7:30 AM, 12:05 PM, 6:00 PM, and 7:30 PM in Spanish. I will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Ash Wednesday from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM. If you cannot attend any of these services but can make your way to the Church, I will also have ashes in the confessional.

**Lent** | It is again time for our great fast.

- The Way of the Cross will be offered on Fridays at 5:30 PM.
- An additional mass will be offered on Fridays following the Way of the Cross around 6:00 PM.
- We will again be participating in the Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowl program as a way for almsgiving during the season of Lent. They should be returned by April 2. These funds go to feed the poor the world over.
- Also will have our easter egg project to collect items for our local food bank.
- Mercy Night is an experience of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, guided meditation, and confession. It begins at 6:00 PM on Wednesday during Lent.

**Open Hours** | I am looking for a committed adorer for Thursday at 4:00 PM as well as people who are interested in serving as alternates. In the Holy Hour, we experience the Lord in his sacramental presence. Adorers commit to spending an hour in our adoration chapel. They are invited to pray, read scripture, or participate in their devotions during that time. Rosaries, bibles, and spiritual books are available. If you would like to commit to a time, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, 985.447.9363, or 985.209.8181.

**Rise Up: Men's Gathering** | Online registration is open. Our annual one-day conference for men will be on March 11, please save the date and start inviting others to attend. This is a great way to renew yourself as we head into the 2023 lenten season.



**Married Couples Retreat** | On March 16 - 19, 2023, Christ the Redeemer is hosting a Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat. This retreat is for married couples to help them grow in their catholicism and marriage. The retreat is held at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. With church registration, the retreat cost is \$350. Registration at [ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat](http://ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat)

**Men's ACTS Retreat** | Christ the Redeemer Church is sponsoring our 4th annual Men's ACTS Retreat on March 30 - April 2 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. Spots are limited.

**Women's ACTS Retreat** | Christ the Redeemer Church is sponsoring our 3rd annual Women's ACTS Retreat on April 20 - 23 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. Our retreat is currently full but there is a waiting list if participants drop out.

**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](http://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 properly respond to signs that a child is a victim of abusive behavior. This prepares our parishioners to cooperate with local mandatory reporter laws. As part of this certification, the Church provides a background check for each volunteer.

**Job Openings** | Campus Custodian and General Maintenance Associate positions are open, and resumes may be submitted to [ctrchurch@htdiocese.org](mailto:ctrchurch@htdiocese.org) or dropped off in our office at 720 Talbot Ave.

**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.

**Homebound Ministry** | I am looking to populate my list of parishioners needing communion brought to their homes. Please contact our office if you or someone you know needs communion brought to their home. We are also looking to build back our ministry team. You can become part of this team by contacting our office.

***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 the things we need to do but just lack the resource 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

**Cold and Flu Season** | Please, please, please, if you are sick, stay home. A rather nasty flu season is here that is making people seriously ill. Please be attentive to how you feel. If you are coughing, please stay home or wear a facemask.

**CYLA Scholarship** | Winner?