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Welcome *home.*

November 27, 2024 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Happy Thanksgiving

Ongoing Construction Update | Notice to proceed with construction is set for Monday, December 2nd. Please be mindful of the work crews and vehicles working on the family center. No parking will be available at the Family Center entrance.

The next phase shifts to the interior of the Family Center, Church, and Offices. Our focus will be first on the Family Center. Then, the Family Center will operate as a church, office, and meeting hall while the church is restored.

Upcoming ...

Youth Formation |

- On Sunday, December 1st, our 10th and 11th grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.
- On Monday, December 2nd our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Men's Bible Study | Our Men's ACTS group is hosting a bible study for men over 18 on Monday nights at 6:00 PM. The next gathering is on December 2nd, at Gina's at the Legion in Thibodaux.

For your Calendar...

Mass of Thanksgiving | On Wednesday, November 27th at 6:00 PM, I will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving. Evening Prayer will be offered at 5:00 PM.

Thanksgiving Day Mass | On Thursday, November 28th I will offer Thanksgiving Day Mass at 7:30 AM with Morning Prayer at 6:45 AM and then the rosary.

Office Closures | Our office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29th. We will reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

Christmas Memorial Envelopes | To be included in the Christmas bulletin, memorial envelopes are due on Sunday, December 1st.

Christmas Toy Drive | Tags for the annual Christmas Toy Drive are available. Each tag has an age, gender, and space for the kind of gift. The toy drive distributes gifts based on the contents. Each gift should be about \$15.

iGiveCatholic | Our goal for iGiveCatholic this year is \$50,000. It will help offset the cost of renovations and replenish our building fund. iGivecatholic concludes on December 3rd. In-person donations can be made until December 10th at noon. Please help us share our project.

Giving Tuesday Social | On Tuesday, December 3rd, I will host a social from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM for iGiveCatholic. Come and learn about our project.

Adoration Chapel 30th | Our adoration chapel in honor of Our Lady will reach its thirtieth year on December 12. We will celebrate with a reception following 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 7th.

Advent Schedule |

Mercy Nights - Our annual Advent mission is Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 PM; there will be a talk, adoration, and confession. They will be on December 4th, December 11th, and December 18th.

Advent Mission Concert - On Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM, St. Joseph Co-Cathedral is hosting a free concert by Mr. James Rosenbloom with a reflection.

Immaculate Conception - On Monday, December 9th, I will offer Mass at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM. This solemnity is obligatory. Morning Prayer, the Rosary, and confession will proceed Morning Mass.

Our Lady of Guadalupe - The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will have its annual celebration at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales on Thursday, December 12th. It begins with the Eucharistic Procession at 6:15 PM and concludes with Mass at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Confession - On Monday, December 16 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM; on Tuesday, December 17th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM; on Thursday, December 19th from Noon to 6:00 PM; on Monday, December 23rd from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM; on Tuesday, December 24th from Noon to 4:00 PM.

Christmas Schedule |

Daily Mass - Daily Mass is at 7:30 AM Monday through Friday and 8:30 AM on Saturday except for:

Christmas Mass - Christmas Vigil on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and in Spanish at 8:00 PM; Christmas Mass on Wednesday, December 25th at Midnight, 7:00 AM, and 9:00 AM.

New Year's Mass - Mary, Mother of God vigil on Tuesday, December 31st at 6:00 PM; on Wednesday, January 1st at 7:30 AM and in Spanish 11:00 AM.

Office Closures - We will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year at noon on Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st.

Rise Up! 2025 | On Saturday, March 15, Christ the Redeemer will host our annual Rise Up one-day men's conference. Speakers this year include Fr. David Dawson, Fr. John David Matherne, and Fr. Patrick Riviere. The book is *Be a Man* by Fr. Larry Richards.

For your Information...

Mass Intentions | The 2025 Mass Intention book is open. To request Mass intentions use the forms in our office or at the information center.

Adoration | I am looking for an adorer for every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Spend an hour with the Lord. 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 minimal. If you want to become an adorer or serve as an alternate, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, or 985.209.8181.

Bishop's Appeal | Please join me in supporting the diocese in supporting seminarians, retired priests, formation ministries, catholic schools, and college ministry. We are at 89% of our goal which is \$29,305 of the \$33,000 goal. htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal

House Blessings | I invite you to have your house blessed. Please contact our office for times. Know that evening times will be in short supply.

Parish Registration | 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 email to ctrchurch@htdiocese.org or calling 985.447.2013.

Safe Environment | About 90% of volunteers have completed the certification. Please complete this certification by August 1st. 2024 is a renewal year for all staff and volunteers. New volunteers must complete certification before beginning ministry. The certification prepares parishioners to respond to signs of abuse and 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 at 985.447.2013. The victim abuse hotline number is 985.873.0026 or 985.850.3172.

Newsletter Email List | These newsletters help me share important upcoming events and news from the parish and diocese. To ensure all parishioners and those interested receive this newsletter each week, I am asking that anyone who may not be receiving it but wants to receive it please call our office or use this link ctrchurch.flocknote.com/MassCommunicatio.

Prayer Call to Action | Please join me in intentionally praying for our next bishop. I will be praying each day at 3:00 PM. A prayer is in your bulletin.

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.

***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 need more resources or connections to make them happen; sometimes, we need to figure out 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 do you want 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