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Welcome *home.*

January 19, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Cold Weather | Some extremely cold weather is going to pass through between Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon. I will still be offering daily Mass on Friday morning, but for the safety of our adorers, our adoration chapel is going to close early on Thursday and reopen on Saturday. Please stay safe.

Sanctity of Human Life | For the past 10 years, January has meant one thing for me, The March for Life. This past year the March and many of its associated activities were canceled. Sanctity of Human Life Sunday falls on January 23rd this year. The Annual Louisiana Life March Falls the day prior on January 22nd. It takes place at the Louisiana State Capitol. More information is available at our visitors center. January 22nd is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision by the United States Supreme Court. US Catholics are encouraged to observe a day of prayer for the full restoration of legal guarantee for the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

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. Since December 12th, 1994, Christ the Redeemer has offered 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 five 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 @ 6:00 PM
- Saturday @ 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 2:00 PM.
- Sunday @ 3:00 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 or register at ctr-htdioocese.org/domestic-church-retreat.

ACTS Retreats | Also save the date for the ACTS Men's Retreat on March 24th-27th and the ACTS Women's Retreat on April 21st - 24th. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. An ACTS retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith, renew ourselves spiritually, and build lasting friendships. The ACTS retreat is present by laymen or women with spiritual direction provided by clergy. All Christians age 18 or older are invited to attend. Registration forms are available in the front office.

Hurricane Ida | I have gotten a little more clarity about the amount of construction that we will be experiencing. Only two rooms will need to have the drywall and flooring removed which is more than originally anticipated but less than I started to fear. I am still waiting on a start time, but there should be minimal impact on our Sunday experience or any of our programs. 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 and I, the architects will be entering the new world of FEMA for Hurricane Ida in January.

Youth Formation | Our next gathering for our high school disciples is on Sunday, January 23rd at Christ the Redeemer from 6 - 7 PM. Our next gathering for our junior high disciples is Sunday, January 30th at Christ the Redeemer from 6 - 7 PM. Our next meeting for our 4th & 5th-grade disciples is on Monday, January 24th at 5:30 PM and will be done around 7:00 PM. Our next meeting for our 1st, 2nd, & 3rd-grade disciples is Monday, January, 31st at 5:30 PM and will be done around 7:00 PM.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet