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Welcome *home.*

April 5, 2023 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Palm Sunday | Great thanks to all who donated palms.

Rice Bowls | We collected over \$800 for Catholic Relief Services to feed the poor across the world.

Children's Liturgy | Children's Liturgy will be suspended for Easter Sunday, April 9. This will facilitate our Easter celebrations. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 a waiting list will also reserve your spot for the next retreat.

Holy Week

- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM on April 6 at St. Frances de Sales Cathedral, Houma.
- The Adoration Chapel will close prior to the Mass of the Lord's Supper and remain closed until Easter Morning.
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 6:00 PM with the Altar of Repose open until Midnight. Confession will be offered until midnight
- The Hike for Christ will be held on Friday, April 7. Events begin in the church at 10:30 AM.
- The Good Friday Solemn Service begins at 3:00 PM. The Way of the Cross will be said at 2:30 PM.
- The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00 PM.
- Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated outdoors at 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Please bring your own chairs.
- The 11:00 AM Mass will be indoors and streamed.
- Our Easter quota this year is \$10,725.
- Our office will be closed on Monday, April 10.

Bishop's Appeal | Please pray for our diocese and consider committing to support the ministers of our Bishop's Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$27,000. We are 96% of the way there.

Footsteps of Our Fathers | A spiritual pilgrimage to the beautiful lands of Ireland. On this pilgrimage we will see the birthplaces of Fr. Patrick O'Brien and Fr. John Gallen and the cradle of the Catholic Faith in the West. The pilgrimage is September 4 through 17, 2023. For more information: call 985.414.8456 or info@tothemoonandbacktravel.com. Information on this pilgrimage as well as one to the Holy Land and one to Rome are available at our information center.

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 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.

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.

Adoration | I am looking for people who are interested in serving as alternates for our committed adorers. 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, or 985.209.8181.

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.

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