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Welcome *home.*

## October 2, 2024 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**Confession** | I will be attending a celebration in Houma on Saturday. I may be delayed in beginning confessions but will begin promptly when I return.

**Ongoing Construction Update** | The next phase shifts to the interior of the Family Center, Church, Offices, and Rectory. We are waiting for the results of our bid. While Hurricane Ida is the culprit, I have decided to include additional upgrades with hurricane repairs to ensure the longevity of our parish grounds.

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 being restored.

Our property insurance and FEMA claim will fund hurricane repairs; however, Christ the Redeemer will fund the additional areas. I am currently exploring funding options to be prudent with our resources and to practice good stewardship.

Thus far we have completed the roofing projects on all buildings and the awning at the Family Center.

### Upcoming ...

#### Youth Formation |

On Monday, October 7th, our 1st - 3rd grades meet at CTR from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

On Saturday, October 12th our 10th and 11th grades will meet at Lumen Christi at 9:30 AM for their Confirmation Retreat.

**Men's Bible Study** | Our Men's ACTS group is hosting a bible study open to all men over 18 on Monday nights at 6:00 PM. The locations sometimes change. The next gathering is on October 7th, at Gina's at the Legion in Thibodaux.

## For your Calendar...

**St. Joseph Dinner** | The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana is hosting its annual St. Joseph's Dinner on Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 PM at the Cotillion Ballroom at Nichols State University. The dinner this year commemorates the 10-year anniversary of service to the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.



**Trunk or Treat** | Our one evening celebration will be on Saturday, October 26th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in our parking lot. Bring your chairs, kid-friendly costumes, and candy to share. Enjoy music, dinner, a costume contest, a pumpkin contest, and family-friendly trick or treating. I want to thank everyone who has already signed up to help. We have a few more slots to fill.



**Magnificat Prayer Dinner** | The Magnificat Bayou River Thibodaux Chapter is hosting a dinner on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:00 PM. Tickets must be purchased in advance and often sell out. [magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/la-thibodaux/](http://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/la-thibodaux/)

**Celebrate Life Gala** | Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center is hosting its annual gala on November 7th.

## For your Information...

**Adoration** | Come 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.

**Safe Environment** | About 84% 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.

**Adult Confirmation** | If you are an adult Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, I would like to help. Christ the Redeemer will offer a program to those who are 18 years of age or older and are no longer in high school who have received Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. Please contact our office for more information at 985-447-2013.

**OCIA** | Registration for the Order 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. OCIA is arranged around your schedule. You can call our office to register. Recently the Vatican has renamed the RCIA to the OCIA. This name change better reflects the rituals. As there are several rituals for Christian initiation for adults the program is now understood as an order which is a collection of rituals.

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

**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.

**Disability Benefits** | Catholic Charities of Hourma-Thibodaux is offering to facilitate the applications for disability benefits. Please contact 985.876.0490 or [jgaudet@htdiocese.org](mailto:jgaudet@htdiocese.org)

**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](http://ctrchurch.flocknote.com/MassCommunicatio).

**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](mailto:ctrchurch@htdiocese.org) or calling 985.447.2013.

**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.

**Bishop's Appeal** | Please join me in supporting the diocese in five major programs. We support seminarians, retired priests, formation ministries, catholic schools, and college ministry. We are already at 77% of our goal which is \$25,305 of the \$33,000 goal. [htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal](http://htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal)

***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 do not 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 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