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Welcome *home.*

## April 17, 2024 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

### Youth Formation |

**Confirmation** - We will celebrate confirmation for eighteen young disciples on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 PM. Please pray for our confirmandi.

**First Communion** - We will celebrate the first communion of 23 young disciples on Sunday, April 21 at 6:00 PM. Please pray for our first communion class.

**Formation** - On Monday, April 22, our 1st - 3rd grades meet at CTR from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. On Sunday, April 28, our Middle School students will meet at CTR from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. On Monday, April 29, our 4th & 5th grades meet at CTR from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

**Closing Mass** - I am rescheduling our closing Mass for youth formation to May 12 so as not to conflict with the Fireman's Fair and parade. Please join us after the 11:00 AM Mass for a sundae treat to honor all our mothers and to close our youth formation year.

**Bible Camp** - Please save the date. Vacation Bible Camp will be June 17 - June 21 for ages 4-7. Registration opens on May 1. SCUBA: diving into friendship with God.

**May Crowning** | We will have the May crowning at both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, May 12. If your child wants to participate, there will be adult leaders in the lobby to help them before Mass.

**Priest Convocation** | I will be joining our priest for our annual convocation on April 22 - 25. Please pray for us. I will offer daily Mass on Monday, April 22 but will offer it again until Friday, April 26. Mass will still be celebrated 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM at St. Joseph co-Cathedral.

**Men's ACTS** | Our Men's ACTS retreat is from April 25 to 28. ACTS is a powerful experience for those on retreat. Please pray for our brothers.

**Saturday Confession** | Christ the Redeemer will host a funeral on Saturday, April 27. The beginning confessions will be delayed but will begin promptly after the burial.

**Staff Retreat** | From April 30 until May 2, I am leading our annual staff retreat. Daily Mass will still be offered during that time. Our office will remain open on Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1; however, it will be closed on Thursday, May 2nd.

**Shrimp Boil** | Christ the Redeemer Knights of Columbus Council #8906 is hosting a Shrimp Boil Fundraiser on Saturday, June 22 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. It will be take-out only. Tickets are \$13 and can be purchased from any knight beginning in May and include 1lb of Shrimp, potato, corn, and dip.

**Safe Environment** | 2024 is a renewal year for all staff and volunteers. During the summer you will receive more information in this renewal as the time approaches. 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. The victim abuse hotline number is 985.873.0026 or 985.850.3172.

**Bishop's Appeal** | Please join me in supporting the diocese in five major programs through the Bishop's Appeal. We support seminarians, retired priests, formation ministries, catholic schools, and college ministry. We are already at 66% of our goal.  
[htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal](http://htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal)

**Newsletter E-mail 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).

**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.

**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.

**Magnificat** | The Magnificat Bayou River Chapter will host their next breakfast on Friday, May 3 from 9:00 AM until noon at the Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center. Tickets can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/FatherTom>.

**Adoration** | I have two openings in the adoration chapel. Thursday at 7:00 AM needs a committed adorer and Saturday at 4:00 PM needs a prayer partner. 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 kept to a minimum and respectful of the prayerful environment. If you want to become an adorer or serve as an alternate, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, or 985.209.8181.

**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 located in your bulletin.

***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 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