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Welcome *home*.

May 4, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

May Crowning | May is the month of Mary. At 9 AM and 11 AM Masses this weekend we will honor Our Lady through the custom of the May Crowning. All children are invited to participate in our procession at these two Masses. All Masses will include the blessing of mothers.

Hurricane Season | Also May is the beginning of hurricane season. Alas, that time of year has returned. As much as do not want to think about it, it is time to start praying for hurricane season. Attached below is a prayer for you to consider praying as part of your devotions. Further, this Saturday, I will celebrate our 8:30 AM Mass for protection from storms. I hope to see you there.

Youth Formation Second Collection | On May 22nd, we will have a second collection to support our youth formation activities. This helps cover some of the costs of the events and resources that we provide to our young people. This is not an yearly collection because you all have been so generous in the past. Thank you!

Youth Formation | The last gathering for our 1st - 3rd-grade disciples is on Monday, May 9th, and begins at 5:30 PM. The last gathering for our 4th & 5th-grade disciples is on Monday, May 16th, and begins at 5:30 PM. Our Jr. High disciples have completed their formation for this year. Our 11th-grade confirmation students have their confirmation retreat this weekend at Lumen Christi beginning at 9:30 AM and will conclude after Sunday Mass at 5 PM. Our 9th and 10th grade High School disciples have completed their formation for this year.

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. For the time being, I am looking for 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 @ 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 6:00 PM [everyother week]

Hurricane Ida | More work is happening behind the scenes as we solidify the contract with our architect. We will be building plans for rebuilding soon. Please continue to be patient with me and this process.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

A Prayer for God's Protective Care during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control;
the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
can awake from its seeming lethargy,
overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid
and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,

we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf,

so that spared from the calamities common to this area

and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973),
following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]