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Welcome *home.*

March 29, 2023 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Easter Egg Project | Thank you to all who participated in the Easter Egg Project over 400 lbs. Of goods were donated to the food bank and to those in need. Our homebound team and I hand-delivered several gift bags to our homebound in addition to the food bank donation.

Palm Sunday | We are seeking palms for this weekend. Please bring cut and cleaned palms to the tables outside of the Church. Thank you for helping ensure that everyone can have a palm.

Confession Modification | I need to make two changes to confession this week. I had mentioned at Mass this past weekend that I would be available beginning at 4:00 PM on Wednesday. I will most certainly be delayed returning from Bishop Dorsonville's installation. However, I will start hearing confessions as soon as possible after I return. Also this weekend, I will attend as much of the ACTS retreat as possible. Therefore, I will start hearing confessions on Saturday at 3:00 PM.

Children's Liturgy | Children's Liturgy will be suspended for Palm Sunday, April 2, and 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.

Catholic Daughters Scholarship | The Catholic Daughters Court Genevieve #2946 is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship for graduating seniors. The recipient may be a registered parishioner of any Catholic Church in Thibodaux. There is an application that must be completed and returned to St. Genevieve's Church office by 3 PM on March 31. For more information call 985.447.5571.

Lent | It is again time for our great fast.

- The Way of the Cross will be offered on Fridays at 5:30 PM.
- An additional mass will be offered on Fridays following the Way of the Cross around 6:00 PM.
- Rice Bowls should be returned this weekend. These funds go to feed the poor the world over.

Holy Week

- Confession will be offered for long periods of time on Tuesday, April 4 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM and Wednesday, April 5 from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
- 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 office will be closed on 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.

Job Openings | We have been advertising two positions for some time now. There have been few developments. Please intercede on behalf of our parish, and if you know someone who would be a good fit for our parish, please encourage them to apply. Campus Custodian and General Maintenance Associate positions are open, and resumes may be submitted to ctrchurch@htdiocese.org or dropped off in our office at 720 Talbot Ave.

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.

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