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Welcome *home.*

## January 1, 2024 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

*Happy New Year!*

### Upcoming ...

#### Youth Formation |

- On Sunday, January 5th, our 6th through 9th grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.
- On Monday, January 6th, our 1st through 3rd grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.
- On Sunday, January 12th, our 10th and 11th grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.
- On Monday, January 13th, our 4th and 5th grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

**Men's Bible Study** | Our Men's ACTS group is hosting a bible study for men over 18 on Monday nights at 6:00 PM. The next gathering is on January 6th, at Gina's at the Legion in Thibodaux.

### For your Calendar...

**Rise Up! 2025** | On Saturday, March 15, Christ the Redeemer will host our annual Rise Up one-day men's conference. Speakers this year include Fr. David Dawson, Fr. John David Matherne, and Fr. Patrick Riviere. The book is *Be a Man* by Fr. Larry Richards. Registration is open at [ctr-htdiocese.org/riseup](http://ctr-htdiocese.org/riseup).

### For your Information...

**Ongoing Construction Update** | Construction on the Family Center is underway. We are currently replacing part of the HVAC system. They are preparing to paint, removing ceiling grids, and demolishing the kitchen floor. The contractors will break for the holidays from December 21st until January 5th, 2025. Please be mindful of crews and vehicles working on the family center. No parking will be available there at this time.

The next phase shifts to the interior of the Family Center, Church, and Offices. 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 restored.

**Bishop's Appeal** | Please join me in supporting the diocese in supporting seminarians, retired priests, formation ministries, catholic schools, and college ministry. We are at 96% of our goal which is \$31,830 of the \$33,000 goal. [htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal](http://htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal)

**Safe Environment** | About 90% 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.

**Adoration** | 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.

**Mass Intentions** | The 2025 Mass Intention book is open. To request Mass intentions use the forms in our office or at the information center.

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

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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.

***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 need more resources or connections to make them happen; sometimes, we need to figure out 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