

December 21, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Advent Schedule

Mercy Night | Wednesday, December 21 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Confessions | December 21 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM; December 22 from 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM; December 23 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM; December 24 from noon - 3:00 PM

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Morning: Morning Prayer | 7:45 AM Rosary | 8:00 AM Daily Mass | 8:30 AM

Christmas Mass:

Vigil Mass | Saturday, December 24th at 4:00 & 6:00 PM Mass During the Night | 12:00 AM Mass at Dawn | 7:00 AM Mass during the Day | 9:00 AM

Office Hours:

Closing on Thursday, December 22nd at Noon Reopening Tuesday, January 3rd at 8:00 AM

Daily Mass will continue as usual. Our emergency phone service will also continue as usual. Please call 985.447.2013 and follow the directions in the directory by choosing option #1 and leaving a message with your name and phone number. I will call you back.

Catholic Charities Second Collection | At all Christmas Masses, there will be a second collection to support the ministry of Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux. These funds will help local people in our community throughout our diocese.

Holy Family | I will celebrate a Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family on Friday, December 30 at 6:00 PM and on Saturday, December 31 at 8:30 AM.

Mary the Mother of God | The New Year's Feast of Mary the God will replace the Sunday Mass for the weekend of December 31 and January 1. Our usual Mass Schedule will hold.

Confession | A brief word on our confessional practice especially since I will be in there a bunch over the next few days. I do my best to make communication clear around our confessional; however, I sometimes forget to flip the red and green lights. For the sake of clarity, if the confessional door is open come on in. If the light over the confessional is red, please do not enter. If the situation happens that the door is closed and the light above the confessional is green, please knock. When you exit the confessional please leave the door open. This is sometimes what causes the confusion.

Formed | Looking for Catholic resources for the entire family? Sign up for FORMED. Christ the Redeemer has renewed our subscription so that our parishioners can enjoy this platform. To sign up go to *formed.org/signup*. Search for our parish by zip code.

Children's Liturgy | In order to prepare for the crowds, I expect for our Christmas celebrations we will not have children's liturgy on December 25 or January 1 in order to use the space as an additional cry room.

Christmas in the Park | Christ the Redeemer has a tree in Peltier Park for Christmas in the Park this year. Our youth formation children made ornaments to decorate our tree. Viewing in the park is from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM throughout the holidays.

Married Couples Retreat | On March 16 - 19, 2023, Christ the Redeemer is hosting a Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat. This retreat is for married couples to help them grow in their catholicism and marriage. Registration is available at ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat

Cold and Flu Season | Please, please, please, if you are sick, stay home. A rather nasty flu season is here that is making people seriously ill. Please be attentive to how you feel. If you are coughing, please stay home or wear a facemask.

Job Openings | 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.

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.

Thank you, Fr. Alex Gaudet **House Blessings** | Some of our parishioners have been able to get their damaged homes back together; while, many others are still in the repair process. I invite you to have your house blessed when you feel it is ready. So, if you would like your home blessed, please contact our office for times and availability. Know that evening times will be in short supply.

Homebound Ministry | I am looking to populate my list of parishioners needing communion brought to their homes. Please contact our office if you or someone you know needs communion brought to their home. We are also looking to build back our ministry team. You can become part of this team by contacting our office.