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Welcome *home.*

May 17, 2023 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

The Ascension | In the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension is transferred to Sunday. Thus, Thursday, May 18 is not a holy day with obligation.

Confession Delay | Christ the Redeemer will be hosting a noon funeral on Saturday; therefore, the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will be delayed until around 2:00 PM.

Holy Land Gifts | This weekend a group of Christians from Bethlehem will be selling olive wood carvings to support their community in Bethlehem. This is the traditional way in which Christians in Bethlehem have supported themselves; however, with the rising violence and declining pilgrims, they have not been able to sufficiently support themselves.

Memorial Day | Happy Memorial Day. While you enjoy your barbecue and sunshine, please remember those whose sacrifices won our freedom. Our Parish office will be closed on Friday, May 26th, and Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

KC Fundraiser | The Christ the Redeemer Knights of Columbus Council #8906 will host a fried fish fundraiser on Saturday, June 10 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The KC's will begin selling tickets after Mass.

Youth Formation Summit | The 2023 Diocesan Youth Formation Summit is on June 16 & 17. This is a two-day program for those currently involved or interested in helping with youth formation. Please contact our Office of Youth Formation for more information.

Stellar | Bible Camp this summer is going to be Stellar. Camp for ages 4-7 will be on July 7 and for ages 8-11 will be on July 14. Registration will open on June 1.

Baby Shower | Thank you to all who donated items to Crossroads Pregnancy Center.

Footsteps of Our Fathers | Our spiritual pilgrimage to the beautiful lands of Ireland is **postponed for now**. We are still excited to take this pilgrimage in the future, but there is not enough interest right now to meet our deadlines. If you want to be on the mailing list for future updates call 985.414.8456 or e-mail info@tothemoonandbacktravel.com.

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.

Safe Environment | The Safe Environment Certification program is an effort by the Catholic Church to ensure the ongoing safety of children in our communities. The certification prepares our parishioners to identify and properly respond to signs that a child is a victim of abusive behavior. This prepares our parishioners to cooperate with local mandatory reporter laws. As part of this certification, the Church provides a background check for each volunteer.

Homebound Ministry | I am looking to build back our homebound-ministry team. You can become part of this team by contacting our office. We are also looking to populate our 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.

Adoration | I am looking for people who are interested in serving as alternates for our committed adorers. In the Holy Hour, we experience the Lord in his sacramental presence. Adorers commit to spending an hour in our adoration chapel. They are invited to pray, read scripture, or participate in their devotions during that time. Rosaries, bibles, and spiritual books are available. If you would like to commit to a time, please call 985.446.8662, 985.859.4874, or 985.209.8181.

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.

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

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.