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Welcome *home.*

January 15, 2025 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Upcoming ...

Confession | Christ the Redeemer will be hosting a funeral this Saturday morning. I will be delayed in beginning confessions but will begin promptly after the burial.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship | The Catholic Youth Leadership Award is awarded to students who apply at the parish level. Each recipient is also entered at the diocesan level and potentially the state level. Apply at louisianakc.org/for-members/programs/cyla

Rome 2025 | After each Mass this weekend, we will have the last opportunity to get information about the Rome Pilgrimage.

Memorial Mass | The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will be hosting a Memorial Mass for the year anniversary of the death of Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville on Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 PM at St. Joseph co-Cathedral.

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 20th, at Gina's at the Legion in Thibodaux.

Youth Formation |

- On Sunday, January 26th, our 6th - 11th grades meet at ED White for Mass at 5:00 PM followed by Youth Night at 6:00 PM.

- On Monday, January 27th, our 1st - 3rd grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

- On Sunday, February 2nd, our 6th - 9th grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

- On Monday, February 3rd, our 4th & 5th grades meet at CTR from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

For your Calendar...

Contribution Statements | Mailings for the 2025 contribution year should be in the mail by January 31.

Bishop's Appeal | The 2025 Bishop's Appeal is upon us. Our goal for this year will be \$30,000. Please join me in supporting our Seminarians, Retired Priests, and several other critical ministries provided by our diocese.

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.

Alaskan Spiritual Cruise | On September 20th through 27th, I will be traveling with Fr. Cody Catagnier and Fr. Matthew Johnston of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. They are arranging a group that will offer Daily Mass, Confession, and Spiritual Direction. More information will be available.

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. 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.

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 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.

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.

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