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## December 7, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**Christmas Toy Drive** | Tags for our annual Christmas Toy Drive are available. Gifts are due this Sunday, December 11.

**Immaculate Conception** | December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 PM and on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM in English and at 7:00 PM in Spanish.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** | The celebrations for the patron of the Americas begins with the Night Watch vigil on December 11 from 10:30PM to 12:30 AM. Daily Mass will be celebrated on December 12 at 7:30 AM. Christ the Redeemer is hosting the diocesan celebration beginning at 5:30 PM. There is a reception to follow at the Moses Center at St. Luke Catholic Church.

**Youth Formation** | In order to facilitate the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, youth formation for first and second grade is canceled on Monday, December 12.

**Healing Mass** | On Tuesday, December 13, I will celebrate a Mass for Healing at 6:00 PM. The purpose of a healing mass is to pray for those who are ill in our community and to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick for those who are present. This celebration is for everyone. We will be praying for the sick. The anointing is for those who have chronic or serious, acute illnesses.

## Advent Schedule

Mercy Night | Wednesdays from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
December 14 and December 21

Confessions | December 14 from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM; 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

**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 a cry room.

**Christmas in the Park** | Christ the Redeemer will have a tree in Peltier Park for Christmas in the Park this year. Our youth formation children made ornaments to decorate our tree. The park will have viewing 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](http://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](mailto:ctrchurch@htdiocese.org) or dropped off in our office at 720 Talbot Ave.

**Mass Intentions** | Our book for Mass intentions is now open. The ancient and venerable tradition of Masses for the Dead is organized at Christ the Redeemer through our Mass Intention Book. Forms are available at the information center, or you may call our office to request intentions.

**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.

**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.

Thank you,  
Fr. Alex Gaudet