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Welcome *home.*

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Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Altar Server Training | I will be hosting a training for young people who would like to become altar servers following the 8:30 AM daily Mass. An altar server must have already received the first communion. Current altar servers are welcome to attend as a refresher.

St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy | Did you know that our area has a charitable pharmacy? They take donations of unexpired, extra medicine to provide for the needs of those who are struggling to pay for their medications. For assistance call 985.872.2253. Medicine donations should be mailed to 201 Canal Street, Houma, LA 70360. On August 12, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM there will be a community cookout fundraiser at the Settlement in the Live Oak Neighborhood on Hwy 308. A \$10 bracelet includes a burger plate, face painting, and a petting zoo.

Youth Formation Registration is Live | Registration for the 2022/23 formation year is open from July 11 until August 11. Formation is for disciples grades 1 thru 11 including those Catholic School Students who want to participate in our sacramental preparation programs for 2nd, 10th, and 11th. <https://www.ctr-htdiocese.org/youth>

Domestic Church | August 18-21. This is a retreat for Sacramentally married couples that provides them with an opportunity to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together as well as an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in formation with the Domestic Church movement. ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat

Grief to Grace | GtoG is a seven-week book study and small group experience for those experiencing all forms of grief. We are now accepting registrations for the next class. Please call our office to get signed up. Sessions are held on Tuesday events at 6:00 PM beginning on September 13.

Sacraments of Initiation | Registration for both the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adult Confirmation are open. RCIA is for those who are interested in becoming Catholic or would like to learn more about becoming Catholic. Adult Confirmation is for those adults who were not confirmed as part of a youth formation program but are interested in continuing their sacramental journey. RCIA is arranged around your schedule. Adult Confirmation begins on September 6th at 6:00 PM. Registration ends on August 15th. You can register for either program at 985.447.2013

Homebound Ministry | I am looking to populate my list for parishioners needing to have 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 want to invite you to have your house blessed when you feel like 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.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

The Perfect Way to Honor Someone You Love

If you have a friend or family member whose life has been touched by Christ the Redeemer, consider making a gift to us in his or her name. When you memorialize some of the most important people in your life, such as your mother, father, spouse, mentors, or other special loved ones, as part of a gift to Christ the Redeemer, you:

- honor a special person;
- support our mission; and
- possibly receive personal financial benefits.

You Have Choices

Three basic methods are available for establishing an honorary gift:

- **A gift today** — An outright gift can help fund our immediate needs or an upcoming project. The financial benefits include an income tax charitable deduction (if you itemize) and the possible elimination of capital gains tax.
- **A gift through your estate plan** — You can include a gift in your will or living trust, stating that a specific asset, certain dollar amount, or percentage of your estate will pass to us at your death in honor of your loved one.
- **A gift that lives on forever** — Honorary endowments can be made now or through your estate plan. Endowments are structured so that a small portion of your gift, rather than the whole amount, is used each year to fund a particular purpose. To perpetuate the fund forever, most of the fund always remains intact and is invested for the future.

Bring New Life to an Old Policy

When you were young, did your parents provide you with a “juvenile” life insurance policy? When your own kids were still at home and in need of protection, did you take out additional life insurance?

Many people have old, paid-up life insurance policies such as those described above that are no longer needed for their original purpose. It might be satisfying to rededicate these surplus policies to “insuring” our future . . . with excellent tax results.

Consider the case of a father, age 65, whose two children completed college many years ago and are now married and financially independent. The father took out a \$100,000 insurance policy when he was 30 that was intended to help cover the cost of the children’s college education in the event of his premature death. This policy was never needed for that purpose, and now has a cash surrender value of about \$35,000.

If all rights of ownership in this policy were contributed, the father would receive an income tax deduction of approximately \$35,000, which would save considerable taxes on next year’s tax return. Alternatively, the policy might be split into two \$50,000 policies and the father could contribute one and retain the other.

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