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Welcome *home.*

October 5, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**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 will be available at the information center or you may call our office to request intentions.

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser** | Beginning this weekend there will be baby bottles for you to take home for your discernment. These bottles should be returned the following weekend. All funds will support Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center here in Thibodaux.

Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center is a free women's clinic in Thibodaux, LA, and serves Thibodaux, Houma, and the Bayou Region. We are committed to providing women with everything they need to make an informed pregnancy decision. We believe women and men have a right to get accurate information from a resource that will not profit from the choices and pregnancy decisions they make.

No shame, no judgment, no cost - just the services you need from people who care

**St. Luke Mass for Medical Professionals** | At Mass on October 15 & 16, I will offer a special blessing for those who work in the medical field. If you work in the medical field, please feel free to wear your normal medical attire to whatever Mass you attend on the weekend. Please note that this blessing can be done either in anticipation or following the Feast of St. Luke, so, if you attend Mass elsewhere on that weekend, other parishers may not be doing this blessing.

**Adult Formation Summit** | The deadline for registration for the Adult Faith Formation Summit is quickly approaching. The summit is on October 14-16. This is a gathering of leaders and participants interested in further adult faith formation. If you are interested please call our office as soon as possible.

**Children's Liturgy** | Our Children's Liturgy is progressing well at 9 and 11 AM Mass. Remember that Children's Liturgy is for children who are between 4 and 7.

**Sacraments of Initiation** | Registration for the Christian Initiation for Adults is open. Christian Initiation for Adults is for those interested in becoming Catholic or would like to learn more about becoming Catholic. RCIA is arranged around your schedule. You can register 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

## **Your Estate Plan Should Not Be a “Surprise Package”**

Parents sometimes find it harder to talk to adult children about their estate plans than it was, years earlier, to have “the talk” about where babies come from. Nevertheless, it’s essential for parents to speak to their offspring individually or as a group about estate plans they have made or intend to make. Some or all of the following topics should be on the agenda:

Does the parent have a will and/or a living trust? Where are the documents located? How can internet accounts be accessed? Who is the executor or trustee?

Does the parent have particular funeral preferences? The child should know of any special requests concerning funeral services, burial, cremation, etc., and if pre-need arrangements have been made.

Has the parent signed a living will or health care power of attorney that expresses their feelings about life-prolonging care? Where are those documents located?

Talk with your children about the provisions in your will or trust, particularly if you are leaving more to one child than the others. This “favoritism” may be due to health problems, financial setbacks or to “even out” assistance given to others during your lifetime.

Many of our friends also are proud to share that they are providing a legacy to our future as part of their estate plans. Children almost invariably understand that mom or dad has a desire to leave the world a better place and that their bequest to support our programs is a source of satisfaction to them.