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Welcome *home.*

July 20, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Confession Times | Christ the Redeemer will be celebrating the funeral for Mr. R.J. Boudreaux at 11:00 AM on Saturday. Confessions will follow as soon as possible after the funeral.

Parish Survey | At all Masses this weekend Christ the Redeemer will host a parish survey. It is in preparation for the upcoming 2023 Synod for the Synodal Church, and it will also ask questions about the demographic of our parish.

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 six-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.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration | Registration for the diocesan wedding anniversary celebration is open. Registered members of Christ the Redeemer celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or beyond wedding anniversaries in the 2022 calendar year should register for the diocesan wedding anniversary celebration. Please contact our office to register.

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.

Safe Environment | Thank you to all who completed their training for the 21-24 period. Critically, we must comply with the national commitment to certify all volunteers for Safe Environment. All previous certifications expired in 2021; therefore, all volunteers including ushers, liturgical ministers, and hospitality ministers must renew their certification to continue volunteering in our church. Current certificates will last until June 2024. Please check with our office if you are unsure about your certification. If you have not completed your certification, please do so as soon as possible. Here: hdiocese.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php. For anyone in need of assistance completing the certification process, please contact our office, and we will gladly help you get certified.

Thank you,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

Protect the People and Causes You Love - 3 Tips to Protect Your Charitable Plan

Naming a loved one or favorite charity such as the Catholic Foundation restricted for Christ the Redeemer as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan assets is a heartfelt way to make a future gift with a lasting impact. Be sure to go one step further and notify those beneficiaries of the choices you've made.

Many people and charities aren't aware that they have been named to receive a gift. Informing them helps preserve your intentions and ensures that your beneficiaries can follow your wishes.

Protect the people and charities you love by following these simple steps in naming your beneficiaries:

1. Review your beneficiary designations periodically, as circumstances may change throughout your lifetime.
2. Alert your beneficiaries that you have a life insurance policy or have named them a retirement plan beneficiary.
3. Share the location and details of the policy or plan with your beneficiaries.

As you update your beneficiary designations, consider making a gift of a life insurance policy or a retirement plan to the Catholic Foundation restricted for Christ the Redeemer so that we can continue our important work. Then notify us of your plan so that we can carry out your wishes as intended and thank you for your gift.

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Remarkable Things You Can Do with Your Will

Your will can be far more than just a dry, legal document. Wise planning and creativity will enable you to:

Leave special items to special people . . . the cuckoo clock to William, who tried to catch the bird as a child . . . the hand-painted china to Linda, who always treasured it.

Help a friend. Louise is leaving us funds for the purpose of establishing a gift annuity that will assist her best friend, Mary, who has been struggling financially.

Encourage a young person. Joan is making bequests that will be earmarked for a college fund for her young grandchildren.

Leave the world a better place. Your bequest to our future can express your concern for humanity and make a lasting difference in the lives of future generations.

For assistance in planning your own legacy, please call the Catholic Foundation at 985.850.3116 or our parish office. We can provide you and your attorney with our correct legal name and ideas for benefitting specific programs.