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Welcome *home.*

July 6, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

American Indian Mass | Each year the diocese celebrates a mass in honor of the American Indians of our area. All are invited. It will be at Holy Family in Dulac at 6:30 PM on Friday, July 8.

Parish Survey | Earlier this year, Pope Francis inaugurated a synod on synodality. A synod is a gathering of Catholics aimed at answering a new question that the church has been posed with. Several have been held since the end of the Second Vatican Council. This next Synod addresses the question of how the Church structure works together with itself. At Christ the Redeemer, I find the best way for us to gather this information to answer the pope's call is through a parish-wide survey. However, this will not be merely a universal survey, I want to use this effort to help us identify what gifts we share and how we might use them together. More information will be coming shortly.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration | Registration for the diocesan wedding anniversary celebration is open. If you are a registered member of Christ the Redeemer and are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or beyond wedding anniversary in the 2022 calendar year, we want to celebrate with you by inviting you to participate in the diocesan wedding anniversary celebration this fall. Please contact our office to register.



One-Day VBS | Space is available, so registration has been extended. Life is Wild: Join us for a wild time, learning about God and having fun for children four to eleven years old. There will be games, activities, and a movie. Lunch will be provided on-site. The day ends with a 4:00 PM Vigil Mass for participants and parents. VBS will be on Saturday, July 9 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at E.D. White. The registration fee is \$25. Register here: ctr-htdiocese.org/biblecamp

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. I generally set aside times for these kinds of things on a regular basis. 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.

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

Hurricane Season | Alas, that time of year has returned. As much as I do not want to think about it, it is time to pray for hurricane season. Attached below is a prayer for you to consider praying as part of your devotions.

Safe Environment | Thank you to all who completed their training for the 21-24 period. It is critical that we 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: htdiocese.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php. For anyone who is 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

A Prayer for God's Protective Care
during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.
The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order
and returned to its former quietude.
You are still the Master of land and sea.
We live in the shadow of a danger
over which we have no control;
the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
can awake from its seeming lethargy,
overstep its conventional boundaries,
invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.
During this hurricane season,
we turn to You, O loving Father.
Spare us from past tragedies
whose memories are still so vivid
and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal
with the passing of time.
O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf,
so that spared from the calamities
common to this area
and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem,
where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

*Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981),
Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973),
following Hurricane Audrey in 1957*