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Welcome *home.*

October 19, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Hurricane Response | Thank you all for your participation in the collections for Hurricane Ian.

Open Positions | I want to thank Mrs. Wanda Leblac who served as our custodian and housekeeper for many years and congratulations to her on her new job. As such, I am honored to announce that Christ the Redeemer has an open position for a campus custodian. Likewise, we also have an open position for a general maintenance associate. Both job descriptions will be coming out shortly.

Red Mass | On October 20, 2022 at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Thibodaux beginning at noon, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will celebrate the annual Red Mass in conjunction with the opening of the judicial year. This mass is to support our local legal professionals. It is open to the public.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration | On Sunday, October 23, the Diocese will host the annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Thibodaux at 3:00 PM. Our couples this year are Farrell & Wanda Alleman [40 years], Gerald & Nancy Miller [40 years], Paul & Donna Naquin, III [40 years], Randy & Geraldine Himel [50 years], Charles & Gale Braud, III [60 years], and Toby & Garnet Granier [60 years].

Retreat Time | Next week I will be away for my annual retreat with a number of our priests. Please consider saying a prayer for us while we are away.

Trunk or Treats | On Saturday, October 29 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Mass, we will have our yearly Trunk or Treats event. All are welcome. There will be food and music as well as costume and pumpkin decorating contests. Children are invited to participate in trick-or-treating and a costume contest. Please no scary costumes. Please bring your own lawn chairs and candy for trick-or-treating. Food will be sponsored by our Knights of Columbus.

The Blessings of the Graves | The blessing of the graves will be held on October 30th at St. Lawrence in Chacaholula at 10:30 AM, at St. Bridget and Garden of Memories at after 10:30 AM Mass, at St. Joseph Cemetery at 2:00 PM, and at Our Lady of Prompt Succor at 3:00 PM.

The Day of the Dead | We will begin accepting pictures for our Day of the Dead commemoration altar starting on Friday, October 28. Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day a holy day of obligation this year. Our Masses will be at 7:30 AM, 12:05 PM, and 6:00 PM. Wednesday, November 2nd is All Souls Day our Masses will be at 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM with our Memorial Mass.

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.

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. We are still accepting adult volunteers.

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

Make Beneficiary Forms Work for You

The beneficiary forms associated with life insurance, retirement accounts, certificates of deposit, and other financial arrangements are often plain-vanilla, one-size-fits-all documents – especially forms made available online. But what if the forms don't fit your planning needs?

You should contact your account manager or customer service representative if you wish to name a trust as beneficiary, or make a designation that goes beyond just the name of a person or organization. For example, it's possible to name us to receive part or all of your IRA in exchange for a charitable gift annuity payable to a surviving spouse or others. But special instructions would need to be included on a separate page attached to the beneficiary form.

Friends sometimes wish to leave us a particular dollar amount from their IRAs but find that the beneficiary forms permit IRAs to be divided up only by *percentages or fractions*. One solution is to state that we are to receive a certain percentage (25%, for example) "not to exceed \$50,000" (or some other dollar amount likely to be less than the stated percentage).

It's important to ensure that the company understands and consents to any special beneficiary language and to have your attorney look over these documents as well. Our staff will be glad to provide you with appropriate language for naming us as one of your beneficiaries.