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Welcome *home.*

October 12, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

St. Luke Mass for Medical Professionals | At Mass this weekend, I will offer a special blessing for medical field workers. If you work in the medical field, please feel free to wear your normal medical attire to whatever Mass you attend on the weekend.

Hurricane Response | We will be passing a second collection for Hurricane Ian recovery this weekend. You can also donate online at catholiccharitiesht.org/hurricane-ian-relief. There is a list of items that can also be donated that you can find here ctr-htdiocese.org/weekly-newsletter. Since there are still several weeks left of hurricane season, we will have bottles of holy water and prayer cards for you to take home and pray for protection from hurricanes as a family. I hope to be able to do this for Easter each year; however, I had the idea a little late for this year.

Treats at the Track | Vanderbilt Catholic HOPE Buddies present Treats at the Track. Treats at the Track is a free event open to all persons with disabilities and their families on October 18, 2022. It runs from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM and includes games, face painting, music, lots of treats, and much more. Parking is available off the Tunnel Blvd. entrance. Vanderbilt is located at 209 S. Hollywood Rd., Houma, LA.

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.

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 games. 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.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser | Thank you all who participated in the fundraiser for Cross Roads. They do really important work here in Thibodaux and were founded by locals.

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.

House Blessings | The blessing of homes and the pastoral visit are connected to the family living in a home not the owning of a home. If you rent, you can still get your home blessed. 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

Unloading Your “Boat of Life”

Nineteenth-century English humorist Jerome K. Jerome encouraged readers to “let your boat of life be light, packed only with what you need – a homely home and simple pleasures, one or two friends worth the name, someone to love and someone to love you . . .”

Estate planning is largely about how best to *unload* one's boat of life, disposing of assets, minimizing taxes and probate costs, creating trusts, etc. – but it can go much further. Your will, for example, can be far more than just a dry, legal document. Wise planning and creativity will enable you to:

Leave special items to special people.

Help a friend. Lois is making a charitable bequest for the purpose of establishing a gift that will provide income to her best friend, Maria, who has been struggling financially, with eventual assistance for our programs.

Establish a memorial in the names of your parents or other loved ones. Many gifts and bequests we receive are made as tributes to the wonderful people who influenced donors' lives.

Encourage a young person. Millie is making bequests that will provide college funding for her young grandchildren.

Leave the world a better place. Your bequest to our future can make a lasting difference in the lives of unborn generations.