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Welcome *home.*

June 22, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Preparation Day | I won't be able to do a Livestream this evening because of a prior engagement. I will be back next week. See you this weekend.

One-Day VBS | 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. Registration ends on July 1. Register here: ctr-htdiocese.org/biblecamp



VBS Needs | We are in need of safe environment certified adult facilitators, and high school counselors for Life is Wild. Please call our office for more information or to register. We are also in need of toilet paper rolls. These can be dropped in the waiting area of our office.

Ecumenical Prayer Service | St. Bridget will be hosting an ecumenical prayer service on Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 PM. A reception will follow.

Homebound Ministry | I am looking to populate my list for parishioners needing to have communion brought to their homes. If you or someone you know needs communion brought to their home, please contact 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 various stages of 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.

Altar Servers | Parents, if your child was an altar server at Christ the Redeemer in the past, please know that they are invited to resume their participation at any point and at any Mass they attend. If your child wants to be an altar server at Christ the Redeemer but has never done it before, I will host training at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 6, 2022 just after 8:30 AM Mass.

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

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.

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.

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*