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Welcome *home.*

September 14, 2022 | Weekly Newsletter

Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

**Confession** | On Saturday I will be attending a funeral away from Christ the Redeemer in the morning. Therefore, confession will begin later than usual but should be available by 1 PM.

**Daily Mass** | Next week I will be attending the Louisiana Priest Convention. This will keep me away from midday on Monday until Midday on Wednesday. I am still looking for a priest to cover our 7:30 AM Mass. It is possible that we will not have daily Mass next Tuesday or Wednesday.

**Legacy Giving Seminar** | Next week is our Legacy Giving Seminar on wills. This seminar is for anyone. It is never too early to begin your final plans, but it can be too late. These plans are much easier to maintain but become more complicated as time progresses. Our temptation is to find the idea of final planning morbid and tasteless. We prepare spring after spring for hurricanes that may not come; why not be prepared for the one reality we will all face. Christ the Redeemer is partnering with St. Genevieve to host a Legacy Giving Seminar on September 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the St. Genevieve Parish Family Center. Register by calling 985.447.2013

**Children's Liturgy** | Our Children's Liturgy is progressing well at our 11 AM Mass. We will be phasing in Children's Liturgy at 9 AM Mass as facilitators become available.

**Sacraments of Initiation** | Registration for the Christian Initiation for Adults is open. Christian Initiation for Adults is for those who are 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

# Strategies If You Receive an Inheritance

What planning is needed when someone dies and leaves you cash, investments or other property?

Consult an adviser if you are receiving an IRA or other retirement account. You may be able to spread distributions over your life expectancy, minimize taxes and enjoy tax-deferred growth of your principal. You might also consider making us a beneficiary of the account to reduce taxes at your death.

Review your own estate plan. How would the inheritance be distributed if you died tomorrow? You may need to amend your will or other arrangements to avoid leaving an unintended windfall to a beneficiary. A large inheritance also may expose your estate to state or federal estate taxes.

Determine whether now is a good time to pay off debts or rebalance your portfolio. Take your time in making decisions and consult with a financial adviser about how to restructure your assets.

If the person who died is your spouse, be sure to file an estate tax return – even if he or she did not have enough assets to owe federal estate taxes. By filing the return (Form 706) you can make an election to “inherit” any of your spouse’s unused estate tax exemption (\$5.25 million for 2013).

# Lifelong Strategies for Effective Philanthropy

The generous people who support Christ the Redeemer often follow a common pattern:

They start by giving through our offertory, contributing what they can early in life, then increasing their generosity as they achieve success in a career, profession or business;

They assist with special gifts that will guarantee continued excellence in our programs;

They may embrace sophisticated gift techniques such as charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities or charitable lead trusts as a means of preserving, even improving family financial security during their lifetimes – all in the context of meaningful future support for our work;

They devise estate plans – wills, trusts and beneficiary designations – with thoughtfully planned charitable bequests that stand as their “ultimate gift” for a better world.

Our parish works closely with the Catholic Foundation as our partner to help assist our parishioners in your gift planning, no matter what your philanthropic phase might be. Just contact our parish office or the Catholic Foundation to explore ways of planning your legacy – 985.850.3116.