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Welcome *home.*

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Dear Christ the Redeemer Parishioners,

Diocesan Service Awards | This weekend the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux recognizes those outstanding lay persons who have served their parishes in roles of leadership and service either as adults or youth. Our recipients this year for the leadership awards are Julien Barrilleaux and Karen Toups for the youth awards are Connor Chaisson and Katherine Jones.

Building Fund | This weekend at all Masses there will be a second collection to support our parish building fund. All of these funds will remain at Christ the Redeemer to help with maintenance and improvement.

Time Away | Beginning on Monday, August 22nd until Thursday, September 1st, I will be out of touch while I travel for vacation and to get some time away. Our office staff will still be working diligently to support you until my return.

Children's Liturgy | I am proud to announce that Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, September 4 at 11:00 AM Mass. In anticipation of this kick-off, I am still looking for facilitators. There will be an orientation for children's mentors and teen leaders after the 11:00 AM Mass on August 28.

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Legacy Giving Seminar | 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. Genervive Parish Family Center. Please save the date.

Domestic Church | August 18-21. This is a retreat for Sacramentally married couples that provides them with an opportunity to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together as well as an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in formation with the Domestic Church movement. ctr-htdiocese.org/domestic-church-retreat

Grief to Grace | GtoG is a seven-week book study and small group experience for those experiencing all forms of grief. We are now accepting registrations for the next class. Please call our office to get signed up. Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM beginning on September 13.

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

Ladies Only: A Woman's Guide to Estate Planning

A Four-Point Plan for Your Future Success

Consider this scenario: Anne is just 30 years old when her mother passes away. In the months following the funeral, Anne discovers that her mother—a widow—never drafted a plan for her estate. In the absence of a plan, state law determines how her mother's assets will be distributed.

According to a study by the National Center for Women and Retirement, 80 to 90 percent of women will make financial decisions on their own at some point in their lives. Whether you are single, divorced or widowed, having an effective estate plan is part of being independent. Estate planning not only ensures financial stability during your lifetime but also allows you to choose how your assets will be distributed after your lifetime.

Here are four key elements of a successful estate plan that anyone can follow.

1. A Will
 - i. Ensures that your assets will be distributed the way you intend.
 - ii. Allows your dependents to receive the care and financial security they need.
 - iii. Gives charitable organizations like the Catholic Foundation restricted for Christ the Redeemer your support into the future.
2. Life Insurance
 - i. As a general rule, should be equal to five times your annual salary.
 - ii. Covers your family's financial obligations, goals, and everyday expenses.
 - iii. Should be enough to pay off mortgages, other liabilities, and final taxes.
3. A Living Trust
 - i. Avoids probate for your estate.
 - ii. Appoints a trustee of your choosing to handle your affairs.
 - iii. Provides care for another individual, a disabled spouse or child, and appoints a guardian to care for the individual and take care of his or her financial needs.
4. Charitable Gifts
 - i. Provide ways to reduce taxes and can be given now or later.
 - ii. Support a future for Christ the Redeemer and those we serve.
 - iii. Connect your legacy with the organizations and causes you care about the most.

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