



the church of the redeemer

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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear People of God:

Your Vestry has determined that we need a pledge drive this year in the spring for this fiscal year. We have designated the 9<sup>th</sup> of March as Pledge Sunday, and on that day every member of the parish is asked to bring his or her pledge card to church and offer it as an act of worship at the Offertory.

When we first started talking about a pledge drive for this time period, my first reaction was negative. "That will be right in the middle of Lent," I thought. "Our focus shouldn't be on money during that season, but on preparing to commemorate our Lord's passion and death and to celebrate his resurrection." After thinking about it further, however, I came to the conclusion that there really couldn't be a better time to emphasize stewardship than during Lent. What better context can there be when looking at what we give to God than during the time when we focus on how much God has given us? Our giving to God and his Church is an act of thanksgiving for all that he has given us and continues to give us. The gift of our time, talent, and treasure to God through the Church is our response to his gift to us of his Son to die for our sins on the cross. Thus, Lent is the perfect time for a parish to do a pledge drive.

Of course, if we separate our money from our spirituality, then talking about money in Lent would appear to be a huge "disconnect." To separate something as important to our survival as money from

our spirituality, however, is dangerous indeed. God wants to influence and penetrate every aspect of our lives. We call Jesus Lord, and that means that he is to be Lord of our relationships, how we use our time, how we conduct our business, and what we do with our money. When we try to separate out any aspect of our lives from our relationship with God, it causes problems with that relationship. In other words, if Jesus isn't Lord of my marriage, or my relationship with my children, or how I spend my money (including giving His tithe to the Church), or how I conduct my business, then I should expect that I am going to have problems with my faith. When I'm feeling that I am not as close to God as I would like to be, one of the first things I should do is take an inventory of my life to see if there is any place where I am not letting Jesus be Lord. The next step is to confess that sin and make appropriate changes.

Our theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "Sow Bountifully—Reap Bountifully," and is drawn from St. Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to the Corinthians, where he says, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." It is my hope that every member of the parish will make a pledge, and that is my hope for two reasons. The first is that what we do as the Body of Christ in this place depends upon

the gifts of the members of the Body. The second is that I fully believe that making a commitment to the Church is spiritually good for us as individuals—if done with the proper attitude (i.e. "not reluctantly or under compulsion"). Scripture is full of examples of how giving to God is good for the giver. In this particular passage from II Corinthians, when we give generously we should expect to receive generously from God. Thus, my desire is that this parish will flourish as God wants it to flourish, and that each individual will flourish as God wants us to flourish.

As you and I prepare to make our pledge this year, let's do it prayerfully, in the spirit of this great season of Lent, remembering that "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Sow bountifully—and reap bountifully.

See you in church.

Faithfully yours,

*Jr. Fred+*

## Adult Education Offerings

### SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10:10 AM to 10:40 AM

- 2 March Pledge Brunches
- 9 March Pledge Sunday
- 16 March Palm Sunday -  
No Coffee Hours
- 23 March Easter -  
No Coffee Hours
- 30 March Miles for Mission

### TUESDAY LECTIONARY STUDY

A Lectionary Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon in the Eva Pope Room. Please join us.

<b>Admit All</b>	<b>Church of the Redeemer</b>	222 South Palm Avenue (941) 955-4263 Sarasota, FL 34236
	<b>Saturday Night Worship</b> <i>Contemporary Worship, Relevant Teaching, Holy Communion, New Friends, Coffee...</i>	
Every Saturday Night @ 5:30 p.m. <i>See what makes Saturday nights ALIVE at The Church of the Redeemer</i>		

## Pledge Sunday, 9 March 2008

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II Corinthians 9:6-7

A few weeks ago you should have received your pledge letter and packet from Fr. Robinson. Please fill out the pledge card and place it in the envelope provided. Bring your prepared pledge commitment on Sunday, 9 March 2008. Fr. Robinson will announce during the services when to come to the altar with our pledges.

Instead of a Loyalty Dinner this year, we are going to have a Loyalty Brunch on Sunday, 2 March between the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM services, between the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services, and between the 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM services. Also, we will celebrate Pledge Sunday, 9 March, with cake and ice cream during the same times. The Saturday evening 5:30 service will also have fellowships following that service the same weekends.

Pledge Sunday is a time when we can prayerfully recommit to God our thanksgiving for all that he has given us. It is a time that we show our love for Him. God loves a cheerful giver. Please say the prayer below as you prepare to be a cheerful giver.

*O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

# Around and About the Parish

## RAMBOs NEEDED

Our RAMBO(Redeemer Audio Ministry Board Operator) Corps is looking for a few good men/women who would enjoy operating the sound and lights one Sunday per month. We need one for the 7:30 AM service and two for 11:00 AM service. If you would like to see what is done at the sound and lights console, spend a service in the balcony observing one of our RAMBOs in action. If this ministry appears like it might interest you, please call Jim Holds at 362.0647. He will answer any questions you may have and arrange to train you. RAMBOs do have more fun.

## HOSPITAL FLOWER DELIVERIES

A couple more people are needed for this ministry, which involves taking flowers to the hospital once every six weeks. Please call Jill Stockton at 378.8098 or email [gwstockton@comcast.net](mailto:gwstockton@comcast.net).

## EASTER LILIES

These will be put out in the St. Francis Garden on Monday, 31 March, by 9:00 AM. Please stop by and collect one to take to a shut-in. Ron and Helen Rayevich (952.1793) will be there with the addresses.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The Manasota Deanery of Southwest Florida will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, 25 March, at St. Wilfred's. The Rev. Eric Mills, Assistant Rector of Christ Church, will speak on his years as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. Luncheon will follow. For reservations and additional information, please contact Peggy Otten at 377.8981. Note: The ECW Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, 13 November, at DaySpring.

## REACHING OUT AN ARM OF LOVE

by Bette Deluccia

After a semi-sleepless night, I finally dozed off early one Saturday morning, only to be awakened by the 'ding-dong' of my doorbell! When I opened the front door, I discovered a Fed-Ex Special Delivery box leaning against the door frame. What could it be? I had not ordered anything, and it was neither a holiday, nor my birthday. It was marked, "Saturday a.m. delivery," and was quite light for a box of its dimensions.

I went searching for my Exacto knife to rip through the tape, and finally opened the box to find a plastic container with a dozen blueberry muffins, sent to me by my grandson, Seth. It arrived just in time for my breakfast. I was overwhelmed with joy and gratitude. A simple gesture, such as a lovingly-made batch of homemade muffins not only made my day, but elevated me to 'cloud nine' for the entire weekend!

An all-too-common thought is that a gift must be something materially valuable, which obviously is untrue. If that box had contained a diamond necklace, it would not have touched me as much as this simple, thoughtful gift, given from my grandson's heart!

One day, while leafing through the pages of A. J. Russell's, "God Calling," 'God's' January 2 message, entitled, "Arm of Love." especially touched my heart. I would like to quote from it, in part:

"You are to help save others. Never let one day pass when you have not reached out an arm of Love to someone outside your home - a note, a letter, a call, a visit, help in some way."

"Be full of Joy. Joy saves. Joy cures. Joy in me. In every ray of sunlight, every smile, every act of kindness or love, every trifling service - joy."

"Each day do something to lift another soul out of the sea of sin,

or disease or doubt..."

These simple passages have, forever, changed the way I look at life. There are so many people - a neighbor, a friend, or merely an acquaintance, a shut-in, someone in the hospital or nursing home, or even a member of the Armed Forces, whose spirits could be lifted by a simple act of kindness. How many hearts can you cheer, or how many souls can you help, simply by reaching out, "An Arm of Love?"

## ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

A St. Michael's Conference pre-registration meeting for all returning conferees and their parents will be held on Sunday, 2 March, at 5:00 PM, in Gillespie Hall. Attendance of all returning conferees and at least one of their parents is required. A conferee who is away from home at school/college is excused provided one parent is at the meeting. Enrollment of new conferees is limited; however, there will be a few places open this summer to new young people. Enrollment restrictions limit new conferees to those currently in the 8th grade. A mandatory informational parents only meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 March, at 6:00 PM, in Room 205 for interested parents of 8th graders. Father Robinson is the Assistant Director of the Conference, and Father Bowling is the Dean. For information, phone Father Bowling, 358-6690.

## UTO INGATHERING

The Ingathering for the United Thank Offering will be Sunday, 30 March. UTO awards grants to many projects to further the mission of the Church to "go into the world." Look for your UTO offering envelopes in this *Pelican*, and bring your offering of thanks to church with you on 30 March.

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## Youth News

I've been in youth ministry for nearly 15 years and have seen God use a variety of wonderful means for shaping students into disciples, but none have had impact like summer missions! Several youth I've been privileged to serve have gone on to professional ministry careers and many more have



headed the call to simply serve Christ as godly spouses, parents, workers, business owners and church members. What a thrill it has been to see so many pursue and share Jesus as they went off to live life as Christian adults. As I look back its safe to say that many of those youth had real transformative mountain top experiences while on summer missions. That's the main reason why I'm so excited every year to pack a bunch of teenagers into a bus and travel off to be a blessing.

There are many reasons that mission trips have such potent impact. Kids shine when they are taken away from their comfort zones and daily routines. Today's

teenagers are hardly given time to really consider the world in larger context. Many hold schedules that rival corporate leaders. When they step out of that zone they often experience a kind of selfless awareness that frees them from the burdens of being the center of the universe. Out of that awareness the revelation that they are part of God's community begins to manifest! You can see this even as they travel toward an unknown place to do kingdom work together. When they arrive, their mission focus is reinforced by daily service, regular devotions, group discussions and worship.

They get to really meditate on the reality of Christ's presence with them throughout the day. Many will say that though they never worked so hard, they never rested so deep. Evening worship times further reveal a God who passionately loves them, igniting genuine adoration and reverence in what used to be distracted hearts. As they live out the love of Jesus each day it warms them within and people begin look different. They invest themselves in the lives of others and realize the preciousness of people more fully. In essence, they spend a week immersed in an awareness of God's presence and power and emerge loving God and neighbor. Then they return and there's the inevitable

disappointment as they come down from the mountain. Still, they are changed! And while the sun doesn't always shine as bright in the valley of everyday life, the memories of the mountain top forever illumine and inspire these growing saints to be all God intended both on the mountain and below!

Our annual Miles for Missions fundraiser is coming up Sunday, 30 March! I hope you will prayerfully consider supporting our youth with your prayers and financial gifts. There are "Mission Goers" and "Mission Senders"- and any successful mission requires both! Every \$10.00 gift purchases a mile for our missionaries! There are 1,387 miles to cover and you can buy as many miles as you want! We'll be going to Matamoros, Mexico 6-14 June to serve some of the poorest in the western hemisphere. My trip there in 1996 was life changing for myself and the students I ministered with. It's sure to challenge, shape and inspire our youth as well. We're also considering a trip to New Orleans in late June the details of which will be forthcoming. I'm thankful for the supportive church family we have in Church of the Redeemer and confident in God's provision for another climb to the mountain top this summer!

Blessings!

Brett Watson  
Youth Minister

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### MOMS NEED YOUR HELP

The Mothers for Christ ministry needs two people to help with childcare on six weekday mornings this spring. This is a temporary, paid position and would offer great blessings to parish moms with small children. Prayerfully consider this need and contact Cathy Brush for more details, 724.3190.

### GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD

A prayer for expectant families will be included in the Prayers of the People on the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Cathy Brush at 359.3388 to be included in the prayers.

**Worship Services**

**Sunday**

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II)  
 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
 1:00 PM Spanish Mass

**Monday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer

**Tuesday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer

**Wednesday**

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
 8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer

**Thursday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer  
 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

**Friday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and  
 Healing Service  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer

**Saturday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and  
 Anointing  
 11:00 AM Confessions  
 5:30 PM Contemporary Mass

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**

2:00 PM Spanish Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Sr. EYC

**Monday**

10:00 AM Needlepoint Group  
 3:45 PM 11:00 AM Choir  
 5:15 PM Canterbury Choir

**Tuesday**

Noon Lectionary Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Inquirers' Class

**Wednesday**

6:00 AM Men's Class  
 4:30 PM Youth Confirmation  
 5:00 PM Children's Choirs  
 6:00 PM Jr. EYC

**Thursday**

7:00 AM Men's Class  
 10:00 AM Needlepoint Group  
 7:30 PM 9:00 AM Choir

**Friday**

7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 AM Healing Class

**Saturday**

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Sr. EYC Open House

**MARCH CALENDAR**

**Saturday, 1 March**

7:30 AM Parish Spring Cleaning

**Sunday, 2 March**

**Loyalty Brunches between all services**

10:15 AM Baptism Preparation

**Monday, 3 March**

April Pelican deadline

Easter Flower deadline

**Tuesday, 4 March**

Noon Stages of Life

**Wednesday, 5 March**

8:00 AM Staff Meeting (Office  
 closes at 4:00 PM)

10:30 AM Lenten Series

12:10 PM Lenten Organ Recital

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Lenten Series

**Friday, 7 March**

7:30 PM Organ Concert

**Sunday, 9 March**

Daylight Savings begins

**Pledge Sunday**

**Bloodmobile here 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

10:15 AM Baptism Preparation

4:00 PM Chamber Orchestra of  
 Florida

**Monday, 10 March**

9:30 AM Daughters of the King

**Tuesday, 11 March**

6:30 PM Inquirers' Class begins

**Wednesday, 12 March**

10:30 AM Lenten Series

12:10 PM Lenten Organ Recital

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Lenten Series

**Friday, 14 March**

10:30 AM WOM General Meeting

**Sunday, 16 March**

**Palm Sunday**

Services at **7:00, 8:45, and 11:00 AM**

5:15 PM Solemn Evensong

**Tuesday, 18 March**

6:00 PM Baptism Rehearsal

6:30 PM St. Mary's Guild

**Wednesday, 19 March**

9:30 AM Pelican mailing crew

10:30 AM Lenten Series

12:10 PM Lenten Organ Recital

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Lenten Series

**Thursday, 20 March**

**Maundy Thursday**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

7:30 PM Holy Eucharist, foot-  
 washing, and stripping  
 of the altars

No 5:30 PM Mass

No 9:00 AM Choir

**Friday, 21 March**

**Good Friday** - Office closes at noon

7:15 AM Stations of the Cross

10:00 AM Mass of the Pre-  
 sanctified

12 noon-

3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

3:30 PM-

4:30 PM Confessions

**Saturday, 22 March**

8:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter

(no child care)

No 10:00 AM Mass

No Confessions

**Sunday, 23 March**

**Easter Day - 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM**

**Monday, 24 March**

7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

**Saturday, 29 March**

3:30 PM Wedding:

Kiper/Whipple

**Monday, 31 March**

May Pelican deadline

9:30 AM Daughters of the King

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**Joining the Parish Family:**

Daniel and Nancy Leonard  
 3243 Dick Wilson Drive  
 Sarasota, FL 34240

Richard Van Buskirk  
 1698 Starling Drive  
 Sarasota, FL 34231

Diane Roberts  
 4861 Waterbridge Down  
 Sarasota, FL 34235

Frederick and Florence Witt  
 7908 Royal Queens Way  
 Bradenton, FL 34202

**Transferring Out:**

Paul Comegys  
 to St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota, FL

Jane Perin  
 to All Angels by the Sea, Longboat Key, FL

**Baptisms:**

"We receive you into the household of God..."

William James Caravetta

Walter Friend, Jr.

Evelyn Augusta Anderson

Parker Harriston Nippert

Luke Thomas Stanaland

Jillian Elizabeth Vega

**Deaths:**

"Rest eternal grant unto them..."

John (Jack) Mills

**March Birthdays**

- 1 Audrey Ford, William Keen, Taylor Mollohan, Katie Scalisi, Porter Strand, Brett Watson
- 2 Missy Saunders, Charlotte Smith
- 3 Nicholas Bermudez, Beth Bobb, Marie Harris, Joanne Hastings, Colin Reid, Gayle West
- 4 Sara Bailey, Happy Davison, Christine Lindsay
- 5 Emily Everett, Lizzie Hamlet, Al Hernandez, Lucy Muehlman
- 6 Sydney Hawkey, Evelyn Jeter, Watson Roberts, Heidi Taylor
- 7 Susan Berkowitz, Beth Cave, Suzy Conover, Matt Masterson, Katie Shaffer, Tom Szefi, John Walker
- 8 Derek Bingman, Trish Johnson, John Louis Oliver, Joanne Panizzo
- 9 Jennifer Andrade, Lory Carpenter, Juanita Diego, Natasha Stanley, Anna Stine-Uchino
- 10 Patricia Deal, Shelby Hayes, Callan Hill, Lee Martin, Sherie Philpott, Gayle Salmon, Spencer Valek, Louise Withington
- 11 Sally Phillips, Mark Thompson, Brice Tisdale
- 12 Alex Scholz, Charlotte Trautwein
- 13 Nancy Boyle, Pat Di Bernardo, Robert Ehrhart III, Elaine Ellis, Margita Johansson, Bert Kneeland, Enith Marin, Jim Vanderhoff
- 14 Stephanie Ellicott, Chase Mudgett, Medora Sheehan, Roger Spratt, Jared Younkman
- 15 Mildred Allgood, Elizabeth Cooper, Sam Papalia, Barbara Petrecca, Jonathan Sams, Jack Vega
- 16 Sumner Darling, Elsy Daugherty, Willa Williams
- 17 Mary Akemon, Barbara Dumbaugh, Ham Jones, Tony Matuszak, Dn. Jack O'Reilly, Irene Reinert, Rebecca Robinson
- 18 Kym Bennett, Arline Sullivan, Shirley Wallahan
- 19 Nan Bogart, Chelly Caflich, Russell Daniel, Angelica Diego, Casey Gerry, Melanie Heitman, David Huber, Iris Krygowski, Lizzy Lewis
- 20 Joanna Haslem, Mike Huber, Mary Lou McFate, Kellie Menke
- 21 Mary Brown, Jennifer McGinness, Paige Mouchett, Garland Pollard, Blanca Sanclemente, Samantha Wulfsohn
- 22 Flo Ames, Eric Berg, Dan Blair, Wyatt Carpenter, Liz Groth, Bill Lambrecht, Jen Solu
- 23 Dawn Maus, Nigel Norman, Willy Olsson, Emma Turtle
- 24 Ruth Braden, Susie Hazel, Katie Lacamera, Lizz Nieder, Terryann Reed
- 25 Julio Corena, Caroline Devitt, Christine Dibble, Joanne Halladay, Suzanne Meister, Kalo Parmelee, Fr. Ferd Saunders
- 26 Brian Burke, Leslie Gardier, Mary Anne Harper, Karl Huber, Sue Saford, Muriel Schneider, John Tillman, Janon Zordan
- 27 Billy Ayers, Jane Lyons, Jack Reeder, Bea Whitcomb, Jennifer Williams
- 28 Fred Bagley, Betty Lou Buck, Jacqueline Jacobs, Dena West
- 29 Carol Gollnick, Racie North, Lillian Zaccagnino
- 30 Ted Gollnick, David Lacamera, Ryan Nance, Kimberly Noyes
- 31 Ron Buck, Jane Conn, Libby Jane Cox

**Address/Phone Change**

Don't forget to let the Parish Office know when you change your address and/or phone number. Help us keep our records up to date! Call Cheryl at 955.4263 or e-mail her at [Cbrodbeck@Redeemersarasota.org](mailto:Cbrodbeck@Redeemersarasota.org).

**March Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Tom & La Roma Hensey, Russell & Jacqueline Ryan
- 2 Donnie & Heather McBrayer
- 4 Dave & Joanne Halladay, Jonathan & Allison Laronge, John & Kathy Potvin
- 8 Al & Cerita Purmort
- 9 Phil & Sue Shaffer
- 13 Jack & Lori Lewis
- 16 Ray & Sandra Klinger, Bill & Karen Marshall
- 19 Frank Dyke & Dorothy Moeri
- 21 Todd & Kristin Morton, Copper & Kathy Yaw
- 22 Andy & Janice Larned
- 23 Lawrence & Georgina Clamage
- 25 Lawrence & Harriet Ledwell, Bud & Arlene Star
- 26 Hans & Tina Kamberg, Harold & Marsha Nippert, Sandor & Leesa Rencdeczky
- 28 Roger & Sally Betts, Brigham & Beverly Clegg
- 30 John & Susan Tillman



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# Mission and Outreach

## A NEW REDEEMER MINISTRY: PARTNERING WITH THE HEART OF NEW ORLEANS

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins III, the Bishop of Louisiana, on his visit to the Church of the Redeemer



on 25 March 2007, made a plea for help in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. His description of those youth of New Orleans with no families who endured the flooding, deployment to the Superdome and other parts of the country, and their return to that city where they were without homes, families, and schools, has not been forgotten. In answer to the Bishop's plea, at the request of our Mission and Outreach Committee (MOC), the Vestry sent \$5,000 to bolster Bishop Jenkins's invaluable work. In addition, two hundred of our Vacation Bible School youth created banners for the new youth center this past summer.

Since Bishop Jenkins' plea, he and his staff have attracted volunteers and funding, and they have made great inroads. Social workers are assuring help, damaged houses have been rebuilt, a day center for the youth has been remodeled and furnished with staff and programming. A major campaign brought about a national outpouring of funding to build a prototype for a new public educational system. But one of the most important and successful changes has come about as the Bishop's modeling of Christ's love has inspired individual churches within the diocese to reach out as they've never done before.

Now, MOC has made a decision to interactively involve our parish in partnership with the people in New Orleans. The focus, as explained by Father Scalisi, MOC's clergy director, "will be in enlisting

parishioner involvement. We at Redeemer will be changed by working and collaborating with others for godly purposes, seeing the effects of God's desire for us and for His creation, by putting the compassion that He has placed within us into action."

### MULTIPLYING OUR MINISTRY

We have begun by pinpointing for collaboration a specific church in the heart of New Orleans. The Free Church of the Annunciation is a church that has dedicated itself to rebuilding not only its own church infrastructure but the entire neighborhood. It has a long history of ministry and outreach. They were the first in the city, a century ago, to abolish pew rents, the requirement for seating in their pews. This allowed the people of the city who could not afford to pay for seating to be included in the life of the parish; hence the word "Free" at the beginning of their name.

After reclaiming their own church buildings from the flood they chose to move beyond their small parish to help the still suffering larger community surrounding them, for which our MOC and Vestry sent a \$10,000 grant. Even now they are seeking out a local school as their own partner in this new youth ministry.

### BE PART OF THIS NEW MINISTRY

There are many opportunities for Redeemer parishioners to become involved in this new and vibrant ministry. Our plan is to send teams from Redeemer on mission trips to the Free Church of the Annunciation. Here are some ways that you can volunteer:

- As a mentor for youth in the newly forming after school/evening program to help them see themselves as special and as God's children. Help raise up leaders in the youth community to work for peace, justice, and God's Kingdom instead of gang violence.
- As an instructor/teacher in the parish's expanding Christian education outreach to adults.
- As a worker in the continuing construction/rebuilding detail.

Experienced parishioners at Redeemer will provide training for such teams. Watch your bulletin for

further information on the dates and times!

The first mission trip will be Monday, 31 March, through Thursday, 3 April (during Sarasota County's school vacation). We are in the process of planning a second trip in the summer for our youth. Both trips are almost cost-free, as volunteers will drive and stay in the parish's volunteer center for a freewill donation. Of course, volunteers can fly and stay in a hotel and eat on the town. There's much to do and see, especially the many wonderful things that are happening in the city because of the efforts made possible by our donations of time and money.

### DONATE

We will be accepting donations of items needed for our ministry there. Such items include children's books (especially Biblical), sports equipment, board games, art materials, musical instruments, disposable cameras, and non-perishable food for the kids and construction tools to teaching them how to build.

### CHANGE YOUR LIFE EVEN AS YOU CHANGE OTHERS

You never know what an instrument of God's love and healing you can be until you step out and say "yes" to God's desire for His people. And in the process, you will find that something wonderful happens to you. We can't do it all, but we can do something. There are people who need to rebuild their homes and their lives. There are youngsters at a turning point to either grow up into people who are lost, or into future leaders for God's purposes. Would you please be an instrument of God's love to these people and to this area?

### FOR INFORMATION AND SIGN-UP

See the team in Gillespie Hall after Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses, or phone: MOC Secretary Terryann Reed at 923.7211, Youth Minister Brett Watson or Father Scalisi at 955.4263, George Williams at 927.3183, Wendy Fitzgerald at 330.2465, or Walt and Shirley Branstetter at 792.8551.

## Women's Outreach Ministry

**"to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ"**

### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Redeemer Chapter of Daughters of The King, a religious order, meets the second and last Monday of the month in the Eva Pope room. Undertaking their Rule of Life of prayer and service, prayers of more than 30 dedicated

women are lifted up daily for those who have requested prayers. Prayers are offered with love and confidentiality. Prayer Request cards are found in the pew pockets. For more information, telephone Joanne Miller, 358.9691.

### ST. MARY'S GUILD

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Tuesday, 18 March, at 6:30 PM at

the home of Willa Williams, 4715 Almanza Drive. Our program will be presented by Ann Smith, Redeemer member and a teacher of Stretch Exercise. Please bring a covered dish to share. Call Willa at 355.0939 for information or directions. All women of the parish are invited.

## MOR - Men of Redeemer

**Mission: "Encouraging men, through relationships, to seek Christ-centered living."**

### Men - Don't Miss "The Great Adventure"

HEY GUYS: Does life sometimes seem boring or tiring? Looking for a change? The Great Adventure challenges you to break free from the bondage of boredom and begin on the great adventure that God has uniquely designed for YOU: A "Men's Fraternity" series from Robert Lewis - a 20 week study that will **change your life**. The first sessions have begun, but you can join in anytime.

Thursday mornings; 7:00- 8:00 AM in Gillespie Hall.

Workbooks: \$10.00

Call 955.4263 or 957.1271 or just show up! *Free coffee! Easy parking!* Call Todd Menke at 915.9662 for more information.

### 2008 Baseball Outing

Don't miss this outing for Redeemer men, families and friends: 8 March, 1:00 PM, Ed Smith Stadium, Reds vs. Braves, \$9 per ticket - 50 tickets available. Please call John Maxwell at 351.6300 or 812.3638 to purchase your tickets.

### Reaching Every Man workshop with David Dusek

([www.reachingeveryman.com](http://www.reachingeveryman.com))

Saturday, 15 March, 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

\$39 includes workbook and continental breakfast.

This is a powerful workshop for all area men interested in knowing more about ministry to men, and developing a ministry for ALL the men in their churches.

To register call David Dusek 544.4799 or Episcopal Men's Ministries 957.1271, or register at the event.

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross down Main Street - Friday, 21 March

This is an annual community event for men, women and children originated by the Redeemer Friday Men's Prayer Group. Many downtown churches participate each year.

We gather on the sidewalk outside the Hollywood 20 on Main Street at 7:30 AM.

Watch the church bulletin for more details.

### ONGOING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES:

#### Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast

We will continue our discussions weekly on the prior Sunday Service Gospel. All that in the past have attended, and any new ones are very welcome to join us. Fridays in the Eva Pope Room from 7:15 to 8:30 AM. Contact: Bob McNulty at 361.7213.

### Saturday Men's Prayer Group

A group of men from Redeemer and other churches meet in the Eva Pope Room on Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30 AM to pray and study. We are currently reading *Too Busy Not to Pray, Slowing Down to Be With God*, by the Rev. Bill Hybels. Contacts: Frank Braden and Rich Swithers,

### Accountability Groups

Several groups meet at various times throughout the week to discuss daily issues and hold each other accountable to Christian living. For help joining an Accountability Group that meets your schedule, please call Jeff Kern (356.9516) or Tony Veldkamp (374.9567).

### Men's Prayer Chain

The men of the prayer chain pray for Redeemer members and families in times of need. Prayers are offered with love, understanding and confidentiality by 50 dedicated men. To request prayers, please contact David Hunihan at 915.9663.

### Reach 3 Visitation Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to bring the blessings of the love of Jesus Christ to three Redeemer shut-ins on a regular basis. Please contact Joe McSpadden (906.7388) if you would like to participate

# PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Sometimes individuals ask me what kinds of things they might do to keep them mindful of God's presence and our need to serve God. One way to achieve this kind of mindfulness is for us to cultivate various prayers and activities, which will nourish our life with God. Most of them are simple and easily remembered and they have the added benefit of stirring our heart and mind as well as expanding our vision of God's purpose for the created order and us.

These things to remember include:

- **The Sign of the Cross:** + In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- **The Gloria Patri:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.
- **The Good Intention:** I will do all, dearest Lord, for you, for you, sweet Jesus, have done all for me.
- **The Morning Offering** (made upon rising): + My God, I offer you this day both all I do and all I say; Teach me, dear Lord, Your holy will, and help me to fulfill my duty to You.
- **The Evening Prayer:** + Into Your hands, O Lord, this night, I give myself till the morning Light: through all the hours of darkness still keep far both thought and deed of ill.
- **Against daily temptation:** Make the sign of the Holy Cross + while saying, Jesus help me from sinful deeds and thoughts to flee.
- **At all meals:** With the sign of the cross, we ask God's blessing on the food we share.

We are also called to cultivate practices and habits of the heart that will aid a abet our walk in the pilgrim's way. They include:

- Joyful attendance at church as often as we are able - building a corporate sense that each Mass and Office we participate in is for the good of the whole church as well as ourselves and that we intercede on the behalf of those not present.
- Attendance which focuses on the praise of God, a deeper knowledge of his Holy Word and an openness to grace made available in the sacraments, rather than as a means for personal fulfillment or satisfaction.
- Approaching work or lessons with diligence and care and most importantly as an offering to God and to acknowledge this daily in a moment of prayer at noonday.

Make space in our day for practicing the presence of God through meditation and the daily reading of Holy Scripture and to insure that our practice of religion is not isolating, to gladly help the sick, the aged and the needy as our Lord himself would do.

*The Very Rev. William Willoughby, III,  
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## Music Notes



### lenten organ recitals

wednesday, 5 march, 12:10-12:40 pm  
Richard Benedum - Organist/Music Director,  
Christ Church, Bradenton,  
and Julane Rodgers, Harpsichordist

wednesday, 12 march, 12:10-12:40 pm  
Cynthia Roberts-Greene - Organist/Music Director,  
Siesta Key Chapel, and Organist/Music Director,  
Temple Emanu-El

wednesday, 19 march, 12:10-12:40 pm  
Robert Reeves - Minister of Music,  
St. Boniface Episcopal Church, Siesta Key

### solemn evensong

sunday, 16 march, 5:15 pm  
Anthem: *Requiem in d minor* - Gabriel Fauré

### organ concert

friday, 7 march, 7:30 pm  
Paul Jacobs- Concert Organist  
The Juilliard School of Music

### concert

sunday, 9 march, 4:00 pm  
Chamber Orchestra of Florida  
Richard Cormier - Conductor  
Elegies, Lullabies, and Nocturnes