



the church of the redeemer

# The Pelican

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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear People of God:

I have some exciting news to share with you! Actually, I have several exciting bits of news to share with you. First of all, since this Pelican may get to you before Holy Week and Easter, I wish to commend the services of Holy Week and Easter to you. No one needs to be encouraged to attend church on Easter Day, but there are several days prior to Easter Day that should also be packed with worshippers. The first is the first day of Holy Week, Palm Sunday. Begin your observance of Holy Week by attending a service on Palm Sunday and by finishing the day with Evensong at 5:15. There are also masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week. For the one who wants to do an "extra measure of devotion," try attending mass on each of those days.

Then, on Maundy Thursday, 20 March, at 7:30 PM, the Paschal Triduum begins. The most important "three days" in the Christian year begins with the celebration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist, followed by a procession to the Altar of Repose, the stripping of the altars, and the reading of the Gospel of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. After the service, there is a watch before the Altar of Repose until the Liturgy for Good Friday at noon. Worshippers take turns praying for one hour

throughout the night in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Sacrament. Early on the morning of Good Friday, a crowd of usually about 300 walk the Stations of the Cross beginning at Hollywood 20 and ending at the front door of the Church of the Redeemer. This is a wonderful devotion in preparation for the three-hour liturgy beginning at noon. A shorter Good Friday liturgy is also held at 10:00 AM, called the Mass of the Pre-sanctified. The liturgy for Good Friday, beginning at noon, contains a series of meditations, the singing of the Passion According to St. John, the deeply moving Veneration of the Cross during the singing of the Reproaches by the choir, the Solemn Collects, and communion from the Reserved Sacrament. After this portion of the Paschal Triduum ends around 3:00 PM, anyone who wishes to make a confession to a priest may do so. The schedule for confessions is posted in the bulletin.

On Saturday evening the first service of Easter is held, the Great Vigil of Easter. At this service the Paschal Candle is lighted and the *Exsultet*, an ancient resurrection hymn, is sung; we hear a recitation of salvation history through Old Testament readings and the singing of psalms; baptisms are administered; and the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated. We also have three choral liturgies on Easter Day at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00

AM. Incense is used on Maundy Thursday in the evening, at the Great Vigil of Easter, and at the 9:00 AM liturgy on Easter Day. If you have trouble with incense, and still wish to attend one of the liturgies where incense is used, bring a damp handkerchief that you can spread over your mouth and nose. I am told that this takes care of the problem.

I can think of two really good reasons why everyone in the parish should be present for the entire Paschal Triduum. The first reason is that there is no liturgy that better expresses the Christian faith than the liturgy of the great three days. In other words, it expresses who God is and who we are in relation to God, and because it does that it has tremendous converting power, power to change our lives and to make them more Christ-centered. Secondly, we have an obligation to God and to each other for the most important liturgies of the year. Obligation to the other is not taken very seriously, if at all, these days and we are all the poorer for it. Yet, obligation is still a part of the Christian baptismal covenant. God does not require us to do anything that would be bad for us. We need to take our obligations to be in worship on the holiest days of the year seriously.

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## Adult Education Offerings

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

- 6 April Fellowship
- 13 April Miles for Missions
- 20 April Rector's Choice
- 27 April Confirmation Sunday

### 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> <b>Saturday Night Worship</b> <i>Contemporary Worship, Relevant Teaching, Holy Communion, New Friends, Coffee...</i>	222 South Palm Avenue Sarasota, FL 34236 (941) 955-4283
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The second item that I want you to know about is that after much reflection and prayer I have come to the conclusion that we need to refocus on developing fellowship groups in the parish. These fellowship groups would be for the purpose of Bible study, prayer, and, you guessed it, fellowship. It is my hope that everyone in the parish will actively participate in a home fellowship group. I have asked Father Marsden to coordinate this new program which I

hope will begin in the fall.

The strategic planning process continues. Many people completed the parish survey and I am looking forward to reading the results. The Strategic Planning Committee, the Vestry, and a few other leaders in the parish will have a retreat on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April for the purpose of developing a strategic plan based upon the results of the front porch meetings and the survey. I wish to thank everyone who has participated in this process.

Finally, I know I will see almost

everyone on Easter. The Sunday after Easter is called Low Sunday because attendance is so low on that day. Let's see if we can be an exception to the rule!

See you in church.

Faithfully yours,

*Jr. Fred+*



The Three Women at the Tomb - Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1255-1319)

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salo'me, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid. (Mark 16:1-8)

## Around and About the Parish

### MEDICS TREAT SEVERELY BURNED IRAQI CHILDREN

Maduffa, an Iraqi citizen, held one of his two children tenderly as he expressed gratitude to medics and physician assistants for treating his severely burned children in the aid station at Forward Operating Base Rustamiyah, Feb. 13.

Maduffa's son Ali, 6, and daughter Zahra, 5, recently suffered burns from an accidental fire at a local gas station.

Treating children is one of the biggest challenges for medical personnel, said Sgt. Stephen Eisele (son of Redeemer member Julie Eisele), HHB, 5th Bn, 25th FA.



As a father, Eisele couldn't help but think of his own child while he treated Ali and Zahra. "I thought of my daughter the whole time," he said.

While examining the children, medics made sure to speak with their father, ensuring he understood what was going on, explained Eisele. Maduffa was thankful for that, he said.

The children seemed somewhat scared about the treatment, but Eisele could tell they were thankful, too.

*(excerpts from an article in the "Fort Polk Guardian")*

### FOOD - FUN - FELLOWSHIP Redeemer Supper Clubs are forming

Supper Clubs are a great opportunity for Christian fellowship and formation. Supper clubs are small groups that meet monthly to share a time of devotion and a common meal. Each small group will be formed out of six individuals or couples. Each member of the club will take turns hosting a pot

luck dinner for the other members over the course of the next six months. After six months, new clubs will be formed. Parishioners who are interested in joining a supper club may contact the parish office or sign up in Gillespie Hall following services.

### NEW ADULT CLASS

A new Wednesday series of adult classes will begin on 26 March. This course, taught mainly by the Rector, will be based on the book *Theology, the Basics* by Alister McGrath. There will be two Wednesday groups - a morning one at 10:30 and an evening one at 6:00 - who will meet for six weeks, ending on 30 April. Sign up on the lists in Gillespie Hall, or call Anna in the parish office, 955.4263.

### CARITAS FOOD MINISTRY (PANTRY)

Thank you for your continuing support of the Caritas Pantry by your donations of food and money. We particularly need canned vegetables and fruit. We also need plastic grocery bags. Please keep the Pantry in your prayers and in your hearts.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The next blood pressure screening is scheduled for Saturday, 5 April 2008, after the 5:30 PM Mass, and Sunday, 6 April 2008, between all Masses in Gillespie Hall. If you received a card with your blood pressure reading, please bring it with you, so the card can be updated with the new reading.

### SHINGLES VACCINE AVAILABLE

The new shingles vaccine is available at the Sarasota County Health Department, 2200 Ringling Boulevard. You must call for an appointment. There is currently a 4-6 week wait for a shingles vacci-

nation. Contact Cathy Nelson, 861.2914. The cost is \$157.35. Some physicians offer the vaccination to patients in their offices at a cost ranging from \$200-\$280. It is not covered by Medicare Part B, but some carriers of Medicare Part D cover it. Check your insurance to see if this vaccine is covered. You do not need a physician's order to obtain the vaccine from the Health Department. You should be at least 60 years old with no immune system problems. It is always wise to check with your physician first, as your physician may advise you not to have the shingles vaccine at this time.

### GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD

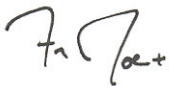
A prayer for expectant families will be included in the Prayers of the People on the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Cathy Brush at 359.3388 to be included in the prayers.

# Our Missionary Call

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)*

As many of you may know, the Church of the Redeemer is heavily involved in reaching out to ministries and individuals, both overseas and in our own backyard, through our Missions and Outreach Committee. One of the most recent and exciting partnerships we have undertaken is the missionary work of Thadd and Laura Davis, who left for the mission field of Europe in late January. Through your generosity, along with that of others around the country, their work has been made possible. In an effort to keep this spirit of partnership alive, this new column will be dedicated to keeping us updated in their lives and work, as well as the work of others that have heard the call to serve as missionaries. I hope that this new column is both informative and edifying to our Redeemer family.

In Christ,



**FROM THADD AND LAURA DAVIS**



## **Getting our bearings...**

In answering the inevitable "So, what's it like?", we are overly aware of our response being too excited (in case our listener hears

"This vacation is great" with oompah music in the background) or being overly glum to exhibit the historically harsh life of missionaries. So in the interest of being real, here's how it is going, at least so far.

### **Answered Prayer Requests:**

Our container arrived unscathed (furniture too).

We are adjusting to the colder weather.

We have completed unpacking and our apartment is in order.

We've found a wonderful language school.

### **Highlights:**

We start language school February 25, 2008 in Freiburg (1 hour north).

In January, Laura created the GEM TEFL website. [www.gemtefl.org](http://www.gemtefl.org).

Our apartment and neighborhood are perfect for our desired ministry in Germany.

2008 TEFL summer trips are available for you. Please see below for more information.

### **Current Prayer Requests:**

The Visa application process to go smoothly.

Relationship building with our neighbors.

Finding a church home.

For the spiritual darkness in Europe that is so prevalent.

### **Apartment/Neighbors**

Our new apartment is a cozy place about a kilometer away from downtown Lörrach. After our container arrived Jan. 31st, we were able to set up our new home, put up light fixtures, explore the trash/recycling center, and interact with a few neighbors. While attempting to squeeze our bikes, the trash bin, and our car into the garage, a neighbor saw that I had a mountain bike and invited me on a ride with some of his friends (which I'll blog about once it happens). Laura is adapting to cooking with different foods and using Celsius and grams in an unfamiliar kitchen. One of our first nights here while Laura was

making some cookies, we realized we had no salt and that it was a Sunday so all the stores were closed. I headed up to our kind neighbor with the empty salt shaker as a prop. So after the door was opened and a greeting given, the prop was employed with a brief explanation in broken German and a solid "bitte" (please). I returned with enough for the batch of cookies. We feel encouraged, although continuously humbled through our interactions with the neighbors and feel the urgency even more about learning the language and the cultural norms that undergird so many intricacies of life.

### **Language School**

A large part of everyday life involves misunderstandings, either as grocery clerks ramble off directions to weigh vegetables or as the recycling center manager insists on our cardboard going in another bin, next to the newsprint and clear glass. And so we'll begin language school this month. We visited a few schools and enrolled in a school that a friend (who is now fairly fluent) attended. The school is located in Freiburg, about an hour north by train, but we are glad for the commute as it gives us time to hear more German and study together rather than drive.

### **Church Search**

We've attended two different churches and continue to look for a local congregation to join. Please keep praying for God to lead us to a church in which we can worship, serve, and invite neighbors – eventually.

### **Fasnacht**

The days before Lent are known as Fasnacht and are much like Mardi Gras in the US. Every town has a celebration which usually involves a parade with bands, witch clans, and various spooky-looking costumes. There's a lot

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**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  
 6:00 PM Bereavement Group

**Tuesday**

Noon Lectionary Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Inquirers' Class

**Wednesday**

6:00 AM Men's Class  
 10:30 AM Theology Class  
 5:00 PM Children's Choirs  
 6:00 PM Jr. EYC  
 6:00 PM Theology Class

**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 Breakfast  
 7:00 PM Sr. EYC Open House

**APRIL CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, 2 April**

8:00 AM Staff meeting (office  
 closes at 4:00 PM)

**Friday, 11 April**

New Beginnings Weekend

**Monday, 14 April**

9:30 AM Daughters of the King

**Tuesday, 15 April**

6:30 PM St. Mary's Guild

**Thursday, 17 April**

9:30 AM Pelican mailing crew

**Saturday, 19 April**

4:00 PM Wedding:  
 Walker/Barkey

**Wednesday, 23 April**

10:00 AM Endowment Committee

**Saturday, 26 April**

2:00 PM "Seussical the Musical"

7:30 PM "Seussical the Musical"

**Sunday, 27 April**

7:00 PM "Seussical the Musical"

**Monday, 28 April**

9:30 AM Daughters of the King

7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, 29 April**

6:30 PM Last Inquirers' Class

**Wednesday, 30 April**

10:30 AM Last Theology Class

6:00 PM Last Theology Class

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**Joining the Parish Family:**

Beth Cotner  
 446 Golden Gate Point #401  
 Sarasota, FL 34236

Eleuterio and Leonor Pineda  
 2356 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Sarasota, FL 34234

Jaime and Guadalupe Pineda  
 2207 Lockwood Meadows Circle  
 Sarasota, FL 34234

**Transferring Out:**

Curtis and Melliss Swenson  
 to St. Boniface Church, Sarasota, FL

David and Donna Black  
 to All Saints' Church, Winter Park, FL

Dorothy Moeri and Frank Dyke  
 to Christ Church, Bradenton, FL

Tony and Marilyn Dunn  
 to St. John's Church, Charlotte, NC

**Restore Active**

Roberta Jackson

**Deaths:**

"Rest eternal grant unto them..."  
 Earl B. Fowler  
 Lawrence Ledwell



**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).



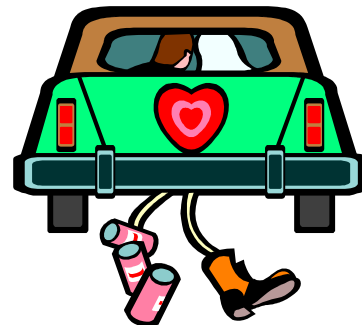
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 our website at**

**[www.Redeemersarasota.org](http://www.Redeemersarasota.org)**

**April Birthdays**

- 1 Rachael Almy, Gretchen Rimmer, Mike Ropele, Brooke Zaccagnino
- 2 Gloria Clendenon, Dave Donnelly, Laura Gordon, James Lohmann, Kristina Rossi, Dede Weber
- 3 Shirley Branstetter, Allie Davidson, Jennifer Siddons
- 4 Sally Martell, Shannon Munger
- 5 Jerry Del Tufo, Bob Haeffner, Theresa Jaquith, Jennifer Weber
- 6 Francie Boardman, John Creighton, Kraig Koach, Chip Longhi, Carolyn McKenzie, Aaron Reger, Phil Shaffer
- 7 Ray Klingler, Shawn Kuusela, Annica Reddish
- 8 Dale Adcock, John Dumbaugh, David Kern, Vickie Longhi, Bill Walters, Barbara Wright
- 9 Austin Allen, Julian Hase
- 10 Fr. Tom Fitzgerald, Barbara Hughes, Avery Morse, Dora Riverol, Betsy Seminario
- 11 Meaghan Bingman, Rebecca Brown, Dave Halladay
- 12 Bill Amory, Frazier Grade, Anne Sager, Andy Wheeler
- 13 Julie Bennett, Erick Brenner, Jay Crouse, Spencer Custer, Sally Kessler, Gerry Pelegrin
- 14 Bob Barylski, Isabelle Bermudez, Nevin Legare, Par Reid, Susan Tolerton
- 15 Ed Goebel, Don Skinner
- 16 Ronald Balazs, Margaret Buck, Edward Crouse, Lynn Hepner, Brady Hill, Jeff Kern, Regina Smith
- 17 Susan Dabney, Jenae Marshall, Craig McLeod, Elaine Palmer
- 18 Patty Bettle, Robin Brown, Yarnall Dabney, Steve Devitt, Shannon Hunihan, Maureen Hunt, Carlos Juarez, Rebecca Larson, Angela McKenzie, Ross Sidney

- 19 Eileen Hampshire, Peggy Huber, Sean Wilkinson
- 20 Patti Donnelly, Dane Fieber, Linda Kneeland, Christopher Menke, Harold Nippert, Lisa Rotolo, Pauline Speir
- 21 Louise Ebbeson, Norberto Marin, Fr. Bill Paran, Ann Ross, Lori Solu
- 22 Paul Alford, Susan Gregory, Lee McGinness, Bunny Miller, Lat Turner
- 23 Helen Brown, Julie Caller, Preston Clement, Maranda Kles, Peter Morse, Ken Rimmer, Anise Veldkamp, Frederick Witt
- 24 Dannelly Farrow, Jim Hepner, Marian Jennings, Jonathan Lineweaver, Julian Smith, Chuck Swanson, Rich Van Buskirk
- 25 Lindsey Brush, Lorna Golder, Leslie Juarez, Jon Rogers, Ginny Wyatt
- 26 Kathryn Dunlap, Leslie Rogers, Louise Stewart, Debbie Veldkamp, Eden Veldkamp
- 27 Katherine Ellicott, Harriet Ledwell, Robin Nixon, Jeanne Roches
- 28 Jessica Daiello, Courtney Pollard, Becky Stiff, Barbara Van Arsdale
- 29 Marjorie Baldwin, Dorothy Brubaker, Noah Claus, Bill Goins, Greg Jackson, Emilie Lineweaver, John Potvin, Russ Ryan, Danielle Thomas, Nevin Thomas, Meghan Watts
- 30 William Caravetta, Margaret McCall, Hetty McSweeney, Elizabeth Reid

**April Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Bill & Pat Mudgett
- 2 James & Gloria Clendenon, Ron & Mikaela Jones, Craig & Erin McLeod
- 4 Al & Mimi Hernandez
- 5 Bart & Pam Cox, Robert & Marie Sherman
- 6 James & Elaine Watt
- 7 Christopher & Bonnie Daiello
- 8 Nigel & Lynn Mison, D.K. & Edie Morton, Tom & Marilyn Nunan, Fr. Ferd & Nina Saunders
- 11 Mike & Mary Jane Hartenstine
- 12 Sandy & Angela Rinaldi
- 13 Mit & Carol Otte
- 14 Jim & Eileen Vanderhoff
- 15 Rocco & Jeanette Scarpinato
- 16 Alan & Debbie Abbey, Justin & Tara King
- 19 Dee & Christine Dibble
- 20 Jack & Sally Jaret, Zacc & Darcy Zaccagnino
- 21 Bob & Pat Johnson
- 22 Russ & Dana Vega, Bill & Lesley Walters
- 23 James & Barbara Machan, Frederick & Flo Witt
- 24 Alan & Barbara Negus, Leo & Colleen Ruffini
- 25 John & Gail Landry
- 26 Jerry & Anne Smith
- 28 John & Barbara Dumbaugh
- 30 Ed & Carole Caldwell, Peter & Lisa Dailey, Bill & Marcy Doyle, Arthur & Sharon Magrann, John & Joanna Meyer, Ed & Ginny Wyatt

## Our Missionary Call - page 2

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about Fasnacht that makes Christians uncomfortable (witches, devils, superstition), but since we're still learning about all aspects of the culture, we take this too with a (borrowed) grain of salt. We're excited though as Lent is here and therefore Fasnacht is not. Here is a picture from the parade we ran into in Müllheim.

One of our continuing prayers for the hearts, minds, cultures, and souls of Europeans, is invigorated as we see and understand more of their world. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to understand the culture and yet cling even closer to the Kingdom culture under the Lordship of Christ of which we are eternally citizens.

### Team Building

We spent the first week in February meeting with our new teams for Strategic Planning. This time was set aside to come together as teams and plan our goals for 2008. It was a great time for both of us to see what 2007 held for our respective teams and to catch a glimpse of how our talents would be used in the coming year. After the meeting, Laura's team, eDOT, went on a weekend spiritual retreat to get to know each other better. Thadd's team spent time seeking God's will for direction on how to be more effective in the future. This was a wonderful time for both of us as we started to develop relationships with our coworkers.

### TEFL Training in Colorado

Two weeks prior to arriving in Germany, we were in Colorado for a TEFL training with many other missionaries who train teams and teach around the world. Thadd learned more about how to lead and train teams to be effective, even during two-week sessions. We looked at how to develop team cohesion, select quality curriculum, facilitate student involvement, and how to meet the need of our learners with integrity to build lasting relationships. Laura used the time

in her mobile office (anywhere she has an Internet connection) to build the website for Greater Europe Mission's TEFL program ([www.gemtefl.org](http://www.gemtefl.org)) which provides further information on the short term trips coming up this summer.

### Summer 2008 TEFL Trips

If you'd like a more hands on approach to missions, please consider a short term TEFL trip to teach English in Europe. Please let us know if you'd like more information on any of these opportunities or go to [www.gemtefl.org](http://www.gemtefl.org).

Thadd and Laura

### MISSION: NEW ORLEANS

On Thursday, 6 March, our parish family was honored to welcome Fr. Jerry Kramer, Rector of the Free Church of the Annunciation in New Orleans. He explained to those gathered at dinner that night exactly how New Orleans had been devastated by Hurricane Katrina as well as the progress that has been made by the church so far. A dramatic illustration of this last point was made by a Harvard group that had come in to study the issues of disaster recovery. Although this group was initially antagonistic toward churches and the role of religion, it stated that a critical element in any rebuilding effort is the church. In other words, because of their observations of Annunciation and its ministry in the aftermath of the hurricane, the "blueprint" that will be studied and used as a guide indicates that the central role of the church is absolutely essential for a city to recover in any future disaster scenario!

More specific to the needs of New Orleans, Fr. Kramer brought tears to some in the crowd as he explained the dire conditions of those struggling under the conditions of a landscape that is ravaged, both by the lingering physical destruction and psychological despair. Against seemingly overwhelming odds, the Church of the Annunciation attempts to help in as

many ways as possible. In fact, one of the statistics that I was able to remember is that during all of last year the city of New Orleans received 150 requests for assistance, while the Church of the Annunciation received 180 requests in a two week period at the end of the year.

Many people have forgotten about the suffering that is still going on in my home state. Many others think that they do not have "what it takes" to help. However, one of the most important things that Fr. Kramer said is what those in New Orleans want and need most is simply to know that people still remember and still care. Such things cannot be very far from our minds because, as we all know, our beloved church building sits about 500 feet away from that same destruction if a hurricane should come our way.

We have opportunities to help those in New Orleans coming our way, ranging from going there on short mission trips to sending donations of money and supplies to help them. We can do so much, even to let them know that they are not forgotten. One of those attending the dinner asked the very astute question of Fr. Kramer, "who cares for the caregivers." In answer, Fr. Kramer paused for a while and seemed to bow under the terrible weight of responsibility, eventually saying that he depended on his partner churches for that. As you hear more about our relationship with Fr. Kramer, the Church of the Annunciation, and the people of New Orleans, please prayerfully consider your part. How we respond has everything to do with what it means to be a Christian.

*'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or*

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# 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, 15 April, at 6:30 PM, at

the home of Flo Mullin, 2575 Hillview Street. Erin Scalisi will speak about children and music. Bring a dish to share. All women of the parish are welcome. Call Flo at 953.5658 for more information.

# 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.

## 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.




Scenes from the MOR annual Valentine's Day dinner



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*prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'* (Matthew 25:37-40)



### MISSION: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Many of you know that the Church of the Redeemer has ongoing mission work in the Dominican Republic and has supported many ministries during the past ten years. In addition to the building team that goes every year, we have also had several Vacation Bible School teams, as well as a medical team during this period of time.

On February 10, Bienvenido Lopez was one of the deacons ordained at the closing of the Diocesan Convention. This was a most memorable moment. I was one of the many honored guests, and one of the presenters. The celebration was held at a stadium with thousands of people attending. The Church of the Redeemer purchased the stole for Bienvenido and gave him a \$300 gift towards his discretionary fund. Father Joe Scalisi also sent a personal gift to Father Bienvenido.

All the above details are not as important as the fact that God allowed me to be one of Father Bienvenidos's mentors and encourager for many years, both while I lived in the DR and during the many trips that I made the last few years. Father Bienvenido and I stayed in close contact as needed, during a number of years. He had a period away from the seminary and had to overcome some very difficult times. Father Bienvenido's ordination is a wonderful miracle from God, an answer to a lot of prayers and fruit of Redeemer's long investment of time and money in the DR.

He celebrated his first Mass at the mission church of Divina Providencia in the town of Guerra. (This is one of the mission churches

where I served with Father Felix for a period of time while I lived in the DR.) This Sunday was a standing-room only celebration. The building was packed with members and other public officials. I had the honor to receive a plaque for the Church of the Redeemer recognizing its support of Father Bienvenido and these missions.

Father Bienvenido will now be the Vicar of Divina Providencia, which has a temple, as well as two other missions – "San Pablo y San Lucas" in the town of San Isidro and "De La Gracia" in the town of La Caleta, who gather every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist outdoors. Father Bienvenido and I visited the mission in San Isidro and I was really moved by the fire and the spirit in this community. We spoke with more than 25-30 persons in this poor community of mostly deplorable shacks. Great warm smiles welcomed Father Bienvenido and me. About 80 members attend an outdoor celebration every Sunday in the scorching afternoon sun. The spirit is so strong in this mission that nothing will deter them from giving thanks and praise to God, even in these most difficult conditions. They are in need, of course, of a building – a temple – they can call their church home, and have a strong prayer chain going for God to make this provision.

I continue to praise God and each and everyone of you for your prayers and your financial support of the mission work He has called us to do in the Dominican Republic. It is with joy that I report to you what God is doing with our investment! May we continue to be blessed with much fruit.

Doris Schweppe,  
 Your Missionary to the DR

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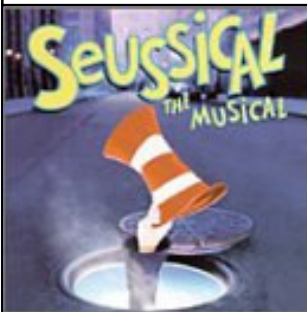
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## Music Notes



### “Seussical the Musical”

Presented by the Youth of Redeemer

Saturday, 26 April - 2:00 and 7:30 PM

Sunday, 27 April - 7:00 PM

Music: Steven Flaherty - Book: Lynn Ahrens & Steven Flaherty - Lyrics: Lynn Ahrens

Based on the beloved characters and stories of Dr. Seuss, *Seussical the Musical* follows the adventures of Horton, an elephant who one day hears voices coming from a speck of dust. He soon discovers that within this tiny speck exists the smallest planet in the universe! And upon this tiny planet, live a tiny race of creatures known as Whos! Although ridiculed by the other animals in the Jungle of Nool for believing in something he cannot see, Horton stubbornly persists in his belief that the Whos exist. Meanwhile, the citizens of Who are having some adventures of their own, including a war over which side of the bread gets buttered. Jojo, the smallest child in the city of Who, parallels Horton's journey as he is ostracized for the unpopular act of thinking--an activity not encouraged by the parents and teachers of Whosville. But in spite of these obstacles, Jojo and Horton attempt to do what they think is right, and together they sing the duet "Alone in the Universe." However, their path will not be easy. Horton is sold to the Circus McGurkus and eventually goes on trial before Judge Yertle the Turtle before the other animals of the jungle come to understand, as Horton has always known, that "a person's a person, no matter how small." During the course of the story, the Cat in the Hat pops in and out of scenes, narrating, playing numerous characters, and helping the younger members of the audience keep track of what's going on.