



the church of the redeemer

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From the Rector's Desk

Dear People of God:

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light..." With these words we begin a new year on Sunday, 28 November, the First Sunday of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of the Christian Year as we prepare for the coming of Christ, both as the Babe in Bethlehem and as he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

The mood of Advent is both penitential and joyful – penitential in that we are bidden to "put away the works of darkness," everything in our lives that does not glorify God; and joyful in that we look forward to that final consummation of history when our Lord Jesus Christ will return in power and great glory, and all who have been redeemed by him will rise to the life immortal.

Once again this year, through the divine drama of the liturgy, we will experience the life of Christ. We will celebrate his birth, see him manifest as Savior of the world through the visit of the Magi, see him baptized by John in the Jordan River, recall his temptations in the wilderness, witness the calling of his disciples, hear his teachings and witness his miracles, and all of this leading to the purpose of his mission – to suffer and die on the cross and on the third day be raised. We will celebrate his ascension into heaven and the coming of

the Holy Spirit to the apostles. The Church invites us all to enter fully into this representation of the Love of our Lord, that it may be a converting experience for us, changing us more into the people he created us to be. May this new year indeed be such a time for the people of Redeemer.

At The Redeemer we begin this new year in the season of Advent with several opportunities for joyful renewal of our faith, not only with the regular offerings of Sunday and weekday liturgies, but also with a few very special events. On Sunday, 12 December, we will have our annual Lessons and Carols where we hear, through scripture and music, the prophecies that foretold the coming of the Messiah. The service of Lessons and Carols is also an opportunity for us to express through our presence our appreciation to our choirs for the wonderful contribution they make to our common life. On Sunday, 19 December, our increasingly popular Messiah Sing-a-long will also help to prepare us to celebrate the birth of the Messiah through the singing of Handel's masterpiece. You can either join in singing or simply listen.



A unique offering this year during the month of December will be the ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of the Rev. Lance Wallace on 7 December, the Feast of St. Ambrose of Milan. Deacon Lance comes to us through the Diocese of Central Florida. Our own

Bishop Smith will ordain him on behalf of Bishop Howe of Central Florida. Since Deacon Lance went through the process of candidacy for Holy Orders in that diocese, it is customary for him to finish that process through that diocese. Once he is made a priest, he will request membership in our diocese, the Diocese of Southwest Florida. This is an important event in the life of our parish and we should all make every effort to be present. It is also a unique opportunity to see an ordination to the priesthood! That liturgy begins at 6:30 PM.

The new Christian Year is getting off to an exciting beginning at The Redeemer. Make your plans now to Take Your Place!

See you in church.

In Christ,

Fr. Fred+

Adult Education Offerings

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

- 5 December Rector's Time
- 12 December Rector's Time
- 19 December Decorate parish
Christmas tree
- 26 December Fellowship

BRIDGE TO THE WORD

Sunday at 10:10 AM in Room 207.

TUESDAY LECTIONARY STUDY

Parishioner Frank Braden facilitates the reading and discussion of the collect, psalm, and three lessons to be read on the following Sunday, enabling participants to more readily appreciate those lessons when they are heard in church. This class meets on Tuesdays at Noon in the Eva Pope Room.

Admit All	Church of the Redeemer	222 South Palm Avenue (941) 955-4283 Sarasota, FL 34236
	Saturday Night Worship	
	<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>	

the church of the redeemer christ-mass schedule

confessions in preparation for the christ-mass

Monday, 20 December	5:30-6:00 PM	Fr. Robinson
Tuesday, 21 December	5:30-6:00 PM	Fr. Marsden
Wednesday, 23 December	5:30-6:00 PM	Fr. Wallace



CHRIST-MASS SERVICES

CHRIST-MASS EVE, FRIDAY

- 4:00 PM Family Service ~ Rite II (A service especially for families with young children - babysitting provided.)
- 6:00 PM Brass Quartet
- 6:30 PM Solemn Eucharist ~ Rite II (Babysitting provided)
- 10:00 PM Brass Quartet
- 10:30 PM Midnight Mass ~ Rite I (Party following in Gillespie Hall - no child care)

CHRIST-MASS DAY, SATURDAY

- 7:30 AM The Holy Eucharist ~ Rite I
- 10:00 AM Choral Eucharist ~ Rite I (No child care)

Around and About the Parish

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The four-week baptism preparation classes for those being baptized on **9 January, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord**, will be held on Sundays, 5, 12, 19 December, and 2 January, from 10:15 to 11:15 AM in the Rector's office. Adults who are to be baptized, and parents and godparents of children to be baptized, must attend all of these four classes. (Nursery care is available during these sessions.) If you are planning to attend, please call the parish office, 955.4263. For the first meeting you will need to bring the names and addresses of godparents and sponsors.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

The Salvation Army Angel Tree will be set up in Gillespie Hall on Sunday, 21 November. This tree will be decorated with gift tags for needy children and elderly citizens of the Sarasota community who don't have anyone to remember them during the holidays. Pick a tag from the tree, read the instructions on the tag, and go shopping! Multiple gifts for one person must be placed in a plastic bag with the stick-on ID tag attached to the bag. Large items like bikes must have the stiff numbered tag attached. Please return all gifts to either The Salvation Army as listed on the tag, by 10 December, or, you may bring items to the Redeemer Angel Tree on or before SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER at 2 PM – no later please; the Salvation Army will pick them up later that day.

BLOODMOBILE RETURNS

The Bloodmobile from the Sun-coast Communities Bloodbank will be at the Church of the Redeemer on Sunday, 5 December 2010, from 8:15 AM to 12:45 PM in front of the church. An appointment is not necessary. Youth can participate: age 16 with parent consent, and age 17 without parent consent. The need for blood is ongoing,

and your blood donation will help to save lives. Other Blood Drives are scheduled for 13 March, 12 June, and 28 August 2011. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Remember to return your "Support Our Troops," care packages by 5 December. For more information call David Swain, 780.6031.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR DECORATIONS

If you wish to contribute for the Christmas altar decorations as memorials or thank offerings, please make your check payable to "Church of the Redeemer." Mark your check "Christmas altar decorations." Include the names you want printed in the Christmas bulletin on a separate piece of paper, or use the envelope which was included in your November *Pelican*. Categories are: "in loving memory of . . .," "in memory of the loved ones of . . .," and "in thanksgiving for blessings received." Additional envelopes for this purpose are available in the narthex. Names and contributions must be in the parish office, "Attention: Carolyn," by 5:00 PM on Monday, 29 November, to be included in the bulletin.

BE A BELL RINGER!

The Church of the Redeemer has adopted a Salvation Army kettle for this upcoming Holiday season. Thank you to the many people who have already signed up for a shift! We still have some openings, and we need everyone's help. This will be fun for friends and families. Ask someone to be your partner for 2 hours to help ring the bell and make money for the Salvation Army. The location is The Landings Publix, and dates are 26 November – 24 December (but not on Sundays). Two-hour shifts are available from 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM each

day. You will be able to sign up after church, or by email to Janet Trefry, janettrefry@gmail.com. If you have any questions, Janet is the one to ask.

CAROLING TO SHUT-INS

You are invited to the Annual Caroling to Redeemer Shut-ins. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, 11 December. We will meet in the staff parking lot at 4:30 PM and go caroling, with a party to follow at John and Cathie Meyer's home, 6832 Jarvis Road. Food and beverages will be provided. Please bring a gift to exchange. Each woman, please provide a gift for a woman, and each man provide a gift for a man, maximum \$15 please. Please RSVP, 379.0681. Please join us to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Christmas is right around the corner and Redeemer has the perfect gift idea for your loved ones, friends, and fellow parishioners - a copy of the new book that celebrates the wonder of Redeemer, *The Splendor of His Temple*. Sure to be a collector's edition, the 160-page coffee-table book showcases the stunning beauty, art, craft, architecture, and history of our glorious church. The book includes hundreds of full-color photographs and a new CD featuring the sounds of our magnificent organ and Redeemer choirs.

Reserve your copy of this limited-edition book today by calling the parish office. The cost is \$30.00, which includes the music CD. All proceeds support the production of the book and the Church of the Redeemer.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Would you like to be considered for the 2011-2013 Vestry? The Vestry manages the temporal concerns of the parish, overseeing the budget and assuring that the

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buildings and grounds are well-maintained. The Vestry, along with the Rector, also provides oversight of the various commissions and committees of the parish. Each person serves a three-year term, and each vestry member serves on at least one ministry committee or chairs a special need of the parish. To be a member of the Vestry you must be at least 18 years old, a member of the parish for at least one year, a giver of record to the operating fund, and a communicant in good standing. We meet as a Vestry once a month on a Monday evening. The parish family will elect four new vestry members at our Annual Parish Meeting in January. If you are interested, please contact Pat Fitzgerald, Senior Warden, tpfitz77@comcast.net, or 780.5883.

ANNUAL AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES SALE

Start your Christmas shopping early and give a gift of HOPE to our African sisters and brothers in Christ.

It is once more the time of the year for The Redeemer's African Team Ministries craft sale. Jewelry, nativity sets, carved animals and masks, pottery, scarves, totes, and other decorative items, handmade by women of East Africa, will be offered for sale in Gillespie Hall on 5 and 12 December.

All sale proceeds go African Team Ministries, a Christian organization founded in 1984, serving as an intermediary between American and East African churches in Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. It provides funding for orphan and refugee relief missions and evangelism, with a special emphasis on the education of children.

HEALING TAKES TIME

Healing is a process. It takes time. Change occurs over time. Jesus will bring you joy, give you

hope and courage, while you trust Him, love Him, and believe in Him. It is hard for many sophisticated twenty-first century people to humble themselves and believe Jesus Christ plays a major role in our lives today. He does. He uses doctors, medicines, and healing prayer. His healing power is released during healing prayer to heal, to strengthen, to comfort and to bless.

Jesus heals today. He is the same today as He was yesterday and will be tomorrow. Our Lord heals. May He touch and heal you through His healing ministry here at The Redeemer.

Please come forward at 10:00 AM Friday mornings for prayers of healing or thanksgiving and allow Him to heal you or those you love. Our Lord heals today. Thanks be to God.

If you would like to discuss this, feel free to contact Fr. Lampert. He would be pleased to talk with you about this.

CATHEDRAL AND PUB TOUR

Travel with Father Jim Hedman to London England for stunning cathedrals and classic English pubs! We will spend 8 full days traveling through England with the services of expert



tour guides and hosts, to witness many of the most breathtaking Cathedrals and sights in the British Isles. The trip will leave Tampa on June 12th, 2011 and return the 21st. For more information, please contact Patda DeLaTorre at patda1@mindspring.com or St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church @ 941.751.5048. You can check out the trip details at <http://www.thebritishconnection.com/cathedrals/episcopalian.html>.

FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE: **THE FLU SEASON IS HERE!**

Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Stay home if you are sick for 7 days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer. This is to keep from infecting others and spreading the virus further.

Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.

If you must have close contact with a sick person (for example, hold a sick infant), try to wear a facemask or N95 disposable respirator.

GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD

A prayer for families expecting the birth of a child 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.

We ♥ our Pelican Crew!

Chairpersons:
Barbara & Jack Petrecca

Ronelle Ashby, Ruth & Frank Braden, Deedee Cousins, Charlotte Evans, Joan Falls, Lorena Harris, Willene & Ralph Hedges, Alice Holds, Harriet Ledwell, Mary Lindamood, JoAnn McKinney, Mae Miller, Helen Rayevich, Jane & Sam Skogstad, Regina Smith, and Ellen Allman.

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

3:45 PM 11:00 AM Choir
 5:30 PM Canterbury Choir

Tuesday

Noon Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesday

4:30 PM Youth Confirmation
 5:00 PM Children's Choirs
 6:00 PM Jr. EYC
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday

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

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, 1 December

10:30 AM Romans/*The Journey*/
 St. Augustine
 12:10 PM Advent Organ Recital
 6:30 PM Romans/*The Journey*/
 St. Augustine
 4:00 PM last LOGOS

Saturday, 4 December

11:00 AM Golden Girls' Luncheon

Sunday, 5 December

African Crafts Sale
 10:15 PM Baptism Preparation

Monday, 6 December

January Pelican deadline
 9:00 AM Heart to Heart
 Book Club

Tuesday, 7 December

6:30 PM Ordination of Deacon
 Lance Wallace

Wednesday, 8 December

8:00 AM Staff meeting (Office
 closes at 4:00 PM)
 10:30 AM Romans/*The Journey*
 12:10 PM Advent Organ Recital
 6:30 PM Romans/*The Journey*

Saturday, 11 December

7:30 PM Florida Voices Concert

Sunday, 12 December

African Crafts Sale
 10:15 PM Baptism Preparation
 5:15 PM Lessons and Carols

Monday, 13 December

9:30 AM Daughters of the King
 7:30 PM Riverview H.S. Concert

Wednesday, 15 December

10:30 AM Romans
 12:10 PM Advent Organ Recital
 6:30 PM Romans

Sunday, 19 December

10:15 AM Baptism Preparation
 7:30 PM Messiah Sing-along

Monday, 20 December

7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 22 December

12:10 PM Advent Organ Recital
 No EYC

Thursday, 23 December

9:30 AM Pelican mailing crew

Friday, 24 December

Christ-mass Eve
 4:00 PM Family Service
 6:30 PM Solemn High Eucharist
 10:30 PM Midnight Mass

Saturday, 25 December

Christ-mass Day
 7:30 AM Said Eucharist
 10:00 AM Choral Eucharist
 No 5:30 PM service

Sunday, 26 December

No EYC

Monday, 27 December

9:30 AM Daughters of the King

Wednesday, 29 December

No Confirmation
 No EYC

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Joining the Parish Family:

Ralph and Mary Armington
 6927 North Kenton Avenue
 Lincolnwood, IL 60712-2429

Rodney and Kathryn Hollingsworth, Jr.
 Lewis, Grace, and Avery
 1684 Peregrine Point Drive
 Sarasota, FL 34231-2331

Frederick (Fritz) Johnson
 6909 16th Avenue Drive West
 Bradenton, FL 34209

Marriages:

"Those whom God has joined together..."
 William Allen Leete and
 Anne Morrison Lambrecht
 30 October 2010

Stevan Collins and
 Taylor Tollerton
 6 November 2010

Baptisms:

"We receive you into the household of God..."
 Athena Louise Barkey
 Briella Lincoln Barkey
 Kathryn Joy Daoust
 Becket Douglas Smith
 Samuel Hugh Stringer

Deaths:

"Rest eternal grant unto them..."
 Ralph Armington
 William Brunson
 Barbara Hughes
 John A. Pearson, Jr.
 Bernard Rightmyer
 Elizabeth Seminario
 Dorothy Stoll



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.



**Be sure to visit
 our website at
www.redeemersarasota.org**

December Birthdays

- 1 Louise Bowling, Frank Braden, Donald Castle, Emma Childers, Barbara Janzen, John Mercurio, Jack Petrecca, Dylan Rasmussen, Dorie Rayl, Tom Russell, Ann Stephenson-Moe, Lorin Stieff
- 2 Jocelyn Masten, Earl Smith
- 3 Shanley Caswell, Paul Gill, Joan Murphy, Diane Roberts
- 4 Amy Daiello, Amanda Maulfair, Bob Spurgeon, Laura Valek, Curt Wheeler
- 5 Marion Almy, Maria Diego, Xan Moncelli, Barb Olson, Wells Purmort
- 6 Molly Lampert, Hope Stanley
- 7 Kurt Grade, Jane Meade, Marie Morgan
- 8 Jessica Cabrera, Bob Hammond, Ron Norman, Kay Pinkerton-Perez, Gabrielle Richardson, Cyndi Riddell, Melinda Sutter, Simon Valek, David Yutzy
- 9 Kenzie Carpenter, William Crouse, Mac deCarle, Don Laronge, Bob Lindsay, Warren Ramsay, Dallas Younkman,
- 10 Marcy Doyle, Bill Gulick, Mark Moncelli, Caitlyn Turner
- 11 Eric Cabrera, Ernie Cave III, Will Morton
- 12 Nick Ferguson, Alex Martinez, Jeff Wiegand
- 13 Martha Brown, Jeanette Giron, Karen Hartenberger, Alexandra Lonsdale, Dorothea Sidney, Bud Star
- 14 Scott Ames, Jeanne Clark, Mary Lou Couch, Melissa Dunlap, Carrol Dzina, Becket Smith, Nick Watts
- 15 Catherine Carson, Kareena Legare, Kristy Lonsdale, Jack Trefry

- 16 Shirley Alford, Paige Atwell-Moncelli, David Green, Ruth Hartman, Sandra Klingler, Parker Myer, Sandy Rinaldi, John Paul Rutledge, Mary Lou Sangdahl, Ron Vincent
- 17 Georgia Lee, Diana Michel, Emory Shulse, Michael Anne Tollerton
- 18 Ali Gollnick, Kendal Gollnick, Dave Matuszak, Heather Pollard, Debra Riva, Eilene Thompson, Kelly Turner
- 19 Raphe Ayres, Alan Lillie, Thomas Younkman, III
- 20 Beth Cotner, Priscilla Haflich, Nora Johnson, Brandon Mouchett
- 21 Graham Allgood, Jud Boedecker, Jack Brooksbank, Elyse Dalabakis, Bill Leete, Jeff Sanders
- 22 Kayleigh Brown, Barbara Corning, Amanda Dischinger, Justin Younkman
- 23 Emily Boedecker, Joan Falls, Mickey Seidholz, Thomas Younkman, Jr.
- 24 Mike Forbes, Bill Hutchison, Jason Kubisiak, Jonathan Laronge, Allyson Rowell
- 25 Petie Doherty, Charles Latimer, Jesus Martinez, Cara Messina, Andrew Murray, Diane Smith
- 26 Janis Eastwood, Gay Lewis, Katherine Lewis, Scott Merritt, Ruby Romo, Jim Tench
- 27 Margaret Barnes, Sue Douglas, Becky Nidiffer
- 28 Janie Hritz, Natasha Menke, Diane Riva, Lindy Stowe
- 29 Randall Bibler, Christina Brush, Juanito Diego, Gussie Haeffner, Carroll Keim, Gail MacDonald, Joseph Montgomery, Charlie Morgenthaler, Phyl Sanders, Josie Shaffer, Elisabeth Strom
- 30 Richard Caldwell, Jody Maxwell
- 31 Ryan Felden, Trevor Greene, Joanna Meyer, Brian Wanta

December Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Jim & Carolyn Mickey
- 6 Joe & Regina Smith, Dick & Carolyn Von Seelen
- 8 Jay & Laura Crouse
- 10 Chris & Merita Carnell, Bob & Jan Gillett
- 12 Fr. Jack & Louise Bowling, Terry & Elvira Lindemann
- 13 Juan Luis & Carolyn Oliver
- 15 Kevin & Mary Pat Radford
- 18 Bill & Yvonne Dyer, David & Pat Green, Bob & Karen Hammond, Bill & Cecile Segraves, A.Q. & Charlotte Smith
- 19 Mark & Kay Rasmussen, Rich & Diana Williams
- 22 Jack & Jane Thompson
- 23 Bill Belmont & Carmen Gillett
- 24 Robert & Constance Bailey
- 26 Bob & Sandy Hulvat
- 27 David & Tess Ashe, Jud & Jacki Boedecker, Ched & Leeann Gladding, Fr. Rick & Gail Marsden, Don & Carolyn Peet, Ned & Mary Richardson
- 28 Robert & Laura Vukovich
- 30 Sumner & Mariana Darling, Steve & Marsha Devitt, Carl & Jill Stockton, Chuck & Kelly Turner
- 31 Jeff & Susan Berkowitz, Michael & Pilar Faraone, Harry & Jeanne Lewis

Stewardship at Redeemer

This is another article in a series describing the stewardship practiced by Redeemer ministries in helping others, while carefully preserving and enhancing the assets of the church.

Redeemer is deeply involved in helping the disadvantaged in Sarasota. Caritas is a major ministry for providing assistance to the working poor, the unemployed, and the homeless. It is a joint initiative of the five large downtown Sarasota Churches: The Church of the Redeemer, St. Martha's Roman Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Baptist Church and was established nearly twenty years ago by organizers from St. Martha's and Redeemer.

Caritas has two initiatives, the aid center and the food Pantry. Redeemer's team at the aid center is coordinated by Terry Lindemann and at the pantry by Frank Braden.

The Aid Center

Volunteers from the Church of the Redeemer work each Wednesday morning at the aid center, located behind St. Martha's Church, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The interviewers meet with those seeking assistance and provide help in the form of vouchers for food from the pantry, vouchers for clothing from Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul, vouchers for work boots for those who must have them in order to work, SCAT tickets for local transportation needs, emergency help paying for prescription medications, assistance for those whose electricity or water have been scheduled to be disconnected due to payment difficulties, and out-of-town bus transportation within Florida. In order to help the maximum number of individuals possible and to avoid duplication of service, assistance is limited to a maximum of three times per year per client.

Over the years, many people have received help through Caritas. One individual who especially comes to mind is a 40 year old man who came to us a few years ago. He had been homeless and a drug addict. After three years in prison and time in a halfway house he had found Christ, was drug free and was set to start a new full-time job. We provided him with a voucher for work boots at Kmart because work boots were required by his employer.

During the first four months of 2010, the Churches supporting Caritas collectively provided the following help: food for 805 individuals, clothing for 135, prescription medications for 102, utility shut-off issues for 368, and work boots for 52 individuals.

On an annual basis, the Church of Redeemer provides approximately \$30,000 in funding to support its portion of Caritas help including the food pantry and all other forms of help that we provide.

Redeemer volunteers who work on interview teams include: Georgia & Terry Anderson, Cinzia & Mike Forbes, Carolyn & Dick Von Seelen, Jeanne Clark, Terry Lindemann, Kay Porter, Diane Riva, Paul Robertson, Bob Roynance, and Cliff Pinder. We are always looking for more help and those individuals interested in joining this ministry should contact Terry Lindemann at 378.8715, the ministry leader, who took over from Cliff Pinder on July 1st.

The Pantry

The Caritas Pantry is located at the First Baptist church on Adelia Street. It is staffed by volunteers five mornings every week. As it does with the aid center, Redeemer staffs it on Wednesdays and, in addition, coordinates the purchasing, delivery, and stocking of food for all the other churches for all the days. Those volunteering include Chris Horn, Bette DeLuccia, Bob and Mary Hills, Sidney Hawkey, and Frank Braden. At this time, the Pantry continues to be blessed by a full complement of dedicated volunteers.

Much of the food we provide is acquired from All Faith's Food Bank for 14 cents a pound. The Food Bank purchases other food for us at a discount. Redeemer and other churches donate food, but it is still necessary to purchase food and soap from local groceries. We always need canned fruit, baked beans, beef stew, and peanut butter. Donations of food and financial support are always welcome.

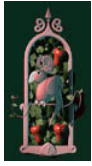
The Pantry provided 59,000 pounds of food and personal items to the needy last year. The resulting costs are low thanks to donors such as you, the efficiency of the Food Bank and its donors, and low overhead costs.

Caritas is just another example of what God inspires us to do at the Church of the Redeemer. Our donations of time, food, and money make things happen. We continue to participate in the miracle of the "feeding of the five thousand" every year.

Over the years, the Caritas aid center and Pantry have helped many families in desperate need. The gratitude of those treated with this stewardship makes the process a joyous one for those volunteering. The parishioners of Redeemer have much of which to be proud.

God bless you for your generosity!

**On the 1st day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



A Partridge in a Pear Tree

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, whose birthday we celebrate on December 25, the first day of Christmas. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, recalling the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so" (Luke 13:34)

**On the 2nd day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Two Turtle Doves

The Old and New Testaments, which together bear witness to God's self-revelation in history and the creation of a people to tell the Story of God to the world.

**On the 3rd day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Three French Hens

The Three Theological Virtues: 1) Faith, 2) Hope, and 3) Love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

**On the 4th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Four Calling Birds

The Four Gospels: 1) Matthew, 2) Mark, 3) Luke, and 4) John, which proclaim the Good News of God's reconciliation of the world to Himself in Jesus Christ.

**On the 5th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Five Gold Rings

The first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: 1) Genesis, 2) Exodus, 3) Leviticus, 4) Numbers, and 5) Deuteronomy, which gives the history of humanity's sinful failure and God's response of grace in the creation of a people to be a light to the world.

**On the 6th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Six Geese A-laying

The six days of creation that confesses God as Creator and Sustainer of the world (Genesis 1).

**On the 7th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Seven Swans A-swimming

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: 1) prophecy, 2) ministry, 3) teaching, 4) exhortation, 5) giving, 6) leading, and 7) compassion (Romans 12:6-8; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11)

**On the 8th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Eight Maids A-milking

The eight Beatitudes: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Matthew 5:3-10)

**On the 9th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Nine Ladies Dancing

The nine Fruit of the Holy Spirit: 1) love, 2) joy, 3) peace, 4) patience, 5) kindness, 6) generosity, 7) faithfulness, 8) gentleness, and 9) self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

**On the 10th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Ten Lords A-leaping

The ten commandments: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God's name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17)

**On the 11th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Eleven Pipers Piping

The eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16). The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders and the Romans.

**On the 12th day of Christmas
my true love gave to me...**



Twelve Drummers Drumming

The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the holy catholic Church, 9) the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body, 12) and life everlasting.

Youth News

Mission work is one of the most important aspects of the youth program at Redeemer. In an effort to keep mission constantly on our mind every month there will be at least one article from our young people that went to either Maricao, Puerto Rico, or to Birmingham, Alabama. I hope you all enjoy reading about our young peoples' adventures!

Chris Wood
Youth Minister

Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine cleaning houses for Habitat for Humanity could be so much fun and inspirational. This was just one of the many activities from my first ever mission trip with the Church of the Redeemer and Youthworks.



I smashed boxes, cleaned the floor, washed the windows, cleaned the sink and performed yard work for people who were just about to move into a Habitat for Humanity house. It made me feel happy and great to be helping others in this poor neighborhood in Birmingham.

Being part of Youthworks was so much fun! We praised God in many ways. We gathered together to sing and talk about the Lord. We played dodge ball and other games in order to come together as a group. Knowing that I was helping others meant so much to me. I taught little kids about Christ during a Vacation Bible school. Those kids were so cute and happy to see us each day.

A typical day included waking up at 7:00 AM for breakfast, then attend devotions, go to our work site all day and then return to First Methodist church building. We played a little and then showered. After dinner, we visited interesting places around the city and we ended with the Bible study for the group. If you decided to stay up, we could listen to storytelling by the Youthworks staff and then it was off to bed.

"I've never felt more connected to God" were my first words to my Mom when she picked me up in the parking lot. I am very thankful to the Church of the

Redeemer for this experience. It was a very spiritual time in my life and it will be part of me forever.

Katherine Koach

On my mission trip in Alabama the thought in my mind the whole time was that I knew I was sent there to help the community around the youth works site. Everyday when we got to the work site I felt closer to God, because I was aware he knew we were there to help the community and its residents in need. To me the mission trip is an advanced way to connect with the Lord and his community. I enjoyed spending time with my friends and I got to know them better through the mission trip. On the mission trip I stopped to think about how lucky I am to live in a house, after a girl from V.B.S asked if my house had brakes and if it moved. To me that was truly a lesson on how to be grateful. I felt connected with God during the trip and can't wait to experience that feeling again next year.

Bianca Tengerdy



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.

ST. MARY'S GUILD

St. Mary's Guild will meet at the home of Rita Roehr, 3740 Glen

Oaks Manor Drive, on Tuesday, 21 December, at 6:30 PM for an Advent Celebration and gift exchange (\$10 limit). We invite all ladies of the parish to join us, just bring a covered dish to share. If you plan to attend call Rita at 955.6757 for more information and directions. We look forward to seeing you there!

MOR - Men of Redeemer

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

IMPORTANT EVENTS:

Men of Redeemer: you are invited to participate in THE TRUTH PROJECT!

Monday mornings beginning 8 November through 31 January 2011, from 6:30 to 8:00 AM in Gillespie Hall.

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This study looks at life from a biblical perspective, emphasizing the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. Facilitators: Dr. Pat Fitzgerald and Jay Crouse.

SAVE THESE DATES!

21-22 JANUARY 2011

What: The January 2011 Episcopal Men's Conference - "A Vision for Life"

When: 21-22 January 2011

Where: Church of the Nativity, 5900 N. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota

Why: The purpose is to draw area Episcopal Men together for fellowship, inspiration, direction and time to create a personal, godly vision for their lives

Speakers:

The Rev. Canon Michael Durning

Fr. Jon Roberts,

Good Shepherd, Venice

Fr. Jim Hedman,

St. Mary Magdalene, Sarasota

Details: Friday, 21 January: 6:00 PM dinner to 9:30 PM Compline.

Saturday, 22 January: 7:30 AM Morning Prayer to 3:00 PM Holy Eucharist and departure.

\$25 fee includes three meals and all materials, including a DVD-based small group follow-up study to use in your church.

Registration/information:

www.disciplemakingswfl.com,

email DedeEMM@aol.com, or call 941.957.1271.

MOR Blog

Look online at themenofredeemer.blogspot.com/ for our MOR blog. We hope our new "blogspot" will be a fun way to promote MOR activities and show pictures of past events. Our Men of Redeemer web page (www.redeemersarasota.org) is still our OFFICIAL site for dates and times. Find the official page by clicking on the "PARISH LIFE" tab on the home page of the Redeemer website. Check out the "blogspot" for announcements and to learn more about MOR!!

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. We meet on Fridays in the Eva Pope Room from 7:15 to 8:30 AM. Contacts: Carl Stockton, 378.8098, and Chuck Miller, 927.4843.

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 *Fundamentals of the Faith* by Peter Kreeft. Contacts: Ed Weber at 941.320.4074 or Ron Rayevich at 952.1793.

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 Don Peet at 954.1740.

Heart to Heart Book Club

The Church of the Redeemer Heart to Heart Book Club is already in full gear! We meet each month on the first Monday, with some exceptions, gathering in Gillespie Hall. Our meetings begin at 9:00 AM with coffee and refreshments and usually end around 11:00.

Please join us for an exciting book club year! You may contact Linda Robinson by phone at 914.2688 or 554.4313, or by email at lindarobinson208@gmail.com if you want to be a part of the book club. She'll be sure you're included in future club communications.

Below are the dates and book selections for the December, January, and February meetings. Hope to see you there!

6 December

The Red Tent

by Anita Diamant

"In a story based on the Book of Genesis, Jacob's only daughter, Dinah, shares her unique perspective on the origins of many of our modern religious practices ..."

3 January

Wishin' and Hopin'

by Wally Lamb

"LBJ and Lady Bird are in the White House, 'Meet the Beatles' is on everyone's turntable, and Felix Funicello is doing his best to navigate fifth grade..."

Thursday, 27 January, 6:30 PM Outliers

by Malcolm Gladwell

(special evening Book Club for men and women of Redeemer)

"Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers" – the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful."

7 February

Sarah's Key

by Tatiana de Rosnay

The role the Jewish people of Paris played in the Holocaust.

Heart to Heart is sponsoring the 1st Annual Evening Book Club Meeting for all men and women of Redeemer and their friends on Thursday, 27 January 2011. This meeting will begin with a potluck dinner, and the 1-1/2 hour book discussion will follow. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Linda or look for the sign up table in Gillespie Hall. Consider giving a friend or the man in your life a copy of Outliers as a Christmas gift. We will be selling copies of the book on Sundays and at book club meetings.

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The Pelican is published monthly except July.

Deadline for the January **Pelican** is Monday, 1 December. E-mail your articles to

Kgrade@Redeemersarasota.org. Articles may also be mailed or delivered to the parish office (Attention: Publications), 222 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236, or faxed to

941.365.1379. Please be sure your name and phone number are included. Submissions may be edited.

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Music Notes



advent organ recitals Wednesdays, 12:10-12:40 PM

1 December
Mary Mozelle
8 December
Patricia Muller
15 December
Michael Wittenburg
22 December
Nancy Siebecker

december music events

Florida Voices - Home for the Holidays
Saturday, 11 December. 7:30 PM
Conductor: Dale K. Jensen
Ticket Donation: Adults \$17, Students \$10

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, 12 December, 5:15 PM
The Adult, Canterbury, Westminster, and
Redeemer Knights Choirs
of the Church of the Redeemer



Riverview H. S. Holiday Concert
Monday, 13 December. 7:30 PM
Conductor: David Verdomi



Messiah Sing-Along
Sunday, 19 December, 7:30 PM
Daniel Moe, Conductor
Ann Stephenson-Moe, Organist
Chamber Orchestra
Ticket Donation: \$10