



*Christian  
Formation  
Opportunities*

*2018/2019*

**CHURCH of the REDEEMER**  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

*Located in the heart of downtown Sarasota*

**Sunday School:** Sunday School classes, essential as families and the parish partner to foster faith that sticks, take place throughout the academic year for all children and youth from 10:10 to 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Grades K-3 meet in the Bell Tower wing, and grades 4 -12 meet in the classrooms above Gillespie Hall. Classes are also offered during the 1PM Spanish Mass.

**First Communion Class:** This class exposes our Kindergartners and their parents to the mystery and ritual of the Holy Eucharist through a five-week Instructed Eucharist Class, during Sunday School time in Lent. The class receives their First Communion on Easter Day.

**Baptism Instruction Class:** The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered on the 1st Sunday after the Epiphany, Easter Vigil, Day of Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. Baptism Instruction Classes, required for parents and godparents, are conducted the four Sundays prior to each of these days, after the 9 AM Mass.

**Children's Chapel:** Held **Sundays during the 9:00 AM** Mass and led by our Youth Minister and clergy, children K-5th leave for Gillespie Hall after the reading of the Gospel, and return following the Peace. Included is a child reading the Gospel, age-appropriate homily, Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession, Absolution, and the Peace.

**Nursery and PreK:** Redeemer is blessed to have nursery care for infants through PreK. Nurseries are open every **Sunday during the 9 and 11 AM** Masses, as well as the 1PM Spanish Mass, and are specifically "well baby" spaces. Beepers are available to parents to keep contact with their little ones. All staff and volunteers who work with children and youth at Redeemer have been screened and have completed "Safeguarding God's Children" training.

**Junior EYC Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM GH**

**Senior EYC Sundays 6-7:30 PM GH**

At Church of the Redeemer, we want our youth to be the heart of a true, life-giving, and Christ-centered group - a real community, hence Episcopal Youth Community (EYC). Core values in this youth ministry include worship, fellowship, and mission. We want all of our students to explore how these things fit as they continue to grow in Christ by means of experiencing life together in good times and during struggles. And, of course, that means having fun is important, too.

Our Youth Minister, Mr. Christoph Stephenson-Moe, says "We're looking forward to another awesome year, and we hope you'll Take Your Place with us as much as possible!"



## **Youth Confirmation Class:**

**Wednesdays 5-6 PM**

**Logos:** Redeemer's mid-week weekly event for children grades K-5 takes place

**Wednesday afternoons from**

**4-6:30.** Playtime, proctored study hall, Bible study, art, choir and music, and "family-style" dinner make up our afternoons. To model the importance of living our faith every day of the week – not just Sundays – one parent of each Logos participant must make a time commitment to the program in some way.



## **Men of Redeemer's Business Men's Bible Study**

**Wednesdays 7-8 AM**

Intended to make a difference in the lives of local businessmen, this early meeting provides a spiritual, faith-based start to men's busy professional days and lives, still allowing them to get to the office on time. The meetings are centered around readings from the Daily Office, with the goal of encouraging daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer. Join us for a mid-week spiritual lift and collegial support. Facilitated by Russ Ryan.

**Men's Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast** is an opportunity for spiritual growth and fulfillment through prayer, study, and fellowship. All men of Redeemer, and of the community, are invited to gather at **7 AM** in Gillespie Hall. Coffee and warm hospitality guaranteed!

**Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study** is an hour-long meeting in which the group offers intercessory prayer, discusses remarkable lives or events related to the calendar, and then reads and discusses either Scripture, or a book on faith or Christian living. Schedules permitting, they adjourn for breakfast.

**Heart to Heart Women's Bible Studies** continue throughout the year. Please check the Redeemer website for information about specific courses or topics.

**Heart to Heart Women's Book Club** meets on the **first Monday of the month, at 9 AM and 7 PM, September through May.** Please note that due to Labor Day, the September date is the 10th. A list of books may be found on the website, in the narthex, or in the parish office. All women of the parish are invited.

**Men's Book Group:** Details available online and in announcements.

The annual parish-wide book club dinner will take place **Thursday, 21 February 2019 at 6:30 PM**  
Details to be announced.

**Lectionary Bible Study:** We focus on reading and discussing the collect and lessons to be read on the following Sunday. No registration required. Meets in room 205, above Gillespie Hall. **Tuesdays at Noon.**

**Youth Friday Morning Bible Studies:** Providing “food for the body and the soul” for high school and middle school youth **every Friday** morning during the academic year, **6:15-7 AM.** Details on website and in announcements.

**Contemplative Prayer:** Beginning 14 August, the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month will find a group gathered with Fr. Everett Walk to embark on a contemplative prayer journey. **2-3:30 PM,** in Halton Chapel.



### ***The Rector's Class topics:***

**September: Life and Death in Scripture: Heaven, Hell & Purgatory.** What does the Bible, and our tradition, tell us about these places? Do all dogs really go to heaven?

**October: What does God insist you do?** What one thing does God call on you to do that could only be described as your bounden duty? Join us as we explore the most important obligation God has asked of us.

**December: The Birth Narratives in Matthew, Luke, and John.** Incredible accounts of the infancy of the Only Begotten Son of God Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Discover how the origins of Jesus can change your life even today.

**February: A Month of Mission and Outreach.** Find out what our Mission and Outreach committee does, how you or someone you know can apply for a grant, and hear from some of the many organizations and people we have touched with our support.

**March: All about the Psalms.** The Psalms are the hymn book of the Bible and they speak to every condition of humanity. Sadness, fear, injustice, anger, joy, and love are all on display in the psalms. Discover how we can use the psalms to pray to God no matter how we feel.



## ***Wednesday Evening Adult Education offerings***

***Pilgrims on the Canterbury Trail:*** A weekly class led by our Rector, focusing on the uniqueness of the Anglican Tradition. Liturgy, history, rule of life, and other aspects of living as a Christian are subjects dealt with in this class. This class is required of adults who wish to be confirmed or received into this Communion.



***Wednesdays, 3 October-5 December  
13 February-10 April 6:30-7:30 PM***

***The Nicene Creed:*** What does it mean, and why did the Church have to create it? What are the creeds and why do we need them? Join Deacon Gary Cartwright.

***Wednesdays, 5, 12, 19, 26 September 6:30-7:30 PM***

***Reading Backwards,*** by world-renowned biblical scholar Richard Hays. Join Fr. Wood and Howard Cepelak to explore the “shocking ways the four Gospel writers interpreted Israel’s scripture to craft their witnesses to the Church’s one Christ.” (Google books).

***Wednesdays, 5, 12, 19, 26 September 6:30-7:30 PM***

***Living the Lord’s Prayer*** by Everett L. Fullam. Facilitator Fr. Dick Lampert invites you to discover how this “powerfully, faithfully, and candidly” written book can change your life.

***Wednesdays, 10 October - 14 November  
10:30 - 11:30 or 6:30 - 7:30 PM***

***Hymnology:*** An invitation from Fr. Robinson - “There are many ways to learn about and to express one’s faith, but one of the most effective, as well as one of the most fun, ways is through the hymns of the Church. Our hymns themselves have an interesting and fascinating history.” Join us for a class that will always leave you wanting more!

***Wednesdays, 5, 12, 19 December, 6:30-7:30 PM***

***A four-part study*** based on Tim Keller’s book, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. John Mathis said “The book was written in 2008, but if anything, the challenges it addresses are more real and prevalent today than they were then.” Join facilitators John and his wife, Karen, who feel that their previous participation discussing this book is “one of the best things we have ever done.”

***Wednesdays, 16 January - 6 February 2019, 6:30-7:30 PM***

***Did the devil make you do it?*** Join Fr. Wood and Jud Boedecker as they explore the various ways Satan can influence our actions. Using C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters* as the guide, we will discuss how we can prevent ourselves from being influenced by wicked thoughts and actions and strive for union with God.

***Wednesdays, 13, 20, 27 February, 6:30-7:30 PM***

***Confession for the whole family:*** Come explore the Sacrament of Confession as taught by Fr. Chris and Kate Wood. We will explore the basics of confession, how to prepare, what it is, why we do it, if we have to do it, and how it can empower us to move past spiritual blocks. We will also explore the effect confession can have on a married couple's life together, and how modeling confession for your children can help them grow into the command to forgive others, as we ask God to forgive us.

***Wednesdays, 13 March – 10 April, 6:30-7:30 PM***

***Behold the Lamb of God:*** A Lenten Bible Study. Join Fr. Charleston in this series and experience afresh the reality that Jesus "takes away the sins of the world."

***Wednesdays, 13 March – 10 April, 6:30-7:30 PM***

***Exploring the Book of Common Prayer:*** A Comprehensive History of and Guide to using our Prayer Book. Join Deacon Gary Cartwright as he leads you through this amazing journey.

***Wednesdays, 8, 15, 22, 29 May, 6:30-7:30 PM***

***The Truth Project:*** Join Dr. Pat Fitzgerald and explore this DVD-based small group curriculum taught by Dr. Del Tackett, which looks at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses the relevance and importance of living the Christian world-view in daily life.

***Thursdays, 11 October - 20 December, 6-7:30 PM***

### ***Men of Redeemer (MOR)***

***A Man and His Design*** – Join Mike Forbes as he leads this six-week book/video series: discover God's design for men with a clear definition and inspiring vision of "Authentic Manhood." Details to be announced.

***Spring Speaker Event*** – Wives in the parish are invited to join their husbands in the first MOR interactive program on Marriage on **Thursday, 28 February**. A one-night seminar, this event is the perfect way to set aside a few hours and reconnect with your spouse. Wine and cheese will be served. Details to be announced.

***Lenten Series*** – This six-week class for MOR follows on from the speaker event in February, starting on **Wednesday, 13 March, 6:30-7:30 PM**

***“For a glimpse of some of these events, and more, check the links on our website.”***

- ***Day 4 Hope*** is our annual largest outreach activity when we help to prepare over 200 at risk children for the new school year.
- ***Redeemer’s annual Vacation Bible School***, for children K-5, takes place the week before school starts in Sarasota County. 2018’s theme is God’s Blueprint: Built for a Purpose.
- ***Blessing of the Backpacks*** – Taking place the Sunday before school starts, all students are invited to bring their backpacks to the **9AM Mass** for a special blessing to begin the new school year.
- ***Faith Speaker***: A member shares his or her walk in faith during the coffee hour. Look for details in the announcements.
- ***All Saints’ Wax Museum*** – Children in grades K-3rd grade “become” the saints through the ages on the first Sunday in November. “Museum” location: Gillespie Hall. **Between the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses.**
- ***Veterans’ Sunday***, which falls on the **11th of November this year**, is Church of the Redeemer’s multi- generational observance of, and thanks to, our veterans.
- ***Advent Event*** – Multi-generational event celebrating the start of this blessed season. Make an Advent wreath and Christ Candle for your home.
- ***GATORS***: Redeemer’s Singles gather monthly for Bible Studies with Becky Thornhill, host an annual Thanksgiving dinner, plan treats for homebound parishioners, and enjoy fun outings.
- ***Good Friday*** annual Stations of the Cross walk.
- ***Holy Week Tableaus*** – Children of the parish solemnly re-enact the events of Holy Week in tableau. No rehearsal required!
- ***Easter Egg Hunt*** – An annual event immediately following the **9 AM Mass on Easter Day.**

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