

IN THE BEGINNING

Church of the Redeemer
Sarasota, Florida

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“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, remember, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

— Matthew 28:19-20

Dear Redeemer Family,

For Christians around the world, Jesus’ instruction to spread the good news of the gospel — to make new Christians — is known as the Great Commission. Redeemer is a Great Commission parish focused on making new Christians and making all Christians new.

The hand of Almighty God guided and blessed this parish church in wonderful ways in 2023. Your parish welcomed almost 180 new members, launched a number of new ministries, and contributed a record number of hours (and dollars) to outreach, which in turn alleviated human suffering and brought new life to those most in need in our community and in far-flung places around the world. We worshipped, sang together, cared for each other, and studied God’s word. The gospel was preached and the Sacraments duly administered. Children and adult converts were baptized. Children and youth were nurtured in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

But far more important than what was done is *why* we set about doing it in the first place. Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer rightly suggested, “What the heart loves, the will chooses.”

The heart of this parish — what we love most — is the limitless love, mercy, and grace we have all received through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everything we do — big and small — is just like the hymn puts it: in response to “love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.” As St. John said, “We love because He first loved us” (I John 4:19).

The happy hearts and generous hands of Redeemer’s congregants show that we love gospel ministry and prove the words of St. Paul really are true; that “Christ’s love compels us” (II Corinthians 5:14). I invite you to learn more about Redeemer’s many ministries by reading our 2023 Annual Report online at RedeemerSarasota.org/AnnualReport2023. You can also pick up a printed copy of the Annual Report in the narthex or Parish Office.

As we reflect on where God may lead us in the future, let us pause and rightly celebrate, giving thanks to God for all of our blessings in 2023.

Your servant,

The Rev. Charleston D. Wilson, Rector, Church of the Redeemer



Carrie will also teach an adult faith formation class on Sunday, February 18, from 10:10-10:40 a.m. in Gillespie Hall. This class is open to men and women. Registration is not required.

Ladies: Join us on Sunday, February 18, at 7 p.m. in Goewey Hall. Redeemer will welcome Carrie Headington, Canon Evangelist for the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas and founder of The Good News Initiative, an organization that provides evangelism resources around the world. Carrie is Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's consulting evangelist for revivals and a professor of evangelism for Fuller Seminary. Sign up for this free event (friends welcome!) at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

Redeemer will host "Then and Now: The Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m.

This special event, part of Redeemer's annual series honoring Dr. King and observing Black History Month, will feature the Honorable Alexis Herman, the 23rd U.S. Secretary of Labor, and Judge Glenda Hatchett.

Herman was the first African American to lead the U.S. Department of Labor. In her public service and nonprofit work, she has served five U.S. presidents, both Democrats and Republicans.

Hatchett was appointed to a judgeship in 1990, becoming Georgia's first Black Chief Judge of a State Court. She has presided over the television shows *Judge Hatchett* and *The Verdict With Judge Hatchett*.

This event is free and open to the public.

Alexis Herman



Glenda Hatchett

— Milestones —

Deaths

Charleen Sessions

Baptisms

Archibald James Griffin
Christopher Boedecker McAnally
William Bennett Sharrer

Joining

Deborah Lane Ayres
Cynthia Lang
Pamela Lewis

Transfers Out

Jordan Menke to St. John's Episcopal Church, Tampa

— Special Gifts —

A gift in memory of Andy Dorr

from Men of Redeemer
for a playground in the
Dominican Republic

A gift in memory of Hamilton "Ham" Jones

from Jacki & Judson Boedecker
and Betty Smith
for the Memorial Fund

A gift in memory of Ernest Smith

from Franklin Samson
& Audrey O'Connell
for the Memorial Fund



February Highlights at Redeemer

Grace Gang Women's Bible Study with Father Charleston Wilson: Thursdays, February 1 and 15, noon-1 p.m., Goewey Hall

First Fridays on Palm Avenue: Friday, February 2, 5:30-7 p.m., Palm Avenue Terrace

Movie on the Lawn: Friday, February 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

Redeemer Young Professionals Potluck: Saturday, February 3, 5 p.m., home of Ian McGowan. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

Redeemer Forum — Meals in the Bible: Sundays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Goewey Hall

Redeemer 101: Sundays, February 4, 11, and 18, at 10:10-10:40 a.m., Room 220. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

Rubens at The Ringling — Triumph of the Eucharist Paintings: Sunday, February 4, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Room 202-204

Coffee Talk Women's Book Group: Monday, February 5, 9:30-11 a.m., Goewey Hall (*Horse* by Geraldine Brooks)

Organ Concert with Maestro Hector Olivera: Monday, February 5, 7 p.m., Church. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register. (\$35)

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GATORS Valentine's Party: Friday, February 9, 6-8 p.m., Goewey Hall. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register by Monday, February 5.

Jazz and Jambalaya: Tuesday, February 13, 6 p.m., Courtyard. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register. (Dinner/music: \$15; Music: \$10)

Ash Wednesday Masses: Wednesday, February 14, 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6 p.m., Church

Adult Faith Formation Class with Carrie Headington: Sunday, February 18, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall

Robert Brooke Memorial Concert: Sunday, February 18, 6 p.m., Church. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register. (\$20)

Women of Redeemer — Wine, Women, and The Word with Carrie Headington: Sunday, February 18, 7 p.m., Goewey Hall. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

Books and Beyond Men's Book Club: Wednesday, February 21, 6 p.m., Room 220 (*Sea of Glory* by Nathaniel Philbrick)

Night Shift Women's Book Club: Monday, February 26, 6:30-8 p.m., Room 220 (*The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray)

Men of Redeemer Leap Day Social Gathering: Thursday, February 29, 6:30 p.m., Gillespie Hall. Sign up at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register. (\$10)

Visit RedeemerSarasota.org/Calendar for more info about upcoming events and RedeemerSarasota.org/Register to sign up for programs and events.



Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida Bishop Doug Scharf and Redeemer Youth Minister Jackie Overton deliver a St. Scholastica grant to a classroom.

Redeemer Awards Record Number of Scholastica Grants to Teachers

In January, Redeemer awarded 80 public school teachers in Sarasota and Manatee counties with a total of \$20,000 in grants for classroom enhancements. This is the third year Redeemer has provided St. Scholastica Grants, which are funded by parishioners, the church, and the Episcopal Thrift House. This year's grants represent an increase of over 30% in funds and recipients compared to 2023. Teachers who received the \$250 grants will be honored on Sunday, February 4, at the 9 a.m. mass.

Redeemer Distributes \$70,000 to Nonprofits in Sarasota and Beyond

At the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024, Redeemer awarded grants totaling \$70,000 to the following organizations:

- \$20,000 for Help with Compassion, which plans to build a dormitory room for 35 high school girls in South Sudan
- \$15,000 to Isaiah 117 House, which provides a comforting place for children to wait for foster care placement
- \$15,000 for Second Heart Homes, which helps people who are homeless by providing housing and support
- \$7,500 for Redeemer's St. Scholastica Grants, which offers grants to public school teachers in Sarasota and Manatee counties
- \$5,000 for Sanctuary Hub, which supports the Church in Uganda
- \$5,000 for Women of Redeemer, which will be used to translate a book about freedom and faith by Katrina Wilson into Latvian
- \$2,500 for Beauty Bridge, which provides no-cost beauty services to women in need

These impactful grants are possible because of the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you!



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Making new Christians and making all Christians new



Daily Mass
Monday-Saturday at 10 a.m.

Morning Prayer
Monday-Saturday at 9 a.m.

Evening Prayer
Monday-Friday at 5:15 p.m.

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Contemporary Mass*
A service with contemporary music

Sunday at 7:30 a.m.
Rite One Mass
A service without music for early risers

Sunday at 9 a.m.
Rite Two Choral Mass*
A service for all ages with
traditional music
(Children's Chapel during mass)

Sunday at 11 a.m.
Rite One Choral Mass*
A service with traditional music

Sunday at 1 p.m.
Rite Two Mass*
A service in Spanish with
contemporary music

*in person and livestreamed

Nursery care at the 9 and 11 a.m. masses.