



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

APRIL 2024

STILL AHEAD THIS HOLY WEEK,
WITH FAMILIES IN MIND



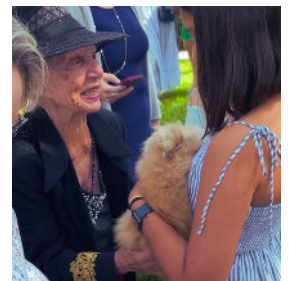
Maundy Thursday, March 28 - Masses at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. This service includes the Washing of the Feet and the Stripping of the Altar. Nursery is open for the 6 p.m. mass.

Good Friday, March 29 - Stations of the Cross on Main Street begins at 7:30 a.m. at Hollywood 11 and ends at Redeemer. Stroller friendly.

Easter Vigil, March 30 - 6 p.m. with nursery

Easter Day, March 31 - Masses at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. (7 a.m. no incense, 1 p.m. in Spanish). Additional seating available in Gillespie Hall. Nursery is open for the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses. Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** follows the 9 a.m. mass in the Parish Courtyard. **No baskets, please.** Bags will be provided. **Flowering of the Cross** is available all Easter Day. Bring a flower and a bell!

Below, a look back at the beginning of Holy Week 2024:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Run The Race Keep The Faith

*Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.
Hebrews 12:1*

Church of the Redeemer
Vacation Bible School
2024

Registration for Redeemer's 2024 Vacation Bible School is now open! VBS will be held at Redeemer from Monday, August 5, through Friday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Our theme this year, "Run The Race: Keep The Faith," is inspired by the 2024 Summer Olympics! Our 2024 Chair Lindsay Howell will lead a gold-medal team of volunteers!

The fee is \$25 for the first child in a family, and the registration cost decreases with each additional child. Scholarships are available.

Space is filling fast! . Sign up today at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register.

FILL THE BASKETS OUTREACH PROJECT

Redeemer's Sunday School classes are on a mission: gathering kitchen goodies galore - from new utensils and small appliances to cake mixes - to sprinkle some extra love on Foster Parents in our area through our collaboration with Safe Children's Coalition.

April is Foster Families Month, and we would love to share some Redeemer care with many families who open their hearts and homes to foster children.

Ready to pitch in? Just pop your donations in the giant basket in Gillespie Hall or swing by the parish office to spread the cheer! Thank you!



PELICAN PARTNERS 2023-24

Sunday School classes have joined forces this year for special events and to build friendships - K with 5th grade, 1st with 6th, 2nd with 7th, 3rd with 8th, and 4th with High School.

The outcome? Some great community building!

Members of the older classes begin to mentor their young counterparts, and the younger kiddos get to know "the big kids" in a brand new way. Community at its finest! Thank you to all who have fostered these relationships!



1st and 6th grades created their "Race Back" car



Kindergarten joined 5th grade to prep all the treats for Blessing of the Animals



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Congratulations to our First Communion Class 2024:

Jackson Andrew Kles
Eden Marie Overton
Inka Evelyn Perez Bazan
Taryn Brooks Randall
Rhodes Dietrich Lewis Riner
Alexandra (Allie) Leigh Selvog
Finn Kailani Siljestrom
Elliot Augustine Svihel



APRIL ADULT OFFERINGS

Sunday mornings:

- **Redeemer Forum class:**
 - **April 14: Resurrection House info session**, following the 9 a.m. mass, Gillespie Hall
 - **April 21 and 28: Christianity in Rome** - Mike Hartenstine will cover the development of Christian liturgy and scripture in the early Church in Rome, following the 9 a.m. mass, Goewey Hall
- **Tell Me More:** Sunday mornings, 10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall. This class offers a more in-depth look at that morning's sermon.

Wednesdays:

- **Grace: Is It Really Sufficient?** 6:30-7:30 p.m., April 10, 17, 24, clergy led, Goewey Hall. Nursery provided.

Thursdays:

- **Needlepoint Guild**, 10:00 a.m. Eva Pope Room. All are welcome

Special Events: (all are welcome!)

- **Women's Bible Study: Kings and Prophets**, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. in Gillespie Hall, 6:30 p.m. in room 220
- **Businessmen's Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Zoom
- **Grace Gang - a women's Bible study**, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12 noon - 1 p.m., Goewey Hall
- **April 5 - First Fridays on Main**
- **April 8 -**
 - **Coffee Talk - a women's book group**, 9 a.m., Gillespie Hall
 - **New Hospitality Ministry Meeting** - Goewey, 6:30 p.m.
- **April 10 - Books and Beyond - a men's book group**, 6 p.m., Room 220, Robinson Center
- **April 22, Night Shift - a women's book group**, 5:30 p.m., Room 220, Robinson Center



HELPING THOSE IN NEED

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, LA, suffered severe damage from a massive fire in the early hours of February 17. The church asked for books to replenish their children's library.

Redeemer's Sunday School classes took on the challenge of inviting our entire parish to meet this need, and meet it we did! Every book was provided - and more! Thank you for helping to spread love and hope with St. Luke's!

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, April 7 - Confirmation Sunday

- Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. (1 p.m. in Spanish); Children's Chapel at 9 a.m. mass; formation for children, youth, and adults after the 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. masses

Sunday, April 14

- Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. (1 p.m. in Spanish); Children's Chapel at 9 a.m. mass; formation for children, youth, and adults after the 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. masses
- **Redeemer Forum for adults: Resurrection House**, following the 9 a.m. mass, Gillespie Hall

Sunday, April 21

- Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. (1 p.m. in Spanish); Children's Chapel at 9 a.m. mass; formation for children, youth, and adults after the 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. masses.
- **Redeemer Forum for adults: Christianity in Rome, part II** - Parishioner Mike Hartenstine will cover the development of Christian liturgy and scripture in the early Church in Rome, following the 9 a.m. mass, Goewey Hall

Sunday, April 28

- **Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. (1 p.m. in Spanish)**. Nursery available at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses.
- **Redeemer Forum for adults: Christianity in Rome, conclusion** - Parishioner Mike Hartenstine will cover the development of Christian liturgy and scripture in the early Church in Rome, following the 9 a.m. mass, Goewey Hall



SERVE ON SATURDAYS

Serve on Saturdays is one of Redeemer's opportunities for the whole family to join together to make a difference! The next scheduled event is **Saturday, April 20, 9-11:30 a.m.**, in the parish courtyard.

This month's **Serve on Saturday** event is a Bed Build for the Azinger Center in Palmetto. The Center provides beds for at-risk and foster families in need. What will be done? Sanding, painting, and assembling each of the beds for transport, so there is something for everyone to do.

Wear clothes that can get dirty! Children must attend with a parent or guardian.



For more information about Children and Families at Redeemer, contact Director of Children's Christian Formation Jacki Boedecker at JBoedecker@RedeemerSarasota.org. Church of the Redeemer - 222 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236 - 941-955-4263 - RedeemerSarasota.org