



# CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

MARCH 2024

## HOLY WEEK AT REDEEMER WITH FAMILIES IN MIND



**Palm Sunday, March 24-** Children's Procession of the Palms, Holy Week Tableaus and Palm Sunday Sunday Petting Zoo are all part of the 9 a.m. mass. Additional masses at 7:30 and 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. in Spanish. Nursery is open at the 9 and 11 a.m. masses.

**Tenebrae, March 27** - This contemplative service begins at 7:30 pm.

**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. in front of the Hollywood 11 theater. Ends at Redeemer. Stroller friendly.

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

**Easter Day, March 31** - Masses, 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. (7 a.m. no incense, 1 p.m. in Spanish), Church. Additional seating will be available in Gillespie Hall. Nursery is open at the 9 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 bell!



# VBS 2024

Church of the Redeemer Sarasota's VBS 2024 registration is open!

Inspired by the 2024 Summer Olympics, "Run The Race: Keep The Faith" is our theme, Aug 5-9, 9 am-noon.

2024 Chair Lindsay Howell leads a gold-medal team of volunteers!

The fee is \$25 for the first child in a family, and registration lessens with each additional child. As always, scholarships are available.

Space is limited. Register today at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Children](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Children).



## 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

## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION, TABLEAUS & PETTING ZOO

Palm Sunday at Redeemer arrives with so much for children and their families - both from a faith formation standpoint and just plain fun!

Sunday School classes and their teachers arrive a few minutes early on Palm Sunday to be part of the Procession of the Palms at the beginning of the 9 a.m. mass.

The procession heads directly to Gillespie Hall, with all the adult leaders, to prepare a series of meaningful Holy Week frozen tableaus, depicting the seven main events in Christ's life between Palm Sunday and Easter Day. These are presented by them in the service, just before The Peace. No rehearsal is needed, and all are invited to participate. Post-presentation, children and youth head to sit with their families.

After church, we head out to the parish lawn for the annual Palm Sunday Petting Zoo.

Children of God, from ages 8 days to 108, enjoy God's creatures and each other.

Don't miss the beginning of Holy Week at Redeemer!







## OUR FLOWERING CROSS

Located in front of the church, flowers will be available for you and your family to add on Easter Day, or bring your favorite from home.

The cross was this year's parish Christmas Tree, was transformed into the dried cross of Lent by parishioner Skip Huene, and is given new life as our Flowering Cross on Easter Day by Marsha Devitt, Alison Elizalde, Mimi Hernandez, and Christine Lindsay.

It's a favorite spot for Easter family photos!

## MARCH ADULT OFFERINGS

### Sunday mornings:

- **Redeemer Forum class, The Nicene Creed, Sundays, March 3, 10, 17**, 10-10:40 a.m., 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:

- **Adult Confirmation Class**: March 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the church. Taught by Fr. Charleston Wilson. Register at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).
- **C. S. Lewis Book Study**, March 6, 13, and 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Goewey Hall. Taught by Annie and Fritz Maxwell.

### Special Events:

- **Tuesday, March 5: Rubens at The Ringling: Triumph of the Eucharist**, 9:30 a.m., The Ringling Museum. Register at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).
- **Thursday, March 14: All Parish Book Dinner**, 6:30 p.m., Goewey Hall., March 13, 6:30 p.m., Goewey Hall. Title to be discussed: *This Much Country* by Kristin Knight Page. \$25. Register at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).
- **Sunday, March 17: Adult Class: Gospel Illuminations in the Poetry of Seamus Heaney**, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Room 202-204.



## 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 is asking for books to replenish their children's library. If you feel called to help, stop by the Sunday School wing on the second floor of the Robinson Center and take a paper heart off the window. Each heart has a QR code that leads to an Amazon wish list.

Let's spread the love to St. Luke!

# MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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## Sunday, March 3:

- 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.; Formation for children, youth, and adults following the 9 a.m. mass and 1 p.m. mass.

## Sunday, March 10:

- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins.**

- 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.; Formation for children, youth, and adults following the 9 a.m. mass and 1 p.m. mass.

## Sunday, March 17

- 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.; Formation for children, youth, and adults following the 9 a.m. mass and 1 p.m. mass.

## Palm Sunday, March 24:

- **Masses at 7:30, 9, and 11 a.m. 1 p.m. in Spanish.** Nursery available at the 9 and 11 a.m. masses.
  - **Children's Procession of the Palms and Holy Week Tableaus** - 9 a.m. mass.
  - **Palm Sunday Sunday Petting Zoo** following the 9 a.m. mass.

## Wednesday, March 27:

- **Tenebrae** - This contemplative service begins at 7:30 p.m.

## Maundy Thursday, March 28

- **Masses at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.** The 6 p.m. service includes the Washing of the Feet and the Stripping of the Altar. Nursery available at the 6 p.m. mass.
- **Overnight Altar of Repose** - Sign up to spend an hour at [RedeemerSarasota.org/Register](https://RedeemerSarasota.org/Register).

## Good Friday, March 29

- **Stations of the Cross on Main Street** begins at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Hollywood 11 theater. Ends at Redeemer. Stroller friendly.
- **Good Friday masses at 10 a.m. and 12 noon (with veneration of the cross).** Nursery provided at noon.
- **Good Friday Rock Garden beneath the Bell Tower.** Transforms into a Resurrection Garden on Easter Day.

## Easter Eve, Saturday, March 30

- **The Great Vigil of Easter, 6 p.m.,** with incense and nursery.

## Easter Day, Sunday, March 31

- **Masses, 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.** (7 a.m. no incense, 1 p.m. in Spanish), Church. Additional seating will be available in Gillespie Hall. Nursery available at the 9 and 11 a.m. masses.
- **First Communion** is received by children in the First Communion class at the 9 a.m. mass.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** follows the 9 a.m. mass in the Parish Courtyard. **No baskets, please.** Bags will be provided.
- **Flowering of the Cross** all Easter Day. Flowers will be available or bring your favorite from home.



For more information about Children and Families at Redeemer,  
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