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# Christian Formation Opportunities 2019/2020

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Located in the heart of downtown Sarasota  
[redeemersarasota.org](http://redeemersarasota.org)

## Designed for Children

The parish partners with families in fostering faith that sticks. All who work with children and youth at Redeemer have been screened and have completed "Safeguarding God's Children" training.

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

**Sunday School:** Sunday School classes take place throughout the academic year for all children and youth from **10:10 to 10:45 on Sunday mornings.**

**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. A PreK (4 yr-old) class is offered during the **9 AM Mass.**

**Logos:** Redeemer's mid-week event for children grades K-5 takes place Wednesday from 5-6:30 PM. Bible study, art, choir and music, and "family-style" dinner make up our afternoons. One parent of each Logos participant must make a time commitment to the program in some way. **Beginning 21 August.**

## Designed for Youth

At Redeemer, our youth are at the heart of a true, lifegiving, and Christ-centered group—a real community, hence Episcopal Youth Community (EYC.) Our values are worship, fellowship, and mission.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School classes take place throughout the academic year for all children and youth from **10:10 to 10:45 on Sunday mornings.**

**Junior EYC:** **Wednesdays, 6-7:30 PM.** Middle schoolers gather in Gillespie Hall with Christoph Stephenson-Moe, Youth Minister. ([cstmoe@redeemersarasota.org](mailto:cstmoe@redeemersarasota.org)) **Begins 21 August.**

**Senior EYC:** **Sundays, 6-7:30 PM.** High school students gather in Gillespie Hall with Christoph Stephenson-Moe, Youth Minister. **Begins 18 August.**

**Youth Confirmation Class:** **Wednesdays at 5 PM**, with Fr. Wood, **beginning on 21 August.**



**Friday Morning Youth Bible Studies:** Providing "food for the body and the soul" for middle and high school youth every Friday morning during the academic year, **6:15-7 AM, beginning on 23 August.**

## Designed for Adults

**Weekday Classes with Masses:** Watch for announcements during the year as more are added.

♦ **Daughters of the King:** (DOK) meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Open to all women of the parish, these meetings begin with **Mass, at 10:00 AM**, in the chapel, and continue with discussion of a topic led by one of our priests.

♦ **Women's Bible Studies:** Preceded by attendance at Mass, classes take place on Wednesday mornings throughout the year. Please check the Redeemer website and announcements for information about specific courses or topics.

### Additional Weekday Classes:

**Businessmen's Bible Study:** Intended to make a difference in the lives of businessmen, this early meeting provides a spiritual, faith-based start to their day. Focus is on readings from the Daily Office, with the goal of encouraging daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer. **Wednesdays 7-8 AM.**

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

**Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study:** **Starting at 7:30 AM**, this hour-long meeting focuses on intercessory prayer, and remarkable lives or events related to the liturgy and the Bible. **Gillespie Hall.**

**Heart to Heart Women's Book Club** meets on the first Monday of the month, at **9 AM, October through May.** A list of books may be found on the parish website, in the narthex, and in the parish office.

**Heart to Heart Book Club** hosts a Redeemer Book Clubs' Open House, **Thursday, 19 September, at 7:00 PM**, to introduce the parish to Redeemer's three book groups.

**Books & Beyond**, our men's book group, meets periodically on **Tuesday evenings.** Details available online and in announcements.

**Night Shift** is the newly formed evening group for women that meets at **6:30 PM, on the first Monday of the month.** Book list available as above.

**Lectionary Bible Study:** Focus is on reading and discussing the Collect, psalm, and lessons to be read on the following Sunday. No registration required. **Tuesdays at noon**, Clarke Room, above Gillespie Hall.



## Sunday Mornings for Adults

**Tell Me More!** is a year-round deeper look at the Sunday scripture readings, in an interactive setting with Frs. Robinson, Wilson, or Wood. **10:10-10:40 AM.**

**The Rector's Class** is a year-round series of studies. Offered **10:10-10:40 AM.** Below, find our topics for 2019-20:

- **September: Jail Breaks in the Bible.** Imagine you have been unfairly imprisoned, and as you sit in jail waiting for your name to be cleared, an angel comes to release you. Who knew there were so many jail breaks to discuss in Holy Scripture? (15, 22, 29)
- **October: Christology, and the Heresies that Attack It.** How did the early fathers understand who Jesus Christ is, what false interpretations of Him did they have to combat to ensure the faith that was once-for-all entrusted to God's holy people, and how have many of these false teachings been recycled in our modern culture? (6, 13, 20)
- **November: Dogma.** What are the core beliefs all Christians must accept? With so many beliefs out there, to what must we must ascribe in order to be called Christians? (17, 24)
- **December: "Prophet" Margins.** Join us as we prepare for Christmas by exploring the prophecies about the Messiah found in the Old Testament. (8, 15)
- **January: Fireside Chats return.** Ask the clergy any questions you like as we sit in Gillespie Hall and enjoy the warmth of a beautiful fire projected on the screen! (5, 12)
- **February: Month of Mission.** 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 tithes to our community. (2, 9, 16, 23)
- **March: Mountain Top Experiences in the Bible.** This Lent, we will discuss the many mountain top experiences found in Holy Scripture as we approach the pinnacle of the Christian year—the Feast of the Resurrection, Easter. (1, 8, 15, 22)
- **April: Doctrine of the Holy Trinity.** Is it possible fully to understand the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three persons, one substance, the God and creator of all? Join us as we explore the doctrine of our triune God. (19, 26)
- **May: Reflections on the 10 Commandments.** Join Frs. Robinson, Wilson, and Wood as they present a summary of God's reasons for right behavior. (3, 10, 17, 24)

## Additional Sunday Morning Offerings

**From Guilt to Grace: The Impact of Luther and the Reformation on the Church.** In 1517, Martin Luther's 95 Theses ignited a reformation of the Church. This series will consider the state of the Church in 1500, the prevalence of clerical abuses, the sale of indulgences, and the contest for ecclesiastical authority. Led by Mike Hartenstine. (5, 12, 19, 26 January.)

**"Alpha Course with a Twist."** Join Fr. Charleston and his facilitators for an updated version of the classic Alpha course. These round table discussions will set out the basics of Christianity for the modern world and empower you to share your faith in a more effective way. (2 February-8 March.)

## Wednesday Evening Adult Offerings 6:30-7:30 PM

**A shortened service of the beautiful liturgy of Evensong takes place weekly on Wednesdays, at 6 PM, September through May.**

**Women of Redeemer (WOR) & Men of Redeemer (MOR) offer concurrent classes: (11 September-2 October.)**

★ **"Search Me,"** for women, is a 4-week Bible study of God's redemptive plan, through Psalm 139, revealing God's deep character and intimate knowing of each of us.

★ **"How a Man Prays for His Family."** Are you able to identify the obstacles to your prayer life? Do you wonder how to connect your family to God's power? Using John Yates's book, we will explore how to get past the four barriers to prayer.

**Pilgrims on the Canterbury Trail:** A weekly class, led by Fr. Robinson, focusing on the uniqueness of the Anglican Tradition. Topics include liturgy, history, and rule of life. This class is required of adults who wish to be confirmed or received. (2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October, 6, 13 November. 2020 classes TBA.)

**Eucharistic Prayers:** Our beautiful liturgy is ancient, complex, and sometimes not so easy to understand, especially for newcomers. Join Fr. Wood for a four-week class that will empower you to engage more fully in our Sunday morning worship. (9, 16, 23, 30 October.)

**The Book of Daniel:** How does the legendary story of Daniel and his companions help us who live, also, in turbulent times? Join Fr. Wilson to find out! (6, 13, 20 November.)

**Christian Art & Symbolism:** Commencing 4 December, Fr. Robinson leads this three-week journey exploring the grandeur and joy found in outstanding Christian art. (4, 11, 18 December.)

**WOR & MOR again offer concurrent classes:** (8, 15, 22, 29 January.)

★ **"Be You"** is a 4-week Bible study journey for women, discovering what it looks like to be bold, transparent, free, and truly the person God created you to be.

★ **MOR** topic to be announced.



**No God but One, by Nabeel Qureshi:** What former devout Muslim Nabeel Qureshi discovered in his fifteen-year investigation into the evidence for Christianity and Islam wrenched his heart and transformed his life. Join Fr. Wood and John Mathis as they facilitate discussion of this exciting book. (5-19 February.)

**Social Media and the Christian Life:** We are called to do all things to the Glory of God, but how does that work on social media? Join Frs. Wood and Wilson for a group chat. (11, 18, 25 March, 1 April.)



**"for a glimpse of some of these events, check the links on our website..."**

- **Redeemer's annual Vacation Bible School,** for children K-5, takes place the week before school starts in Sarasota County. 2019's theme is "Strong and Courageous."
- **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.
- **Families of Redeemer (FOR):** Families gather for all sorts of fun.
- **Grown & Flown:** Redeemer's empty-nesters gather for dinner and movies.
- **Faith Talks:** A parishioner shares his or her walk in faith during the Rector's Class. Look for details in the announcements.
- **GATORS:** Redeemer's singles gather monthly for Bible Studies with Becky Thornhill, host an annual Thanksgiving Dinner, deliver treats for homebound parishioners, and enjoy fun outings.
- **Blessing of the Animals:** Sunday, 29 September, at 4 PM, on the Palm Terrace.
- **The 24th Annual Men of Redeemer (MOR) Golf Tournament:** Saturday, 5 October. Open to both men and women.
- **All Parish Book Club Open House,** to introduce our three book clubs. Thursday, 19 September, at 6 PM.
- **MOR Steak Night:** Annual fund-raiser, Thursday, 7 November. Speaker to be announced.
- **All Saints' Wax Museum:** Children in our kindergarten through third grade Sunday School classes become wax figures depicting saints through the ages.
- **Veterans' Sunday:** Church of the Redeemer's multi-generational observance of, and thanks to, our veterans.
- **Advent Event:** Celebrate the start of this blessed season by making an Advent wreath and Christ Candle for your home. Sunday, 1 December, after the 9 AM Mass.
- **Advent Lessons & Carols:** An intergenerational service. Sunday, 8 December, 5:15 PM.

- **Christmas Eve 3PM Mass with Live Nativity:** Family-friendly celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, complete with a no-rehearsal-needed Live Nativity and special visitor.
- **Christmas Lessons & Carols:** Sunday, 29 December
- **Great Redeemer Bake-Off:** Sunday, 29 December
- **The Annual All-Parish Book Club Dinner & Discussion:** Thursday, 13 February, at 6 PM. Book title: The Arsenal of Democracy.
- **Palm Sunday Tableaus:** Children of the parish solemnly re-enact the events of Holy Week in tableau. No rehearsal required!
- **Palm Sunday Petting Zoo:** Following the 9 AM Mass.
- **Good Friday:** Annual Stations of the Cross walk down Main Street.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** For children, immediately following the 9 AM Mass on Easter Day.
- **Day 4 Hope 2020:** Our largest annual outreach activity! We help prepare over 200 at-risk children for the new school year.
- **St. Michael's Conference:** Annual youth event, Hartford, CT. 26 July - 1 August 2020

**First Communion Class:** Our Kindergartners and their parents learn about the Holy Eucharist through a five-week Instructed Eucharist Class, during Sunday School time in Lent. The children receive their First Communion on Easter Day.

**Holy Baptism** is administered on the First Sunday after the Epiphany, at the Easter Vigil, Day of Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. Active participation in the life of the Christian community is expected of all candidates and sponsors. (Private baptisms may be scheduled by arrangement with a member of the clergy.)

**Holy Matrimony** is celebrated in the Church for communicant members of the parish who are regular in attendance and support of the Church. A ninety-day notice is required. Advent and Lent are not appropriate times for weddings.

*Unforeseen circumstances may necessitate changes in dates or times. Please check our website for updates and additional Formation opportunities.*

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