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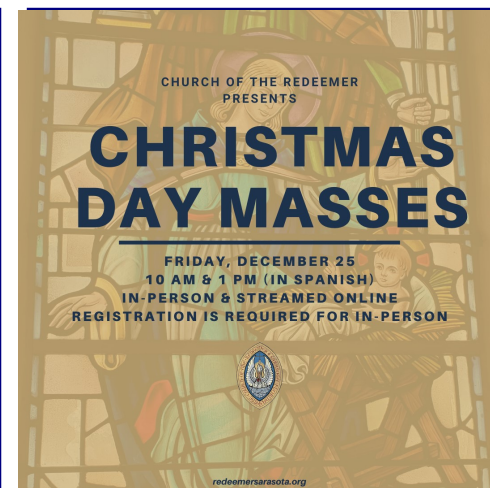
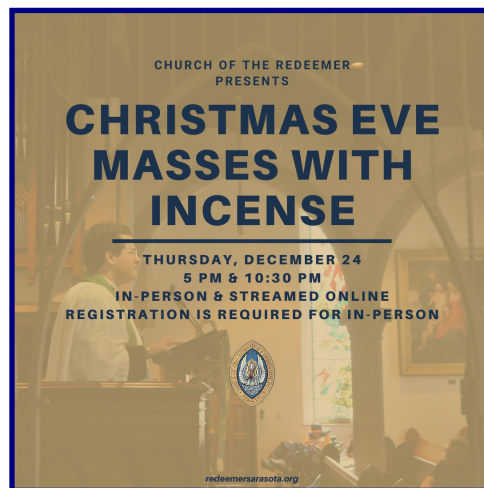


# In The Beginning

*It's the beginning of a new month at Redeemer*

## December 2020

“Making new Christians, and making all Christians new”



Registration is required for all in-person Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Register on the website, or call the parish office.

**Weekday Daily Mass** - Monday—Friday, 10 AM

**Weekday Morning & Evening Prayer** -

9 AM & 5:15 PM—in-person and via Facebook Live

**Weekday Noonday Prayers** (in Spanish), via Facebook Live

### Sunday

- Sunday Eucharist: 7:30, 9\* & 11 AM, 1 PM\* in Spanish
- Children's Chapel: in person, during the 9 AM mass
- Sunday School multigenerational: 10:20 AM, courtyard
- Rector's Class: 10:20 AM, in person, Goewey Hall
- Tell Me More: 10:20 AM, in person, Gillespie Hall
- Gift Shoppe: 8:30 AM, & after the 9 & 11 AM Masses
- Senior EYC: 6-7:30 PM, Gillespie Hall

### Monday

- Samaritan Counseling Center: by appointment
- Faith Formation, 6:30 PM, via Youtube & Facebook Live

### Tuesday

- Desert Roads: An Advent Series, 6:30 PM, via Facebook Live and YouTube

### Wednesday

- Businessmen's Bible Study: 7 AM, via Zoom
- Gift Shoppe: 10 AM - 2 PM
- Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study: 10:30 AM, via Zoom
- Youth Confirmation: 5 - 6 PM, Goewey Hall and Zoom
- Junior EYC: 6 - 7:30 PM, Gillespie Hall
- Tell Me More!, 6:30 PM, via Youtube & Facebook Live
- Advent Art with Christine Hales, 6:30 PM, Goewey, registration required

### Thursday

- Rector's Class: Back to Basics series continues, 6:30 PM, via Facebook Live and YouTube
- Samaritan Counseling Center, by appointment

### Friday

- Gift Shoppe: 10 AM - 2 PM
- Advent Art with Christine Hales, 6:30 PM, via Facebook Live and YouTube

### Saturday

- Men's Prayer Group: 7:30 - 8:30 AM, via Zoom
- Saturday Eucharist: 10 AM & 5:30 PM\* (Contemporary)

\*Masses available via YouTube, Facebook Live, and website

Dear Redeemer Family,

In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, British writer Samuel Johnson famously said, “When a man knows he is going to face the gallows, it concentrates his mind wonderfully.”

Perhaps the same might be said of a new rector in 2020 facing stewardship season in the middle of a global pandemic, and in a polarized nation.

I want you to know, because you deserve to know, that my mind is indeed concentrating, to quote Johnson, like never before.

But I want you to hear me out, because no matter the background noise, no matter anything going on in the whole wide world, I am concentrated on just one thing: Making new Christians and making all Christians new.

Paradoxically, 2020 has given us as a parish an opportunity that nobody alive today at Redeemer can remember. We are back to basic Christianity, back to sharing that simple, but life-changing truth that Jesus is Lord and that His grace really is sufficient. The Gospel community at Redeemer is growing, and those of us who already believe are being renewed like never before, being made new.

Billy Graham once said in a sermon, “If God told us what he is doing in the world, we wouldn't believe it. Don't think that God has given up,” Graham said. “Don't think that God is abdicated, and don't think that he has left his throne. He hasn't. He's still on the throne, and those of us that know that put our trust in him, and in him alone. I don't put my trust in Washington,” he said. “I don't put my trust in the United Nations, I don't put my trust in myself, I don't put my trust in my money. I put my trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Friends, although many of us still need to stay apart, there is no reason we can't all pull together.

And remember, God isn't asking us to figure it all out; he's asking us to trust that he already has. And from that reality, let us become faith-filled and go all in.

God bless you,



## Of Note in December

### Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2020: Registration required for in person worship

**24 Dec Christmas Eve Masses: Mass for Families: 12 & 3 PM, Mass with Incense: 5 & 10:30 PM, & online**

**25 Dec Christmas Day Masses, 10 AM and 1 PM mass, & online**

### December Monthly Series:

***Did You Miss It?*** - Mondays, 6:30 PM, via Youtube & Facebook Live

***Desert Roads*** - Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, via Youtube & Facebook Live

***Tell Me More!*** - Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, via Youtube & Facebook Live. **Sunday mornings** in person, Gillespie Hall

***Advent Art*** with Christine Hales - Wednesdays, in person, 6:30 PM, Goewey Hall; **broadcast Fridays online**, 6:30 PM

***Rector's Class*** - Thursdays, 6:30 PM, via Youtube & Facebook Live; **Sunday mornings** in person, Goewey Hall

***Gift Shoppe Advent Extravaganza***, thru 23 Dec: Sundays between all masses, and every Wed & Fri, 10 AM - 2 PM

### December Special Offerings:

**1 Dec** *Walking with Elizabeth: a personal reflection on infertility, faithfulness, and anticipation*, with Jackie Overton, 6:30 PM, via Facebook Live and Youtube

Salvation Army Bell Ringing, through 24 December, signup online

**2 Dec** Advent Organ Recital - Sam Nelson, 12:15 - 12:45 PM, in nave & online

**3 Dec** *The Grace Gang*, a Bible study for women, 12 PM - 1 PM, in Goewey Hall, with Fr. Wilson

**5 Dec** Vestry Retreat, 9 AM, Goewey Hall

**6 Dec** Multigenerational Sunday School for all, between the 9 & 11 AM masses, courtyard

*Advent Lessons and Carols*, 5:15 PM, in nave & online

**7 Dec** *Heart to Heart Women's Book Club*, 9:30 - 11 AM, Gillespie Hall & online

*Night Shift Women's Book Club*, 6:30 - 8 PM, via Zoom

**8 Dec** Finance Committee Meeting, 4:30 - 6 PM, Room 220

Mission & Outreach Committee, 5:30 - 7 PM, Goewey Hall

*Books & Beyond Men's Book Group*, 6:30 - 8 PM, Room 220 & via Zoom

Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts pick up, by 5 PM

**9 Dec** Advent Organ Recital - Dr. James Guyer, 12:15 - 12:45 PM, in nave & online

*Gingerbread House Decorating* Event with Jr. EYC & GATORS, 6 PM, Gillespie Hall, reservations required

**13 Dec** Multigenerational Sunday School for all, between the 9 & 11 AM masses, courtyard

*Messiah Hum-a-long*, a tribute to the late Daniel Moe, in nave & online, ticket required

**14 Dec** Daughters of the King, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, via Zoom

**16 Dec** Advent Organ Recital - Richard Benedum, 12:15 - 12:45 PM, in nave & online

Chamber Orchestra of Sarasota—*A Musical Celebration for the Holidays*, 7 PM, online, ticket required

**17 Dec** *The Grace Gang*, a Bible study for women, 12 PM - 1 PM, in Goewey Hall, with Fr. Wilson

**20 Dec** Multigenerational Sunday School for all, between the 9 & 11 AM masses, courtyard

**23 Dec** Advent Organ Recital - Dr. Ann Stephenson-Moe, 12:15 - 12:45 PM, in nave & online

Choral Artists of Sarasota—*Holiday Lights*, 4 PM, online, ticket required

**28 Dec** Daughters of the King, 10:30 - 11:15 AM, via Zoom

SASS, Senior Adult Sunday School, 6 PM, via Zoom

## Milestones

### Baptisms

*"We welcome you into the household of God"*

Radcliffe Evanston Altier

Hayes Edward Davis

Linus Richard Illch

Lucas Jacob Koshy

Graham Alan Melton

### Deaths

*"May light perpetual shine upon them"*

John Lineweaver

### Transfer - In

Barbara Rezner & John Pryor

### Transfer - Out

Shana P. Robinson & Mariana Robinson

to Holy Trinity, Fruitland Park, FL

### Joining the parish

Jillian Hendry

Jody Mayo

Karen & Mark Pompetti

Nancy Stedman

Stephanie & Bud Summers

Jessica & Gordon Warr

## December Birthdays

1 Bohdan Bulawka, Lois Cheney, Emma Childers, Barbara Janzen, Jack Petrecca, Dylan Rasmussen, Manual Reyes, Tom Russell, Ann Stephenson-Moe, Guillermo Tovar

2 Earl Smith

3 Shanley Caswell, Matthew Cook, Stewart Lindsay, Diane Roberts, Mike Rozmus

4 Barbara Dubon, Lois Lindahl, Amanda Maulfair, Ann Smith, Laura Valek

5 Marion Almy, Maria Diego, Fr. Clay Knapp, Lorena Luts, Wells Purmort

6 Molly Lampert, Hope Stanley

7 Kurt Grade, Carmenza Jovines, Jane Meade, Bill Pettey, Rafael Robledo, Janet Smiljanic

8 Steve Agren, Matthew Aresery, Jessica Cabrera, Toi Estes, Bob Hammond, Zoe Merritt, Kay Pinkerton-Perez, Gabrielle Richardson, Loisanne Robins, Melinda Sutter, Simon Valek

9 William Crouse, Mac DeCarle, Michael Easton, Don Laronge, Bob Lindsay, Elda Longueuil, Theodore Polenz, Renata Quirke, Martin Rometsch, Barbara Standish, Bob Wenzel, Dallas Younkman

10 Mark Moncelli, Jon Newsome, Caitlyn Ross, Luis Ruis, Barbara Seed, Kait Shelton, Mary Skweres, Andrew Taylor, Zack Terres

11 Erick Cabrera, Ernie Cave, Augustus Howell, Will Morton Heather Suescun

12 Nick Ferguson, Jerry Hill, Alex Martinez, Lilia Mosquera, Jeff Wiegand

13 Jeannette Giron, Brenden Larson, Alexandra Lonsdale, Phil Pasho

14 Scott Ames, Ryan Carson, Jeanne Clark, Mary Lou Couch, Leina Darling, Melissa Dunlap, Terry Lough, Michael Peet, Thomas Peterson, Linda Rozmus, Carluxta Sanchez, Becket Smith, Nick Watts

15 John Buckingham, Patrick Cunningham, Joyce Jewell, Kareena Legare, Kristy Lonsdale, John Simon, Tom Spoor, Jack Trefry

16 Ruth Farmer, Elena Polyak, Sandy Rinaldi, JP Rutledge, Mary Lou Sangdhal, Maynard Stringer, Ron Vincent, Josie Williamson

17 Roy Glah, Nancy Gridley, Georgia Lee, Diana Michel, Gratia Schroeder, Dena Thompson, Sadie Williamson

18 Diana Antezana, Sharon Coleman, Ali Gollnick, Kendal Gollnick, Dave Matuszak, Bill Myers, Meredith Piazza, Heather Pollard, Debra Riva, Jeannine Rusch, Fleur Salisbury, Kelly Turner

19 Raphe Ayres, Wilfred Erazo, George Rusch, Tommy Younkman

20 Katherine Best, Beth Cotner, Nora Johnson, Brandon Mouchett, Blair Williamson

21 Jud Boedecker, Elyse Dalabakis, Beverly Dame, William Leete,

Edwin Mosquera, Lauren Pufahl, Jeff Sanders, Adam Sperber, Eric Unsworth

22 Kallista Barnes, Kayleigh Brown, Fatima Cardona, Barbara Corning, Justin Younkman

23 Joan Falls, Emily McAnally, Mickey Seidholz, Keith Summerford, Tom Younkman

24 Sam Consentino, Mike Forbes, Gene Gumbert, Michael Hales, Bill Hutchison, Barbara Hyde, Jason Kubisiak, Jonathan Laronge, Allyson Rowell

25 Stephen Bennett, Rob Davis, Anne Lynch, Andrew Murray, Diane Smith

26 Anna Burchette, Janis Eastwood, Phyllis Lovrien, Graham Ryan

27 Isabel Arent, Margaret Barnes, Becky Nidiffer, Stephanie Summers

28 Debbie Ayers, Mathew Cabral, Heather Germond, Janie Hritz, Natasha Menke, Karin Peet, Connor Shoemaker, Roland Shumate, Rhonda Summerford, Polly Teffenhart

29 Carter Ayres, Barry Bell, Christina Brush, Juanito Diego, Gussie Haeffner, Carroll Keim, Andrew Lazo, Joseph Montgomery, Charlie Morgenthaler, Leonor Pineda, Josie Shaffer, Lissi Strom, George Tilley

30 Terry Anderson, Georgia Anderson, Richard Caldwell, Armando Herrera, Jody Maxwell, Liz Reuth, Jacob Rodriguez, Laura Sanclemente, Judy Sande, Michael Score

31 Elle Ferguson, Trevor Greene, Thomas Kimmel, Joanna Meyer, Alejandro Rodriguez, Ananda Rodriguez

## December Anniversaries

1 Hosana & Dane Fieber

5 Courtney Sanders & Brian Lail

6 Regina & Joe Smith

8 Laura & Jay Crouse

10 Jan & Bob Gillett, Susie & Charly Shugg

12 Elvira & Terry Lindemann

14 Laura & Billy Merritt

15 Gily & Dani Hernandez, Mary Pat & Kevin Radford

18 Allison & Timothy Derr, Karen & Bob Hammond

19 Rose & Richard Scantlebury

20 Jessica & Gordon Warr

21 Lauren & Andrew Taylor, Heather Younkman-Ivery & Riccardo Ivery

22 Jane & Jack Thompson

23 Suzanne & David Arch, Carmen Gillett & Bill Belmont

25 Rosalia & Teo Vasquez

26 Gina & Phil Hughes, Sandy & Bob Hulvat

27 Jacki & Jud Boedecker, Leeann & Ched Gladding, Gail & Fr. Rick Marsden, Carolyn & Don Peet, Mary & Ned Richardson

28 Cynthia & Karl Pond, Laura & Robert Vukovich

29 Allison & Mark Lubas, Lisa & Orion Marx,

Christy & Tom Teffenhart, Ann & John Williams

30 Mariana & Sumner Darling, Marsha & Steve Devitt,

Patricia Moppett & David Whip, Jill & Carl Stockton

31 O'lyn & Byron Coleman, Carolyn & William Crouse,

Jeanne & Harry Lewis, Harriett & Rob Lewis,

Susan Stemitz & Jeff Berkowitz