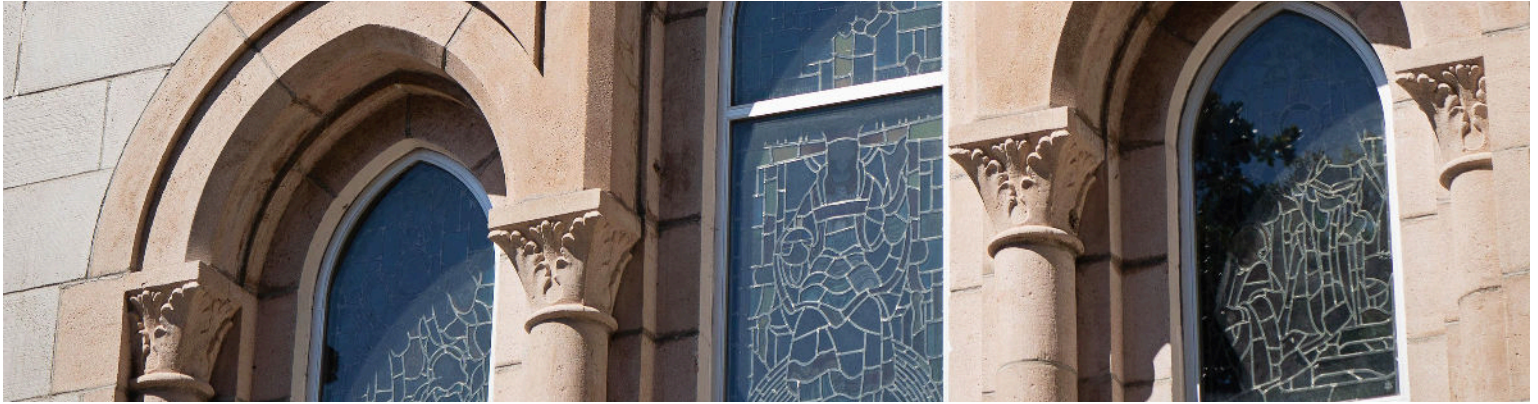


IN THE BEGINNING

Church of the Redeemer
Sarasota, Florida

SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Redeemer Family,

It is a familiar scene (at least to me). The bride is bedecked in all her finery. The groom is fidgety and ready for the reception. And then it happens — a bridesmaid stumbles through the following lesson from 1st Corinthians:

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...

Recently, I contacted a priest — a complete stranger — at a monastery to make my confession and receive some spiritual guidance. To prepare for our time together and to check my “spiritual maturity,” as he put it, he asked me to read the lesson above, substituting the word “love” with my own name to see how many times it rang true. Well, let’s just say I couldn’t even get beyond “Charleston is patient,” because I am not! (Go ahead, you give it a try.)

A much better exercise goes like this. Reread the verses and replace the word “love” with “God” or “Jesus.” Then picture the friend of sinners who gave His life so we might have life. You will discover the very change the priest demanded of me can occur only after moral chastisement gives way to the priceless mercy, forgiveness, and love of Jesus Christ. Living a holy and righteous life is always the fruit of — and never the prerequisite for — God’s grace. Too often we get the cart ahead of the proverbial horse.

Invite your friends to experience the life-changing grace of God at Redeemer!

Your servant,

Fr. Charleston Wilson
Rector, Church of the Redeemer

Pictured above:
The stained-glass windows in the balcony, as seen from the exterior of the church. The windows were dedicated in 2004, Redeemer’s centennial year.

— Special Gifts —

A gift in memory of
Marilyn Glandorf
designated for the
Choir and Martha's Guild from
Nancy Bernard

Gifts in memory of
Joyce Steele
designated for the Memorial Fund from
David Ferguson
Kathleen & Jamo Powell
Jeffrey Steele

Gifts in memory of
Elvira Aparicio Lindemann
designated for the St. Francis Garden from
Virginia Hitchcock
Terry Lindemann

A gift in memory of
Glen Tonini
designated for the Memorial Fund from
Kathryn Manchester

— Milestones —

Baptisms

Sidney Rebecca Brann
Maverick Louro Fernandes
Heath Schlabaugh
Jeicob Abdiel Suarez Sivira

Deaths

Nancy H. Boyle

Marriages

Melissa Simmons & Phillip Sullivan

Transfer In

Susan Cartwright from
St. Peter's Church, Freehold, New Jersey

Jennifer Plush from The Church of
Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, Florida

Viveca and (Marion) Ryvers Wright
from Episcopal Church of the Redeemer,
Midlothian, Virginia

Joining

Rafik Accad
Stephen (Beau) Beaugard
Kay Booker
Anastasia Dykins
Jennifer Sempre-Lorraine
Max Sempre
Carole and Neil Phillips
Diane Starr and Mark Akerman
Melissa Williamson

Welcome Back

Alan Plush

Fun and Faith at Vacation Bible School This August



During the week of August 5-9, the Redeemer campus was bustling with activity for Vacation Bible School! VBS embraced the spirit of the Olympics this year with the theme "Run the Race, Keep the Faith." The campus was packed with elementary schoolers who participated along with dozens of youth and adult volunteers. Thank you to everyone who made it such a joyful experience!



Last month, Jacki Boedecker retired as Redeemer's Director of Children's Formation and Mandy Latta took over the role.

Jacki led Children's Formation at Redeemer for 39 years. She established Redeemer's Christian Formation Team, Vacation Bible School, Children's Chapel, LOGOS, and many other programs and ministries. Jacki plans to spend more time with her family, including her five grandchildren, and looks forward to being engaged with other Redeemer ministries as a parishioner.

Mandy Latta has a passion for forming children and plans to build on Redeemer's past successes as well as launch exciting new ministries. She previously worked in sales for a large pharmaceutical company and as a professional organizer and move management specialist for Methodical Organizing and Moving.

Mandy and her husband, Matt, have two children, Sarah Shea (15) and Asher (12). The Lattas moved to Sarasota in 2015 and became members at Redeemer.

"It is clear that God has called and uniquely equipped Mandy for this ministry at this time in our life together," said Fr. Charleston Wilson, "and I'm looking forward to the future of Children's Formation at Redeemer!" **Congratulations, Jacki and Mandy!**

SEPTEMBER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



Sunday School: Sundays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 10 a.m.,
Robinson Center and Babcock Youth Center

Sunday School Open House: Sunday, September 1, 10-10:40 a.m.,
Robinson Center and Babcock Youth Center

New Heavens & New Earth – What is the Christian Hope? (Adult Class): Sundays, September 1, 8, 15, and
22, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Goewey Hall

Tell Me More (Adult Class): Sundays, September 1, 8, 15, and 22, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall

Parish Office Closed for Labor Day: Monday, September 2

LOGOS: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 5-6:30 p.m., Gillespie Hall

Middle School Youth Group: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Babcock Youth Center

High School Youth Group: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, and 25, 7-8 p.m., Babcock Youth Center

What the Bible Teaches about the Spiritual Realm (Adult Class): Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, and 25,
6:30-7:30 p.m., Goewey Hall

Grace Gang Women's Bible Study with the Rector: Thursdays, September 5 & 19, noon-1 p.m., Goewey Hall

Serve on Saturday — Hurricane Debby Recovery: Saturday, September 7, 7:30 a.m.-noon, meet at Bedrock
Church (2035 Magnolia St., Sarasota) (Register at SPVolunteer.org)

Requiem for Nancy Hankins Boyle: Saturday, September 7, 11:30 a.m., Church

Ladies' Bible Study: Monday, September 9, 7-8:30 p.m., Goewey Hall

Kings and Prophets Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays, September 10, 17, and 24, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Goewey Hall
and 6:30-8 p.m., Room 220

Books and Beyond Men's Book Club: Wednesday, September 11, 6-8 p.m., Room 220 (*Life and Fate*
by Vasily Grossman)

Young Professionals Wine & Cheese Gathering: Saturday, September 14, 4-6 p.m., home of Ian McGowan

Evensong: Sunday, September 15, 5:15 p.m., Church

Vestry Meeting: Monday, September 16, 6 p.m., Goewey Hall

Night Shift Women's Book Club: Monday, September 23, 6:30-8 p.m., Room 220 (*The Brutal Telling*
by Louise Penny)

Parish Book Clubs Co-Ed Wine & Cheese Gathering: Thursday, September 26, 5:30-9 p.m., Goewey Hall
(Register at RedeemerSarasota.org/Register)

Redeemer Golf Tournament: Saturday, September 28, 8:30 a.m., The Meadows Country Club Members' Course
(Register at RedeemerSarasota.org/Golf2024)

Parents' Night Out Interactive Cooking Class: Saturday, September 28, 7-9 p.m., Goewey Hall (Register at
RedeemerSarasota.org/Register)

Outreach Fair: Sunday, September 29, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, September 29, 5:45-6:15 p.m., Courtyard

Visit RedeemerSarasota.org/Calendar for more info about upcoming events.

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Blessing of the Animals



Redeemer's annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on **Sunday, September 29**, at 5:45 p.m. in the courtyard.

Join us to have your pet receive a special blessing from a priest. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with their pets, too!

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.

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.