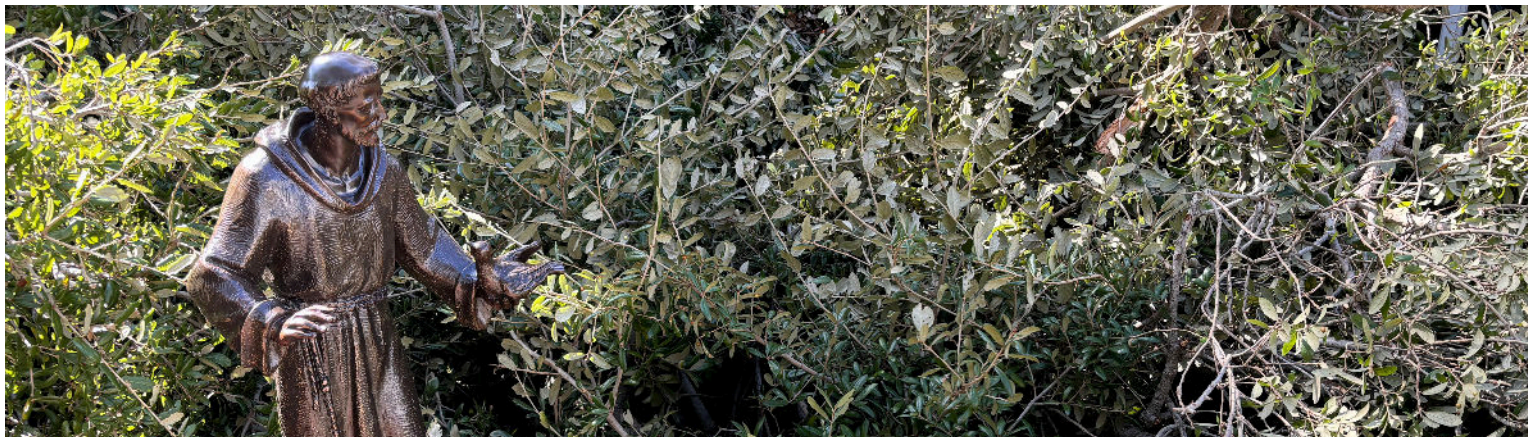


# IN THE BEGINNING

Church of the Redeemer  
Sarasota, Florida

NOVEMBER 2024



*Dear Redeemer Family,*

You've surely heard the old saying, "There are no atheists in foxholes." I recently heard another good truism from a friend. He said, "Quit grouching about the absence of prayer in public schools, Father, because as long as there are final exams, there will always be prayer in schools!" Fair enough. Considering our recent unwanted visitors — Debby, Helene, and Milton — I'll bet more prayers have come out of Sarasota County in the last three months than in the last three years combined. (Fun fact: did you know *The Book of Common Prayer* has a catch-all prayer that is recommended for emergencies? It is rooted in the Psalms, and it goes like this: "O God make speed to save us. O Lord make haste to help us!" I've never used it in an actual emergency, because the Alabama version I learned as a kid is shorter and just as effective. It goes like this: "Help me, Jesus!" You're welcome.)

More seriously, though, what and when you pray is the quickest and clearest window into what you really think about God. There's a melodic Latin jingle that attests to this: "lex orandi, lex credendi," which basically means what you pray reveals what you believe about God more than anything else. In other words, tell me what you pray, and I'll show you exactly what you really think about God, yourself, and how you relate to the world around you.

How is your prayer life, by the way? Have you called on God to help you lately — to give you a measure of comfort, wisdom, or peace? The Western world is so awash with self-help podcasts, life hacks, and Google searches that prayer is often the last place we turn when facing the inevitable difficulties that come with life. When the going gets tough, don't try looking for motivation and strength within. Reach out, not in. Call on the name of Jesus in all your distress — "cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

*Your servant,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line and a small cross symbol.

Fr. Charleston Wilson  
Rector, Church of the Redeemer

**Pictured above:**  
*The statue of St. Francis of Assisi in Redeemer's St. Francis Garden stands amid fallen tree limbs in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. Redeemer sustained no major damage and experienced no water intrusion despite the storm hitting Sarasota as a Category 3. Our Facilities Team and parishioners worked diligently to clear the campus of debris so we were ready for weekend services.*

## — Special Gifts —

A gift in memory of  
**Robert J. Menegaz, M.D.**  
designated to the  
Rector's Discretionary Fund  
from Donna Menegaz

A gift in memory of  
**Bishop Jack Iker**  
designated to the Memorial Fund  
from Susan & James Tollerton

A gift in memory of  
**Becky Thornhill**  
designated to the  
Rector's Discretionary Fund  
from Angela Ward

## — Milestones —

### Births

Elliana Marie Grohman  
to Rebecca & Stephen Grohman

### Marriages

Audrey Cyrus & Rob Lindsay  
Morgan Holdsworth & Micheal Brown

### Deaths

Julie Eisele  
Nell Evans

### Baptisms

Kenley Crowley  
Jack Crowley

### Joining

Fr. Jim Gordon & Andi Shapiro  
Barbara Spangler

## All Saints' Day at Redeemer

The All Saints' Day service on **Friday, November 1, at 6 p.m.** is an annual favorite. Fr. Charleston Wilson will be the preacher.

The mass setting is Harold Darke's *Communion Service in E*. The offertory anthem is *Faire is the Heaven* by English organist and composer William Harris. This piece is written for double choir, a capella. The text is from a 16th-century poem by Edmund Spenser called "An Hymn of Heavenly Beauty." The poem describes the various occupants of heaven.



## All Souls' Day at Redeemer

Join us for at Redeemer for our All Souls' Day service on **Saturday, November 2, at 6 p.m.** Fr. Michael Hurst is the preacher.

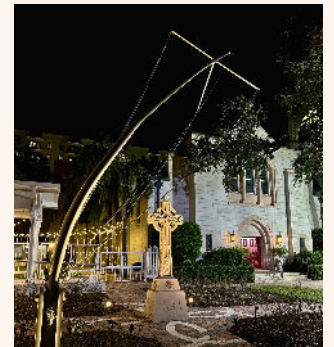
The mass setting is the *Mass in E-flat* by Josef Rheinberger, who composed the mass in 1878 and dedicated it to Pope Leo XIII. The offertory anthem is *De Profundis* by minimalist Estonian composer Arvo Pärt. It is a setting of the Latin text of Psalm 130 (Out of the deep), a text speaking of profound distress that has inspired countless composers through the centuries. It is written for four-part men's choir, percussion, and organ.

After the All Souls' Day service, we will have a **wine and cheese reception** in the courtyard (weather permitting) or Gillespie Hall. All are welcome!

## Redeemer Faces Impacts from Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton

Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida's Big Bend area on September 26. Its storm surge caused extensive damage to Sarasota's barrier islands, and water nearly reached the church. Two weeks later, Hurricane Milton made landfall on Siesta Key on October 9, leading to damage throughout Sarasota. Redeemer faced many downed branches, but as with Helene, the church and offices sustained no water intrusion. Thank you to our staff and parishioners who helped us prepare and recover from these storms.

Are you interested in volunteering for hurricane relief efforts? Join a text message reminder group by texting **@RedeemerD** to **81010**. You will be subscribed to texts from Jackie Overton, Redeemer's Director of Youth and Outreach Ministries, who will send volunteer opportunities with partner organizations as they arise.



Left: Fr. Charleston Wilson stands in flood waters from Hurricane Helene that nearly reached the front doors of the church. Right: The winds of Hurricane Milton bent the steel flagpole in front of Redeemer.

# November 2024 Highlights



**All Saints' Day Service:** Friday, November 1, 6 p.m., Church

**All Souls' Day Service:** Saturday, November 2, 6 p.m., Church

**All Souls' Day Reception:** Saturday, November 2, 7 p.m., Courtyard (weather permitting) or Gillespie Hall

**All Saints' Wax Museum:** Sunday, November 3, 10:10 a.m., Gillespie Hall

**Sunday School Teachers' Meeting:** Sunday, November 3, 10:50 a.m., Room 202-204

**Coffee Talk Women's Book Group:** Monday, November 4, 9-11:30 a.m., Gillespie Hall (*Surviving Savannah* by Patti Callahan)

**The Book of Daniel — Lions, and Angels, and Beasts, Oh My! Adult Class:** Wednesdays, November 6, 13, and 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Goewey Hall (This class will also meet on December 4, 11, and 18.)

**Grace Gang Women's Bible Study with the Rector:** Thursdays, November 7 and 21, noon-1 p.m., Goewey Hall

**History Hunters with Russian Politics and History Expert Robert Barylski:** Thursday, November 7, 6-7:30 p.m., Goewey Hall

**Redeemer Young Professionals Wine & Cheese Gathering:** Saturday, November 9, 4-6 p.m., home of Andres Paz (5231 58th Terrace E., Bradenton). Questions? Call or text Andres at 941-580-8407.

**Service Over Self — The Rector Thanks Those Who Served, A Veterans Day Celebration:** Sunday, November 10, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall

**Youth Group Gathering:** Sunday, November 10, 6 p.m., Painting with a Twist

**Ladies' Bible Study:** Monday, November 11, 7-8:30 p.m., Goewey Hall

**Books and Beyond Men's Book Club:** Wednesday, November 13, 6-8 p.m., Room 220 (*The Rediscovery of America* by Ned Blackhawk)

**Youth Mission Trip Presentation:** Sunday, November 17, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall

**Evensong:** Sunday, November 17, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Church

**Vestry Meeting:** Monday, November 18, 6 p.m., Goewey Hall

**GATORS (Gathering Adults to Redeemer Singles) Thanksgiving Dinner:** Tuesday, November 21, 4 p.m., Gillespie Hall

**Serve on Saturday — Hope Seeds:** Saturday, November 23, 9 a.m.-noon, Goewey Hall

**Redeemer Forum — Christian Poetry Adult Class:** Sunday, November 24, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Goewey Hall

**Tell Me More Adult Class:** Sunday, November 24, 10:10-10:40 a.m., Gillespie Hall

**Night Shift Women's Book Club:** Monday, November 25, 6:30-8 p.m., Room 220 (*The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis)

**Thanksgiving Day Mass:** Thursday, November 28, 10 a.m.

**Parish Office Closed:** Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, November 29

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Making new Christians and making all Christians new

## Meet the new Redeemer van, our evangelist on four wheels!

The van is used by our facilities team to transport equipment and supplies to campus. Now it's serving double-duty as a mobile billboard inviting people to join us at Redeemer! You may notice the van parked in front of the church or driving around town — keep an eye out for it!



**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.