



This Week at Redeemer

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Worship



Toy Sunday—December 6

St. Nicholas is Coming to Town!

December 6th would be just another day but for the visitation of our beloved bishop of Myra, Nicholas. Each year, Bishop Nicholas comes by to tell his story to the young people of Redeemer.

This year, he'll be greeting families from 3:00-4:30pm on the Dunrobbin side of the church building. Either he, or one of his assistants, will provide special Christmas coins to those who come by. St. Nicholas would be most appreciative if those who visit would bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child or two at the Center for Family Life Services. Or, perhaps provide some Christmas gold of your own so that he can purchase gifts for the kids. To make sure everyone knows about St. Nicholas, he'll tell his story at the beginning of the service that evening at 5:00pm. Go to the Redeemer website for the Zoom link.

Collect for Sunday:

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Readings for Sunday:

- **Isaiah 40:1-11**
- **2 Peter 3:8-15a**
- **Mark 1:1-8**
- **Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13**

Need Reserved Sacrament? Collect yours from **Cricket**.

We are now scheduling readers and intercessors for *TheFIVE*. If you would like to be included, please contact **Bob Yates**.

Adult Forum on December 6:

We are reading Jana Reiss' *Flunking Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor*. The book is available from the big

stores, Kindle, etc. Please read chapters 4, 5 and 6 (approximately 40 pages) for this Sunday.

About the 10:00am Sunday service: This service follows the format of the "Prayers for Individuals and Families" in the *Book of Common Prayer 1979*. It is a worship service that focuses on families with children - a "Children's Chapel" as it were. Adults are very welcome too! This service gives Redeemer families a chance to worship together before Sunday School begins.

Be ready to come to church! Sign the Covenant Today

Whether we meet outside or inside, we need your covenant to help keep us all safe.

Go to the waiver/covenant by clicking here:

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5f884aed3443f/web/>

Daily Prayers to Bracket Your Weekdays

Morning Prayers, features the clergy via your regular phone. We invite you to join us at 10am, Monday through Friday, to pray for our world. **Call 508-924-1769.**

The second, Compline, initially led by Geoffrey and Joey takes place at 8pm, Monday through Friday. Join us to settle yourself for the night. The Compline link is on the Redeemer website and in the calendar below.

Pledges - have you sent in yours? [Pledge Form](#)

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Create a Reverse Advent Food Calendar

Fill an empty box one food item at a time:

box of cereal Progresso or chunky soup can of tuna beef stew or corned beef hash canned pasta can of corn can of spinach, sauerkraut, or red beets can of mandarin oranges can of peaches can of applesauce box of mac and cheese ketchup, mustard, or BBQ sauce olives or pickles jelly or jam flour or sugar cooking oil baking mix (cake, brownies) snack item shampoo or conditioner deodorant toothpaste box of tissues tea or hot chocolate juice

At the end of Advent, bring the box to Redeemer and we'll give it to the Manna Food pantry and Bethesda Cares. Or, take it to a pantry near you. Together, let's spend Advent caring for others, for our families, and for our own spiritual well-beings.

Nourishing Bethesda Food Ministry

On Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. a team of nine packs 220-250 bags of shelf-stable items in the St. John's Norwood Parish Hall, respecting Covid safety protocols. On Friday mornings at 10:30, a team of six comes to St. John's, packs the food bags in their cars and transports and drops them at the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad parking lot, our distribution site. A team of three comes to the site from at 10:30-12:00 to set up tents and tables and pack bags of fresh produce, which are delivered to the site that morning. Then 15 volunteers conduct the actual distribution from 12:00-3:00 p.m. All opportunities to volunteer are outlined in the attached [Sign Up Genius](#). Questions? Contact **Deacon Anne Derse**

Sustainable Villages Honduras

Hurricane Iota made landfall in Honduras—the second major storm to hit the country this month.

- Some families' homes have been completely swept away or greatly damaged. Torrential rainfall, rivers rising, winds, and trees falling on buildings and fences have caused massive damage.
- Getting to and from the communities and delivering supplies is a huge challenge. The bridge to the communities is gone, and mudslides and water have blocked the roads up the mountain. The only way to get to the communities is via boat, mototaxi and horseback.
- Fragile water systems have been destroyed. Clean drinking water is still scarce and may continue to be a long-term issue.

If you are able to **make a donation** to support SVH today, it would be so greatly appreciated. The need in our communities has never been more urgent. Increased global need due to the pandemic make the likelihood of significant international support, like that following Hurricane Mitch in 1998, low. A group of long-time donors have pledged \$15,000 to match donations up to \$15,000 made by December 15. Make Checks Out to *Sustainable Villages Honduras* and Send to:

Sustainable Villages Honduras
P.O. Box 15736
Washington DC 20003

Put your money to work for justice.

Patronize black-owned restaurants and businesses in the DMV.

Black-owned restaurants in Montgomery County

Minority-owned businesses in the DC area

MORE REDEEMER ACTIVITIES

Walk to Bethlehem - We can do it!

There are 5,854.5 miles from Bethesda, Maryland, to Bethlehem, Palestine. Plus, there's the Atlantic Ocean between us. How do we walk there? One step at a time, of course. Let's assume that an average walker can go 3 miles per hour. That's three 20-minute segments. So, for every 20-minutes you exercise, you've walked a mile toward the Holy Land. Our walk to Bethlehem is a pilgrimage of sorts. It's time we take from the everyday to focus on our faith journey. Walking allows us to get into a different mindset that helps open up our minds and hearts to what God may be saying to us. Moving our bodies helps our minds and hearts! Participants should keep a record of what they do each day, beginning on Advent I— November 29th. Each Saturday evening, send an e-mail with your "mileage" to rector@redeemberbethesda.org. Families can report their miles together. Each week, we'll tabulate the miles and give you an update in This Week at Redeemer.

Redeemer/St Dunstan's Blood Drive

Our blood drive is scheduled for December 29th from Noon to 5:00pm at St Dunstan's. Send an email to **Bob Yates** with a time that works for you and he will confirm it right away. You can save a life with one hour of your time!

Redeemer Book Group

We met recently on zoom to discuss *Passage to India*. We had a lively discussion and agreed on our next book, *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchet. At the end of World War II,

Cyril Conroy combines luck and a single investment to begin an enormous real estate empire, propelling his family from poverty to wealth. He buys the Dutch House, a lavish estate in the suburbs of Philadelphia, which sets in motion the undoing of everyone he loves. The story is told by Cyril's son, Danny, as he and his sister Maeve are exiled from the house where they grew up by their stepmother. The book will be discussed on Zoom on Sunday January 10 at 3:00 pm. Bob Dresser will send an invitation to the meeting via a zoom link. For more information, please contact Bob Dresser or Huda Kraske.

Thank you for keeping your pledges current!



<https://www.redeemerbethesda.org/stewardshipgiving/online-payments/>

Pledge statements have been mailed. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret at accounting@redeemerbethesda.org.

Pledge forms for 2021 have been mailed. You can also use the pledge page in the December **Redeemer Spirit**.

■ PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing: Frank Anderson, Grace Beard, Mary Helen Carlson, Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Susan Forsyth, Kiki Garo, Natalie S. Graham, Tom & Margaret Greene, Karen Hansen, Randy Henderson, Judy James, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Kelsie Kimberlin, Clarice Leslie, Howard London, Leslie McGlothlin, Laura Naimark, Mary Nelson, Nicholas Platt, Mary Potter, Charles Raisch, Jean & David Riggs, Marilyn Rossie, Catherine Sands, Beth Sauerland, Claudia Serrin, Patricia Snowden, Anne Southard, Bert Spencer, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Kim Turska, Lois Vuolo, Ariana, "T", David, Jerry, Gretchen & Sharon, Eleanor, Paul & Dora, for Karen Stewart's sister who is ill, and the Knollwood Retirement Community.

Please let us know if you wish to remain on the list, or wish for us to keep the name of a loved one on the list. Thank you.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Diana Daley, Tyler Packard-Winkler, Theo Akpinar, Lucy Court

For safety while at work: Sujie Kim, Ryan Fischer, Emily, Amy, Tyler Packard-Winkler, and all medical personnel, first responders, delivery drivers, and grocery store workers.

For safety while away: Laura & Douglas Rose; Brenda, Tilla, & Kailah McAntony; and Noelle Veltze and family

For all who are seeking employment, who are hungry, who are anxious, and who may be in danger at home.

For all who work for justice.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, December 1

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083173624?pwd=QnNmRUhiVlIRa2FaSXA3U2RNSVNaQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRb2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Wednesday, December 2

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom at Noon

Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288 Password: 173917

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912028288?pwd=OWhGSHdsVEd1SVBYdIFPQWV2R2JVQT09>

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRb2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Thursday, December 3

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRb2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Friday, December 4

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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Saturday, December 5

Sunday, December 6

Log onto these Zoom events at www.redeemerbethesda.org.

Adult Forum - at 9am

Morning Worship - Family-Friendly Worship at 10am with Amma Cricket

Sunday School - Intermediate and Middle/High School at 10:30am with Steve Gibson and Mary K Young and others.*

*Sunday School links are sent out by the teachers.

A Visit with St. Nicholas - at the Labyrinth from 3:00-4:30pm

TheFIVE - Holy Eucharist with musical offerings at 5pm.

Monday, December 7

Office closed

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Tuesday, December 8

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Staff Meeting on Zoom at 1:30pm

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Wednesday, December 9

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom at Noon

Meeting ID: 859 1202 8288 Password: 173917

A discussion based on the readings for the upcoming Sunday

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

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No one from Redeemer will ever e-mail you to ask for gift cards or send money. THIS INCLUDES FELLOW PARISHIONERS. Please be careful and report the scam to the FBI: www.fbi.gov

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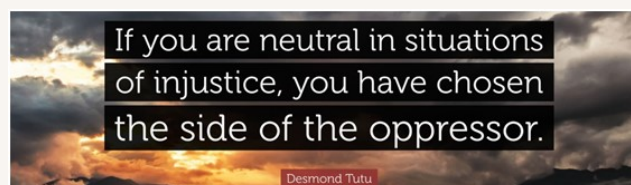
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