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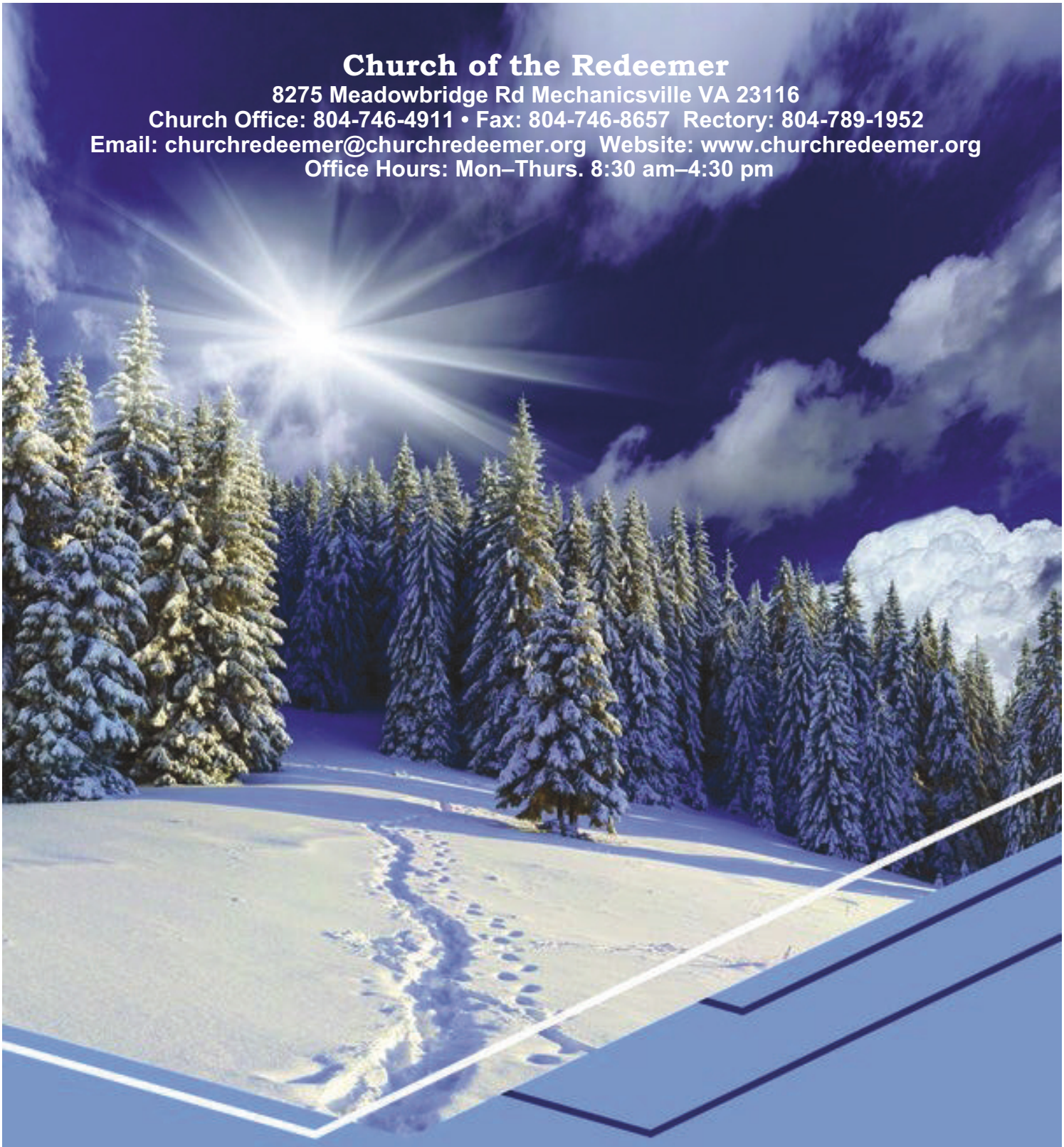

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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Scripture Readings for Next Week: Dec. 20, 2020

2 Sm 7:1-5 8-12 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions for December 19h and 20th:

5:30 pm: Sophie Lowry, Patty Yeager, Shirley Sheridan, Jon Christian Carroll, Lorenzo Amato , and David Balance.

10:00 am: Redeemer Parishioners

Our Sick: Andrea Wilson, Irene Hurst, Jaime Stefan, Ed Lucas, Rose Seay, Mitzi Clark, Anne Link, Inez Mazeika, Mike Strum, Bob Richman, Mary Vanness, Michelle Martin, Bob Jennings, Christine Wiedemer,Jody Rowland and **the loved ones of:** Terry and Chris Colville; Shirley Husz

Metro Richmond at Prayer: We pray for the persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the homeless and hungry, for the provision of safe, affordable housing and low cost nutritious food, for the personal safety, dignity and well being of those who are unable to work.

Faith Formation

Elementary RE: Our December sessions will be on December 13 both in person and on zoom and December 14 in person only. The second quarter of the Pflaum weeklies are on the RE tables if you have not had a chance to pick them up.

MagnifiiKid! The December issues are available for pick-up on the RE tables.

Human Concerns

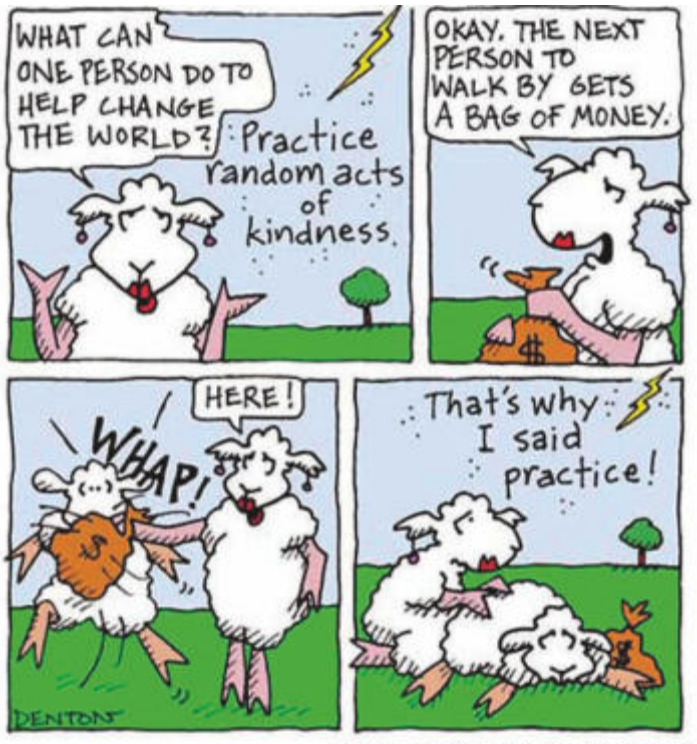
No Room at the Inn Nativity Exhibit: Come spend some time with the **Christ Child**, born in a stable and placed in a rough manger because there was "no room at the inn" for His family. Visit our 13th annual virtual **No Room at the Inn** exhibit to benefit the My Path Forward, MCEF, and building a home in Haiti. Enjoy beautiful Nativity sets from around our world, our Children's Christmas play, and more. Visit the Redeemer website through Christmas Day to give hope and celebrate joy.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who has helped with our virtual Angel Tree this year. Because of your generosity we are able to assist several Redeemer families in need, children living in foster care, and children living with life limiting illnesses. Thank you!

Christmas Second Collection: Throughout the Diocese, the 2nd collection at Christmas will benefit the compassionate work of Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC). Please contribute generously so that CCC can continue their life-changing work here in central and southwestern Virginia.

Liturgy

The Sunday Flock: "Strengthen the hands that are feeble , make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened; Be strong, fear not!



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Sheepish Question: This week, what do I need to practice in order to make a positive difference in the lives of people around me?

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated with a Mass at 12:00 p.m. in person and live-streamed. Please use our sign-up genius if you plan on joining us in person.

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Mass Schedules; 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on December 24th and December 25th at 10:00 a.m. All masses will be in person and live-streamed. The Sign-Up Genius will be available to sign-up on **Thursday, December 17th.**

Other / Parish News

Redeemer Music Ministry Presents: Glad Tidings of Comfort and Joy: This three-part music series is our gift to the parish and will feature Advent and Christmas selections performed by the Adult Choir, The Masked Ringers, Children's/Youth Choir, Instrumentalists, and Soloists. Part 1 will debut on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 7pm at www.facebook.com/RedeemerMusicMinistry. We look forward to sharing our first ever virtual concert with you! Feel free to share with your friends and family and visit often to hear your holiday favorites

Boy Scouts Wreath Sale: To insure delivery by the Holiday's the final day to place any order will be December 15, 2020. Orders placed after this date will not be fulfilled as the Vendor will be focused on deliveries already placed. So hurry and order before the deadline! With the coming Holiday Season, our current COVID crisis is forcing many to shelter in place and Socially Distance, Troop 503 is pleased to announce an Online and Touch Free Christmas Wreath Sale. By partnering with Mickman Bros., we are pleased to offer a selection of Christmas Wreaths and other Holiday Evergreen Swags delivered directly to your home. All prices show include protective packaging and shipping- a portion of these sales comes directly to Troop 503 here at Redeemer. https://giftitforward.com and please use code TR503VA001 And Thank You supporting Church of the Redeemer's Troop 503!

Pastoral Council Elections: Even though Pastoral Council (PC) did not hold elections this year, we were fortunate to have the four members, who were finishing their three-year terms, remain on council for another year. The current plan is to have an election in May or June of 2021. It is critical that individuals consider running for PC this year since we will be replacing six of the current 12 PC members. So please start thinking about serving yourself or if you know of someone that you feel would be a good candidate for PC, let him or her know our plans so they can start thinking about serving in 2021. More information about the council and qualifications for running will be available after the first of the year.

Christmas Script Card Orders

Due to COVID-19 concerns, **SCRIP** Christmas Gift Card Orders and distribution will be handled differently this year. **Order Forms** cannot be distributed after Masses, however, they can be accessed on our website at: **www.churchredeemer.org/Scrip-Cards**

If you are unable to access the **Order Form** you can come to the office or contact Laurie Richman, our Parish Secretary at (804) 746-4911 or e-mail her at **lrichman@churchredeemer.org** to get the form.

Order Forms can be dropped in the mail slot in the Office Door or come by during regular office hours from **8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.**

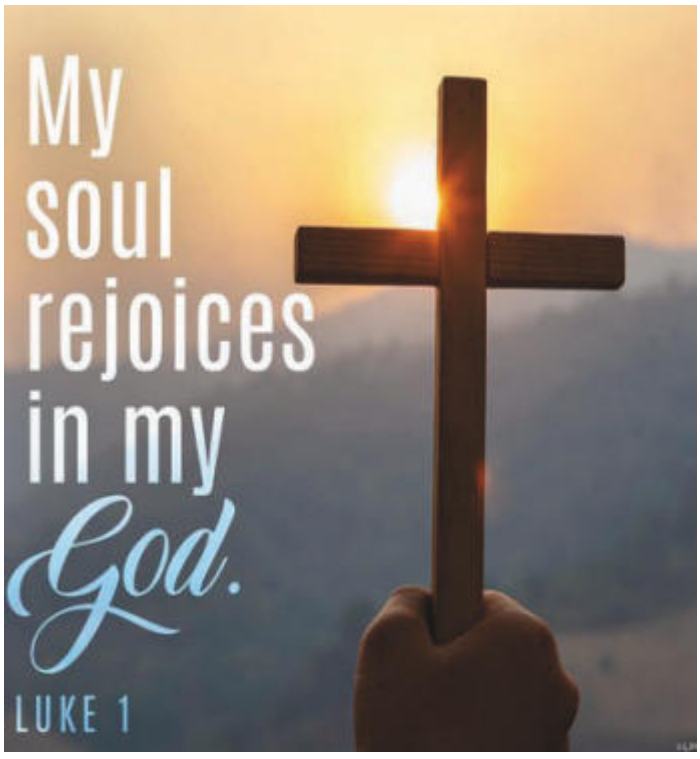
The **Order Form** must be completed with order/contact information, and the payment attached.

Checks should be made payable to **Church of the Redeemer**. We only accept cash if the **Order Form** is brought to the office and given directly to staff.

Gift Cards will be available for pick-up in the Church Office during regular hours following the schedule below:

December 14th	December 17th

Thank you for your support!



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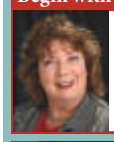

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