

Church of the Redeemer

San Rafael, California

Call for a new Priest



As a Christian community striving to follow Jesus Christ, we at Church of the Redeemer will rejoice in your presence among us. Diversity is a gift of grace in Creation, and we would love to see you here.

Mission Statement

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer is a caring community offering opportunities for spiritual growth by knowing, loving, and serving God through each other and our neighbors.

Introduction

We are searching for a new priest with responsibility for Redeemer Church and Preschool to lead us in worship, inspire us, and help us interpret the gospel and apply it to our daily lives.

Redeemer Preschool

Founded in 1994, Redeemer Preschool is a mission of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. Our program is play-based and promotes learning in all developmental areas.

Preschool Advisory Council

On behalf of the Bishop, the Priest is head of the school with the Bishop's Committee. A volunteer Preschool Advisory Council, consisting of ten members, advises the Bishop's Committee. Members include the Priest, the Director of the Preschool, parents of children enrolled in the Preschool, and members of the Church.

With a capacity of 54 children, Redeemer Preschool maintains a perennial wait-list and has many graduates in the neighborhood.



Church Activities

- Altar Guild
- Prayer Group
- Outdoor signboard
- Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis. [L] [SEP]
- "Get Ready Marin" - Emergency preparedness training through the City of San [L] [SEP]Rafael. [L] [SEP]
- Halloween Haunted Narthex - A favorite of the local children. [L] [SEP]
- Ritter Center - Our donations of back-to-school supplies and winter coats. [L] [SEP]
- Coffee Hour - Held after Sunday church services. [L] [SEP]
- Women's Book Club
- Christmas tree trimming. [L] [SEP]

- Christmas Eve service including children wishing to participate in telling the Christmas Story. [L] [SEP]
- Community Easter egg hunt after Easter Eucharist. [L] [SEP]

Worship

Our worship is centered on the Eucharist, which is celebrated at 10:00 AM on Sundays. The Eucharist is also celebrated on various Holy Days.



- We have live music at services.
- Laying-on-of Hands healing is provided at services. [L] [SEP]
- Church members participate fully as greeters, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers.
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers carry Holy Communion to those unable to attend services.
- Baptisms and Confirmations are celebrated as part of the main service. [L] [SEP]
- Birthdays and anniversaries are acknowledged.

A Vision for Our Future

We believe we have reached a moment to bring together church, preschool, and community through a deepening and strengthening of our liturgies, the undertaking of other spiritual projects, and social activities.

The Call for a New Priest

The position of Priest is expected to be half-time and permanent. Members of the Bishop's Committee entered the process with initial input from the congregation for a new priest at Redeemer who could:

- Prepare for and preside at services.
- Minister to those attending church services and provide pastoral care.
- Contact those members we have lost over past years.
- Come up with innovative ideas for services and/or events that would attract new members.
- Spend time at the Preschool on a regular basis and coordinate with the Director.
- Work collaboratively with the Bishop's Committee.
- Is flexible and creative in helping us find new ways to meet our challenges.

Redeemer Staff and Organization

- We have a volunteer Treasurer who oversees the finances of the Church and Preschool with the help of a paid bookkeeper. [L] [SEP]
- The Bishop's Committee is composed of four members who meet monthly. [L] [SEP]
- The Senior Warden prepares the agenda in consultation with the Priest and may also chair the meetings at the Priest's discretion. [L] [SEP]

The Property

Located on land that for hundreds of generations was a Coast Miwok shell-mound and sacred burial site, we continue to attend to and steward the land mindful of its role in our own growth and renewal, as a community and as a congregation.

The property consists of 1.38 acres of land in a residential neighborhood. There are two buildings, a meadow area, playground, and paved parking and driveway providing off-street parking for 15 cars. We have a beautiful, well-used Labyrinth on our meadow area.



The Area

San Rafael, the Mission City, is located in the center of Marin County's eastern corridor, 17 miles north of San Francisco on the shore of San Francisco Bay. The city is nestled in valleys surrounded by wooded, grassy hillsides. Although the valley floors are almost fully developed, many of the surrounding hills are presented as open space. Parkland and open space accounts for approximately 25% of the land area in the city.

San Rafael's downtown shopping district has many restaurants, retail stores and financial institutions. In the center of town is Mission San Rafael Archangel, established in 1817 as an extension of Mission Dolores in San Francisco. There are regional shopping malls and several neighborhood shopping centers nearby. The San Rafael School District provides excellent elementary, middle and high schools. The local elementary school serving the immediate community, Glenwood School, is just around the corner from Redeemer. San Rafael is Marin's county seat. County government offices occupy a magnificent complex of buildings, the last major project designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. San Rafael is the most culturally and socio-economically diverse city in Marin County.

Other Marin Episcopal Churches

The Church of the Redeemer is located in the Glenwood subdivision on the eastern side of San Rafael. St. Paul Episcopal Church is located in downtown San Rafael; Nativity Episcopal Church is located in unincorporated Marinwood just north of the San Rafael city limits. St. Paul and Nativity are natural partners for Redeemer in the collaborative aspects of Area Ministry.

The Application Process

Please contact Canon Denise Obando, Canon for Transition Ministry, to received permission to apply and review required application submissions.
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