



Church ^{of the} Redeemer
PARISH DAY SCHOOL

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Dear Redeemer Community,

In a nod to Game of Thrones, Katie Poe affectionately reminded us on Halloween that “Winter is coming!” According to the headlines, it will be a winter like no other. Alongside the doom and gloom, we are bombarded with countless tips and suggestions for making the best of our current circumstances and life in a pandemic. Create a gratitude journal, take a nature walk, light a candle, bake bread, etc., etc., etc. While some days we find ourselves embracing those ideas, if you are like me, there are other days you want to stomp your feet, throw yourself on the ground, and shriek like a toddler. Some days, it is all just so tiring.

Tired of this or not, we are still in the middle of it, and uncertainty continues to be certain. That is hard. I find if I look a little differently, perhaps through the eyes of a preschooler, it is the things that I can count on that will give me solace. December is full of them. Our students will anxiously anticipate the arrival of Santa, share peppermint-coated smiles, search for the Elf on the Shelf, and melt our hearts as they reenact the beautiful story of the first Christmas. We will still all rejoice in Christmas carols, sparkling lights, family, and the beautiful story of the birth of Jesus.

Winter is coming. That is certain. But if you look carefully; it will bring light, joy, and the anticipation of something new and beautiful!

See you on Monday, December 7!

Best regards,

Mary