

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, December 13 *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ( <i>no music</i> )	Church	8:00 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	9:50 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ( <i>with music</i> )	Church	10:30 a.m.
Church of South India Worship	Church	2:00 p.m.
Pray Program	Parish Hall	3:15 p.m.

### Monday, December 14

Men's Bible Study	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.
Scouting Groups	Parish/Kiser Halls	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 15

Stitch Group	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
Small Group Bible Study	Conf. Room	2:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 16

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	7:00 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Chapel	12:00 noon
The Christmas Gathering	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
"The Very Best Christmas Pageant Ever"	Church	7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, December 17

KidsPACK Loading & Delivering	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study	Conf. Room	2:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church	7:00 p.m.
Mission Planning Meeting	Conf. Room	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Kiser Hall	8:00 p.m.

### Friday, December 18

Rachel's Guild	Parish Hall	9:30 a.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
Staff/Vestry Christmas Party	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 19

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
Church of South India Baptism	Church	10:00 a.m.

Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to [communications@hiepiscope.org](mailto:communications@hiepiscope.org) by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.



## HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

### News for the Pews † Sunday, December 13, 2015

#### Angel Tree and Adopt-a-Family Gifts Due TODAY

If you took an ornament from one of these trees, your present is due today. If you have not yet turned in your gift, please contact Cheryl Massaro (813-634-0701) for ornaments from the Angel Tree, or Beth Seifert (813-689-0619) or George Sledge (813-689-6997) for ornaments from the Adopt-a-Family tree.

#### Men's Bible Study Meets on Monday

All men are welcome to study scripture together at 7:00 p.m. on Monday in the youth room. Contact Pete Soto at [petesoto827@gmail.com](mailto:petesoto827@gmail.com) with questions.

#### "The Christmas Gathering" is This Wednesday!



The annual "Christmas Gathering" is always a magical part of the season. Come and celebrate with your Holy Innocents' family as we dine at 6:00 p.m. on soup and salad from La Septima, then watch our incredible children present their Christmas program, "The Very Best Christmas Pageant Ever". The program begins at 7:00 in the church. *This will be the last "Gathering" of 2015. The next one will be Wednesday, January 13, 2016.*

#### Bible Study Meets on Thursday Afternoon

Looking for a new bible study to attend during Advent? Join us this Thursday, December 17, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room. Your teacher could be Father Doug, Deacon Gary, or maybe even our choir director, Matt Woods! Discussion will revolve around this week's scriptures.

#### Mission Planning Meeting This Thursday, December 17

Anyone wanting to find out more about summer mission trips should attend this meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the conference room. Options, dates, and costs will be discussed. Please call Pat Magnant at 727-365-2300 with questions.

#### Rachel's Guild Sews on Friday

Can you tie a knot? If so you can help make blankets for abandoned and abused children. Please join Rachel's Guild on Friday beginning at 9:30 in the Parish Hall to help. All materials will be provided for you.

## COMING UP IN ADVENT

### Christmas Flowers and Decorations

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flowers and Decorations, please fill out a form on the table in the narthex. Our cost is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo. You must have your form in by Sunday, Dec. 20, to have your contribution noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

### Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve

We are in need of four ushers for each of our two Christmas Eve services. You do not need to have served as an usher before to help now. Please contact Pat Magnant at patm@myitperson.com if you can help, and let her know which service (5:00 or 10:30) you can assist with.

### Contribution Deadline for 2015

All contributions must be received or post marked by December 31 in order to qualify for the 2015 tax year. **The church office will be closed December 25 through January 1** and will reopen on Monday, January 4. With the office being closed, please make sure you give yourself plenty of time to get your contributions delivered or post marked by December 31.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING

### AmazonSmile Program

Holy Innocents' receives a percentage of your Amazon purchases through the AmazonSmile program. To date, we have received over \$2000 just by parishioners purchasing items this way! Go to [www.hiepiscopeal.org](http://www.hiepiscopeal.org) and click on the Amazon link on our homepage. *Once you have followed these instructions just one time, you will always be set up to give to Holy Innocents' as long as you access Amazon using smile.amazon.com.*

### Memorial Pavers

A unique way to honor your loved one is to purchase a paver for our memorial garden. To order a paver, fill out one of the forms in the narthex and return it with your check to the church office. You may also buy a paver on our website at [www.hiepiscopeal.org](http://www.hiepiscopeal.org). Contact Bill Cox (813-391-6292) with questions.

### A Kid's Place

Provides yearlong housing to abused, abandoned, and neglected children. Consider making a donation of much-needed supplies for this facility. They currently need paper towels, paper plates, 13-gallon trash bags, toilet paper, and laundry detergent pods. Place all donations in "A Kid's Place" box in narthex. Contact Beth Seifert (813-689-0619) with questions.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



A child dies every minute from malaria.

"Nets for Life" is a ministry that seeks to stop the spread of malaria by providing people in infested areas in Africa with insecticide-treated nets. One net only costs \$12 and has the potential to protect three children.

**Next Sunday's loose plate offering will go to Nets for Life.** Your donation can truly make a life-or-death difference for people in need.

- 21,922,378 nets have been distributed
- 110,953 volunteers have been trained on how to help in Africa
- 41,726,540 people have been reached

Consider giving the gift of life this Christmas, and make a donation to this important ministry. You can place your gift in the offering plate **next Sunday**. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to Holy Innocents' and note "Nets for Life" in the memo.

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

**December 14**  
Henry Folkersen

**December 15**  
Audrey Cull  
Sebastian Rivera

**December 16**  
Patricia Tyson  
Paulette Wong

**December 17**  
Courtney Bailey  
Melissa Bailey

**December 18**  
Don Bresett  
Gary Teske

**December 19**  
Erin Massaro

### Anniversaries

**December 17**  
Tracy & Rob Stone

*We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is this week and it is not listed. Please contact the church office at 813.689.3130 to update your information in our system.*

## FINANCIALS

**How are we doing financially?** Prior Week Actual Revenue: **\$12,874**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,426**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$421,834**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$416,549**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.