

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 20 *Angel Tree Delivery*

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.
A.A. Meeting	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 21

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Healing Prayer Team	Chapel	7:00 p.m.
Scouting Groups	Parish/Kiser Halls	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22

Stitch Group	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday, December 23

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	7:00 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Chapel	12:00 noon
Brass Rehearsal	Church	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

Family Worship Service	Church	5:00 p.m.
Church of South India Service	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Choral Prelude	Church	10:00 p.m.
Festive Eucharist	Church	10:30 p.m.

Friday, December 25 *Christmas Day - Church Office Closed*

Christmas Eucharist	Church	10:00 a.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 26

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to 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 20, 2015

Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Today is the last day to contribute to the Christmas Flowers and Decorations and have your contribution noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please fill out a form on the table in the narthex if you wish to contribute. Our cost is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo.

Services for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Our two Christmas Eve services are on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., with a Choral Prelude beginning at 10:00 p.m. There is also a 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day. *Please see page 2 for more details on this week's services.*

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed from Friday, December 25, through Sunday, January 3. We will reopen on Monday, January 4, at 8:00 a.m. Should you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call the church office at 813-689-3130 and leave a message on the emergency voice mail.

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, so please make sure you give yourself time to get your contributions delivered or post marked by December 31.*

Children's Pageant Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's children's pageant such a wonderful event. We are especially grateful to our children and parents as well as the Holy Innocents' Parish and Handbell choirs. And a special thanks to Matt Woods, Cyndi Horn, Diana Lewandowski, Robin Cappel, Flo Capplinger, and Paul Thomasson for the offering of their time and talents!

No "Gathering" Until January 13

The Wednesday evening "Gathering" will not meet at its regular time until January 13. We will have a special service on January 6 to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany (*see page 3 for details*).

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES



5:00 PM

Family Worship

Holy Eucharist with special children's gathering. Music led by our Worship Team.

10:00 PM

Choral Prelude

Inspiring music offered by our Parish Choir, Bell Choir, and guest Brass Ensemble.

10:30 PM

Festive Eucharist

Traditional Choral Eucharist with incense. Music led by our Parish Choir & Brass Ensemble.



10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

Celebrate Christmas with your Holy Innocents' Family



Regular Worship Service Times

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist (No Music)

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (With Music)

May God bless you during this Christmas season & always!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Wednesday, January 6

7:00 p.m.

*Bring your own
wise man!*

On Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the church to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the day we remember the arrival of the Wise Men from the East. This event symbolizes the revelation of Jesus as the light of the whole world. You are invited to bring a "wise man" from your home to be included in our parish nativity scene - we will have a "Procession of Wise Men" during the service! You will be able to take your wise man home at the conclusion of the service. Please join us for this important celebration!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December 20
Kathy Vona

December 22
Logan Hacker
Parker Scharf

December 24
Aria Gonzales
Carl Thomas
Dorna Tracy

December 26
Michele Wolfe

Anniversaries

December 22
Kent & Mary Jo Gallamore

December 23
Ann & Dean Berger

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: **\$9,199**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,426**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$430,545**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$425,050**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.