

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 27

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.

Monday, December 28 *Church Office Closed All Week*

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 29

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

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	7:00 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

All 2015 Contributions Due By 4:00 p.m.

Church of South India Service	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Kiser Hall	7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2016 *New Year's Day*

New Year's Day Eucharist	Church	10:00 a.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 2

Garden Angels	Church Grounds	8:00 a.m.
Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.

Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to communications@hiepiscopal.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 27, 2015

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. You can make a gift online at www.hiepiscopal.org.

Wednesday Eucharist Schedule

There will be no noon service of Holy Eucharist this Wednesday. There will be two services on Wed., January 6. A noon Eucharist will be held in the chapel, and a service of Epiphany will be held in the church at 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Worship Service

Join us for New Year's Day worship beginning at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 1. All are welcome to start 2016 off in prayer, reflection, and fellowship!

Men's Ministry Update

There will be no men's "First Friday" breakfast in January. The next breakfast will be an all-church breakfast on Friday, Feb. 5.

Christian Education Kick Off Breakfast

The winter session of Christian Education begins next Sunday, January 3, with a big breakfast in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:15 a.m. Classes start on Sunday, January 10. *See page 3 for more details.*

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*).

Women's Bible Study Begins Thursday, January 14

A new women's bible study starts at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room on Thursday, January 14. More details to come!

NEW YEAR'S DAY & EPIPHANY SERVICES



Friday, January 1, 2016

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

Celebrate the beginning of 2016
with your Holy Innocents' Family



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!

FAMILY PROMISE

NEXT HOSTING WEEK:

January 3-10

Our next hosting week is almost here! All scheduled volunteers, please make note that our guests arrive next weekend. This is the only week that we will host Family Promise for several months due to the upcoming renovation in Kiser Hall. Let's give our guests a great week! If you would like to help, please contact Arlene Maloney at arlene352003@yahoo.com or 813-727-4296.

THANK YOU

ADOPT A FAMILY
THIS CHRISTMAS



Thank you, Holy Innocents' family, for your generous support of Adopt-a-Family again this year. Fifteen children received four presents each, and their families each got \$200 in Walmart gift cards. Great work!

Beth Seifert & George Sledge

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Breakfast

Sunday, January 3

9:15 a.m.

Parish Hall

Biscuits, Gravy & Eggs Casserole ♦ Grits Casserole
Yogurt ♦ Ham & Biscuits
Danishes & Pastries
Coffee, Tea, Juice

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December 27
Karen Godfrey

December 28
Judy Johnson
Mark Zak

December 29
James Sweat
Myrna Younglove

December 31

Jim Elder
Dayna Swearingen

January 1
Nancy Ippolito
Mike Menard

January 2
Tom Blanchard
Deborah Brown
June Johnson

Anniversaries

December 28
Jan & Jim Cary
Eugene & Scarlett Lenihan
Ruth & Steve Nowland
Ashley & Robb Routh

January 1
Trish & Steve Coomber

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: **\$12,861**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,426**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$442,076**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$433,551**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.