

CHRIST CHURCH – The Second Sunday in Advent
December 9, 2018

Today's Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6; Canticle 4 (Luke 1: 68-79).

Welcome Father Robert and Family! This is Father Robert's first Sunday with us. Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 a.m. service for coffee and cake as we welcome Father Robert, his wife, Evelyn, and their four children: Jeremiah 9, Henry 8, Helen 6, and Richard 5.

Today Lessons & Carols will be the 11 a.m. service. with communion following the service in the chapel.

Christmas Altar Flowers- If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or offer your thanksgiving to God for blessings, you may donate Christmas Altar Flowers. Envelopes are in the office/narthex. There is a minimum donation of \$15. Deadline: December 13.

Today is the last Sunday for the Annual Poinsettia Sale – Middle/High School Youth - Courtyard – at 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. \$7.00 each, 2 for \$13.00, 3 for \$18.00, or a Tray of nine for \$45.00. Proceeds support our youth program.

Please come today at 5:00 p.m. The Sarasota Young Voices will perform in the church for a free concert of music for the holiday season.

To date we have received 108 pledges for 2019. We ask that you prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give. Giving is an expression of thanks to God – let us all rejoice and give thankfully.

If you are prepaying your 2019 pledge, please indicate that on your check. If you wish to set up automated pledge giving, complete the form in the office. Thank you.

The Nursery, for children ages under the age of 4, is open at 8:50 a.m. through the 11 a.m. service every Sunday.

Sunday School – Grades Pre-K through 12 starts immediately every Sunday after the 9 am service in the Christian Ed wing.

The Genesis Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room #1.

“Women Need Women” – 10:00 a.m. – Parlor.

Healing Prayer – 10:00 a.m. – Chapel.

Weekly Events

Holy Communion Rite I is celebrated every Monday in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at 12:00 Noon.

Holy Communion Rite I is celebrated every Wednesday in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening Bible Study - 7:10 p.m. in Meeting Room #1 with the Bible Study – Exodus. There will be no Dec. 19th H.C. or Bible Study due to Saint Stephen's Lessons & Carols that night.

Men's Bible Study – 7:00 a.m. Thursday - Meeting Room # 1.

Prayers For Our Country – 12 p.m. - Thursday – Chapel.

Coming Up

Advent Recitals continue at 12:15 p.m.; each followed by a light lunch. The recitals will feature organists James Walton and Richard Benedum on December 13 and 20.

Saint Anne's group will be going to the **Ringling Museum in Sarasota** on **Wed., December 12.** We will meet at the Museum at 10:30 am and have lunch at The Muse at the Ringling after our visit to the museum. If you want to carpool, or have questions about the trip, please contact Janet Argeros at 941-752-9703 or Linda Baril at 941-776-0040.

Annual Outreach Dinner/Auction tickets at the Bradenton Yacht Club on February 5, 2018 go on sale Dec. 3rd in the office.

In January 2019, date to be announced – **Christ Church Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections will take place.** Parishioners can submit self-nominations or nominations of others in writing in advance of the annual meeting. The nominator and the nominee (who must consent to be elected before the nomination is accepted) must be members in good standing, givers of record, and active in a ministry.

Requests and Needs

Saint Anne's is having a Coat Drive. They will donate the coats to Turning Points in Bradenton who will distribute them to individuals/families in need. There is a basket for the coats in the narthex.

Schedule of Christmas Services

5:00 p.m., Dec. 24, 2018 – Christmas Pageant/Family Service

7:30 p.m., Dec. 24, 2018 – Christmas Eve HC Rite I Service

10:00 p.m., Dec. 24, 2018 – Musical Prelude

10:30 p.m., Dec. 24, 2018 – Christmas Eve HC Rite II Service

10:00 a.m., Dec. 25, 2018 Christmas Day HC Rite II Service

Clergy Contact Information

Christ Church clergy: Fr. Robert Baker, Priest in Charge (730-4660)
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