

All Saints Weekly
December 2, 2018-December 8, 2018

All Saints Episcopal Church
Bringing People to Jesus!
Sunday Worship-Holy Eucharist, 9:30am



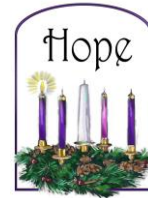
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Sunday Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-9
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36



First Sunday of Advent



"What gift would I give Him?"

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"Daddy, look the manger!" the young boy said. "Is that Santa over there?" he asked pointing to one of the three wise men. "No, son. They are the Three Kings bringing presents to Jesus." Replied Dad.

"Christmas presents?" "No. I guess you can say they are birthday presents. Remember we told you that Christmas is really our celebration of the birth of Jesus."

The young boy paused for a moment seemingly satisfied with Dad's answer. Then, as children will do, asked the unanswerable question that warms your heart and often puts you in your place. "Daddy, what are we giving Jesus for His birthday this year?" Silence. Then drawing on the wisdom of the ages and the creative parental genes that make us what we are, Daddy said..."I don't know. Ask your Mom."

They left right after that. Peace and quiet returned to this great sanctuary leaving me to think about what that child had to say. If I were there that sacred evening drawn by the light of the star of Bethlehem what gift would I offer Him? I really had no idea. First, I can't begin to imagine kneeling before Him in the presence of Joseph and Mary. But gift from me to Jesus? What thing of value could I possible give to my Lord?

This was a thought that overwhelmed me. I pride myself in having the ability to at least come up with options, choices for people who share their personal problems with me. But the thought of me having anything that Jesus

would want brought tears of sadness for I felt I had nothing to offer Him. So I did what the young child had done earlier. I turned to my Father and asked..."Oh, God what could I possibly offer your Son as a gift? I really have nothing of value." I sat quietly and totally oblivious to the world. A small voice inside my soul said "The same thing He had given you. His Life! Give Him your life. Not sacrificed on a cross. But lived to honor Him." I wept openly.

Here is my message to you celebrating the birth of Christ and to each of you who value your faith whatever it may be. The greatest gifts exchanged this Holiday Season will not be those found wrapped under your tree or shared in sacred ceremony dedicated to your God. The greatest gift of all, more valuable than gold, not traded on Wall Street, not held in vaults for safe keeping...is YOU!

You are the greatest of all gifts given to this world, your family, and your community. Your wealth is not in your checking account, but your actions, your life, your spirit as you live a positive, passion filled existence. That makes you valuable beyond measure.

The Prayer

Dear God,

If I give You the gift of myself, at least I will know that You don't have another one like it.

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Healing Prayer Requests

Robert Hayes, Ben Evans, Pat Merriam, Debra, Karen, Kathy, Larry, Nick, John, Gary Cornwell, Carol, Dixie, Stephen, Jack, Andrew Gravelle, Russ Adams, Michaela, Tom and Muriel Campbell, RaiLee Ford, Aimee McDonald, Thomas O'Sullivan, David, Debra, Jean Sisson, Aida Reyes and Bill Campbell.



Prayers for our All Saints Parishioners:

Each week we pray for members of our own congregation. This week we pray for Marlene Countermine, Kelly Duheme and Placid Duheme.



Friends and Loved Ones



*Marie Nordmann Koster 12/2,
Henry Koster 12/5,
Marilyn Joyce Phillips 12/6*

Military Prayer List

SPC Brady Campbell
Sgt. Michael Donovan
Lt. James Franks
Capt. Christopher Love
Sgt. Paul Parsons
WO Matthew Starr
SPC Justin Webber



Sunday Ministries



Nursery Care/Sunday School

December 9
Karrin Campbell
Kelly Duheme



December 9
Bruce and Peg
Newell

Service for December 9

Reader 1-Fran Kane
Baruch 5:1-9
Canticle 16
Reader 2-Marlene Countermine
Philippians 1:3-11
Chalice-Warren Cornwell
Crucifer-Karla Banach
Altar Server-Ben Harwood

Alpha Course: The Alpha Course continues on **Thursday evenings** at 6:15pm. The course schedule can be found on our website at http://allsaintsroundlake.com/alpha_course_schedule The talk for **December 6**, is "Does God Heal Today?"

Women's Bible Study: Bible Study will meet **Monday, December 10, 2018** at 2:15pm in All Saints Parish Hall. The reading that will be discussed is Job chapters 40-42. Call Trish Tirone at 518-225-4977 for more information.

Vestry Meeting: There will be a vestry meeting on **Sunday, December 16**, after coffee hour.

December Mission Donation: Thank you to everyone who contributed to our December donation to Things of my Very Own. Through your generosity, All Saints will be sending a check for \$375.00!

Christmas Flowers: If you wish to make a Christmas flower offering, please place the completed offering envelope in the collection plate or let Karla know no later than **Sunday, December 16**.

Christmas Eve Coffee Hour: We need cookies for Christmas Eve coffee hour. Please let Karla know if you can provide two dozen cookies for the evening fellowship.



*Christmas Eve Monday, December 24 7:00PM
Candlelight Service with Holy Eucharist and Carols*

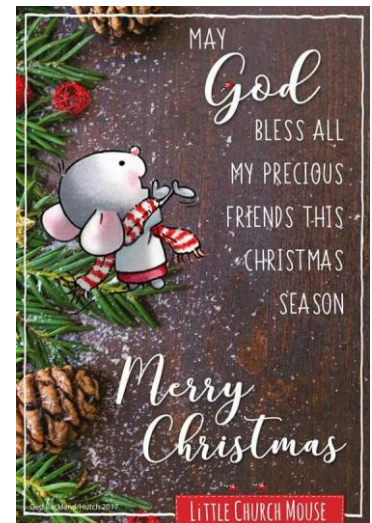
*Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25 11:00AM
Holy Eucharist*



ONE SUNDAY IN ADVENT



ONE MONDAY IN ADVENT



*Advent Family Prayer
God of Love,*

*Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.*

*Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.*

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.