

St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís  
Episcopal Church

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**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 29, 2009**  
**10:00 a.m.**



**Vision: "Be One in Christ"**

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The Reverend Richard Aguilar, Priest  
The Reverend Ledly O. Moss, Sr., Deacon  
Mr. John M. Barrow, Organist & Choirmaster

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

The Liturgy of the Word



**Processional Hymn 61 (blue)**

**“Sleepers, wake!”**

*Wachet auf*

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The people standing,

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant and Acolyte take their place at the Advent Wreath.

**Celebrant:** Today is the beginning of Advent - the preparation time for the Feast of our Lord’s Nativity. We are here because God’s promise to our ancestors came true when Jesus was born. God’s promise is to kept each day because Christ is in our midst. God will keep the promise to come again in glory.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

See, the darkness covers the earth and thick clouds cover the peoples, But, upon you, the Lord shines and over you appears God’s glory. *Isaiah 60:2*

**Celebrant:** We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world.

**People:** **With the coming of this light there is hope. Because of Christ we not only have hope, but believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in this world.**

One candle in the wreath is lighted.

**Celebrant:** Our Advent theme is “Prepare”. We are preparing for Jesus to be born again in our lives on Christmas Day. Jesus has already become one of us and empowers us with the saving love, liberating truth, enduring patience, and tender mercy of Christ.

**People:** **O God, we thank you that Jesus brought hope into our world. By the good news of the Bible you are still bringing hope to the people. Help us to be ready to welcome Jesus Christ so that we may think good thoughts and do good deeds and so that we may be a people of hope in our world.**

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Celebrant: Advent calls each of us to “Prepare” by living this life by which we proclaim, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Let us pray for each other today and every day to “Prepare”.

**People:** Amen.

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♩ **Hymn 56**      **O come, O come, Emmanuel Verses 1 and 2**      *Veni, veni*

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

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**The First Reading**      Jeremiah 33:14-16

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The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 25:1-9

The Reader says the words in *italics*. The People say the words in **bold**.

- 1 *To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 *Show me your ways, O LORD, \* and teach me your paths.*
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 *Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.*
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 *Gracious and upright is the LORD; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 *All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \* to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## The Second Reading

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Verses 1-2 before the Gospel is read, verses 3-4 after the reading.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Holy Gospel**

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Deacon Ledly Moss, Sr.**

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All standing,

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

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Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

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**Prayers of the People: Form IV** **Book of Common Prayer (red) p388**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may  
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal  
your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the  
ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another  
and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,  
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others  
and to your honor and glory

*Silence*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our pray.**

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

*Silence*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we asked in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,**

and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved you by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Celebrant: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15,16*

🎵 **Offertory Hymn LEVAS 14**      **Soon and very soon**      *Andrae Crouch*

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### 🎵 **Doxology**

Please stand

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: **and of thine own have we given thee.**      *1 Chronicles 29:14*

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Please remain standing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise;

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People: By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues,  
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People:            We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table of solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People:            Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
The Celebrant and People may join hands and say together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.  
Then the following is sung,

 **Agnus Dei** **S-161** *New Plainsong*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of he world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that  
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanks-  
giving.

***You who are guests this morning are welcome to worship at St. Margaret's and among the  
Episcopal Community of Miami Lakes. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy  
Communion in the Episcopal Church.***

 **Communion Hymn 615** **"Thy kingdom come!"** *St. Flavian*

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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Please kneel or stand  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant and **People** say together,

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Then the following is said,

Celebrant:

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's blessing and set you free from all sin. *Book of Occasional Services*

And the blessing of God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

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♩ **Recessional Hymn 57**      **Glorious things of thee are spoken**      *Helmsley*

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Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for the coffee hour and fellowship in order to meet and greet one another in Christ.**

## **Observe the season of Advent through Las Posadas**

Christians throughout the world count the days before Christmas. St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís Episcopal Church in Miami Lakes will have several services and opportunities in order to prepare our souls for the Nativity of the Christ Child.

Las Posadas is a pre-Christmas pilgrimage of song and story. In Latin America this ritual is manifested in several forms, such as pageants, caroling, reading Scripture, and prayers. In many places, Las Posadas is celebrated in neighborhoods and homes.

Here in Miami Lakes there will be several St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís households hosting Las Posadas during the Advent season.

The first will be at the home of Michelle, Janet and Father Richard Aguilar, 6911 Bamboo Street on Sunday, November 29th at 6:00pm. Plan to arrive early. If you are able, please park your car at the playground on the corner of Alameda and Bamboo Street. The walk is half a block to the Aguilar home..

Other homes will be hosting on Sunday, December 6th and Saturday, December 12th. Everyone is welcomed to walk the way of the Mary and Joseph in seeking an inn (la posada in Spanish) and finding shelter for the newborn King.

For more information contact Gloria Peruyero at 305-852-5155 or Father Richard at 305 793-6416-

### **November Birthdays**

- 2 - Vinny Zapparoli
- 3 - Peter Lee
- 5 - Louis Richards
- 7- Wayne Dott  
Jean Lopez
- 13 - Sarah Decarreau  
Rochelle Saunders
- 14 - Pam Decarreau
- 15 - Jennifer Decarreau  
Ashley Miller
- 16 - Chazwick Pinna
- 21 - Achilles D'Souza  
Donna Silvera
- 25 - Robert Decarreau
- 28 - Liz Sardes  
Clayton Saunders

### **November Anniverseries**

- 12 - Guy and Joan Evans
- 13 - Kevin and Susan Carew
- 17 - Ron and Nichole Smith
- 18 - Michael and Donna Ola

### **December Birthdays**

- 1 - Tony Medina  
Janice Moss  
Dee Ann Usher
- 2 - Matthew Ola
- 6 - Katie Ewart
- 9 - John Barrow  
Kem Chatfield
- 10 - Mabel Savery
- 12 - Bryon Hoffman
- 14 - Pearline Mollison-Hart
- 15 - Joe Diaz  
Paul White
- 16 - Lorraine Diston
- 21 - Stephen Ibarra
- 26 - Daniel Palmer
- 27 - Tegan Pinna
- 28 - Sean Palmer

### **December Anniverseries**

- 24 - Raul Vargas and Madeline Salcedo
- 26 - Achilles and Sheila D'Souza

## Assisting the Service Today

Greeters/Ushers	B.Nnadi/M. Ola The Saverys
Lector 1st Reading	Martha Richards
Psalmist	Trevor Stewart
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Juliet Nwahiri
Chalice Bearers	Wayne Dott Ann Goraczko
Acolytes	
Crucifer	Ashley Miller
1st Server	Geneva Palmer
2nd Server	Sean Palmer
Torchbearers	Jamal Miller James White
Altar Guild	Nancy Travis
Flower Guild	Pat Innerarity
Bread of Life	Sheila D'Souza
Reception Host	J. Nwahiri/H. Ellis
Vestry Person of the Day	Charles Foote
Choir :	Anita Buker, Rubina Burke, John & Mary Cox, Hyacinth Ellis, Charles Foote, Adele Reese Tony & Mireya Medina, Juliet Nwahiri, Nilda Brandy, Michelle Aguilar, Alex Diaz
Prayer Team	Annis James, Deborah Nicol, Blessing Nnadi

Prayers are asked for:  
Hyacinth Ellis, Alison Cotterell, Louise Loftman, Adele Reese,  
Donnell Miller, Maria Escoda, Jean & Edwin Lopez, Lois Allison, Lois Ann  
Wilson, Jackie Nangle, Gil McDonald, Eileen Seiplax and Clisanta Arregui.

## Vestry Members

Wayne Dott, Sr. Warden  
Guy Evans, Jr. Warden  
Tim Foster, Treasurer  
Joan Evans, Vestry Clerk  
Hyacinth Ellis

Charles Foote  
Justin Matthews  
Senica Moss  
Michael Ola  
Wayne Savery

## Ministry Leaders

**Acolytes:** Rev. Ledly Moss  
**Bread of Life:** Cathy Dott  
**Bulletins:** Charles Foote  
**ECW:** Juliet Nwahiri  
**Eucharistic Visitors:** Ann Goraczko  
**Fellowship:** Mable Savery  
**Gardening Team:** Rubina Burke  
**Music Program:** John Barrow  
**Proofreading:** John Cox  
**Stewardship:** Guy & Joan Evans, Justin Matthews  
**Youth Group:** John Barrow, Ava Rosales, Armando.& Mari Ibarra, Davine Scarlett

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Travis  
**Calls:** Adele Reese  
**Nursery:** J. Lezcano/Lisa Savery  
**Office Assistant:** Charles Foote  
**Flower Guild:** Hyacinth Ellis  
**Children's Min.:** Pam Decarreau  
**Lectors:** Martha Richards  
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**Greeters/Ushers:** Wayne Dott

**Ordo:** Martha Richards

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