

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

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**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 6, 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 75 (blue)**    **There's a voice in the wilderness**    *Ascension*

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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:**      We gather around this Advent Wreath knowing that we are not perfect—that we all are capable of doing evil. Jesus reveals to us that God loves us just as we are—and this love of God empowers us to bring peace, hope, love, and justice to each other, our society, and our world.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

A child is born to us, a son is given us, upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonderful, Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever,  
Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful.

**All:**              **We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is peace, for Christ is called the “Prince of Peace,” Christ’s name is also Emmanuel, “God is with us.”**

Two candles of the Wreath are lighted.

**All:**              **Eternal God, we thank you that through all the years you have given peace to your people. Help us to have peace in our lives.**

**We pray that in this Advent season, we may, by what we do, show your presence to the sick, to the hungry, and to the lonely, so that they too may have peace.**

**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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O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
 who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
 in ancient times didst give the law,  
 in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
 Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
 free them from Satan's tyranny  
 that trust thy mighty power to save,  
 and give them victory o'er the grave.  
 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.

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

**The First Reading**

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah**

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

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \* he has come to his people and set them free.*

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \* born of the house of his servant David.**

*Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies,  
\* from the hands of all who hate us.*

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \* and to remember his holy covenant.**

*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \* to set us free from the hands of  
our enemies,*

**Free to worship him without fear, \* holy and righteous in his sight all the days of  
our life.**

*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \* for you will go before the  
Lord to prepare his way,*

**To give people knowledge of salvation \* by the forgiveness of their sins.**

*In the tender compassion of our God \* the dawn from on high shall break upon us,*

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \* and to guide  
our feet into the way of peace.**

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.**

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## **The Second Reading**

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is

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my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

♫ **Sequence Hymn 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounded** *Merton*

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Verses 1-3 before the Gospel is read, verses 4-5 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 3:1-6

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In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

**Father Richard Aguilar**

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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.

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) p 388**

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 prayer.**

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 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 65**    **Prepare the way, O Zion**    *Bereden väg för Herran*

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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*

## **Eucharistic Prayer C**

## **Book of Common Prayer 369**

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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 53** **Once he came in blessing** *Gottes Sohn ist Kommen*

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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: May Christ whose second Coming in power and great glory we await,  
make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

*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 444**      **Blessed be the God of Israel**      *Thornbury*

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 was at the home of Michelle, Janet and Father Richard Aguilar last Sunday, November 29th with 59 persons attending. During the evening we all walked to two neighbors homes and sang the Las Posadas song. There was a piñata for children and adults, great food, and preparation was shared for the coming of the Christ Child.

**The next Las Posadas celebration will be on Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 PM at the home of Celia and Raydel Campos at 8866 NW 187th Street, Miami Gardens, 33018. 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.**

There will be another celebration at the home of Amparo Piñon on Saturday, December 12th. More information will follow in the next bulletin.

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	The Matthews
Lector 1st Reading	Ann Goraczko
Lector- Canticle	Lorraine Harris
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Charles Foote
Chalice Bearers	Davine Scarlett Blessing Nnadi
Acolytes	
Crucifer	Sean Palmer
1st Server	Ashley Miller
2nd Server	Geneva Palmer
Torchbearers	Michael Nnadi Jamal Miller
Altar Guild	Cathy Dott
Bread of Life	Mabel Savery
Reception Host	Tim Foster
Vestry Person of the Day	Michael Ola
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	John and Mary Cox, Justin and Weada Mathws



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,  
Clisanta Arregui, and Gloria Bonilla

## 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

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