



# The First Sunday of Advent

### 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.

### First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of Journeying the Way of Love. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

### Sunday, December 1

#### WORSHIP

What word or words from worship today have found a home in your heart?  
Share these words with a friend or family member.

### Monday, December 2

#### GO

Take time to listen closely to someone you may not ordinarily take seriously, or who has a different perspective than you. Pray to hear them as God hears them.

### Tuesday, December 3

#### LEARN

Read Luke 1:30.  
What are you afraid of that keeps you from saying “yes” to God?

### Wednesday, December 4

#### PRAY

Set a timer for three minutes.  
Silently repeat this prayer:  
“Here I am, God.”



### THE WAY OF LOVE

*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

### Thursday, December 5

#### BLESS

The angel blessed Mary with the gift of presence. To whom can you give the gift of presence this week?

### Friday, December 6

#### TURN

In giving generously, St. Nicholas turned from a sense of scarcity to a posture of abundance. What do you need to turn from in order to be generous of heart?

### Saturday, December 7

#### REST

From what could you rest in order to receive renewed life? Take as long as you are able to find that rest today.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove)

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# Angel Tree Toy Drive

The annual Angel Tree Toy Drive will be held from December 1st to December 15th. Adopt a Little Angel by bringing a new unwrapped toy to church. Monetary contributions are also welcomed. All items will be donated to Care Resource for children with families affected by HIV/AIDS.



**ADVENT EDUCATION** The Advent Adult Education Hour will be held in Taylor Hall on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00am. Coffee and snacks will be served. Come and discuss the season of Advent with our Senior Warden, Jim Carlton to have a deeper appreciation of Christmas.

## A SERAPHIC FIRE CHRISTMAS

Seraphic Fire will hold one of its Christmas concerts in our beautiful sanctuary on December 14 at 7:30pm. The incomparable voices of Seraphic Fire resound in carols, ancient and modern, in this new Christmas program.

Visit [www.seraphicfire.com](http://www.seraphicfire.com) for tickets and information.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Inspired by its return to performances on Miami Beach's All Souls' Episcopal Church, The **Miami Gay Men's Chorus' holiday program** will feature songs connected to spending the holidays at home with those we love. **The concert will take place on December 15 at 6:00pm.** For tickets and information please visit [www.mgmchorus.org](http://www.mgmchorus.org)

## ELECTRONIC GIVING!

Look for the Donate Button on the All Souls' Web Site!

We now have 13 donors who have signed up! **All Souls' Episcopal Church is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings.** Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking, savings, debit, or credit account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. This program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. **An authorization form and a "How it Works" flyer are available from the church office by simply emailing [parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org](mailto:parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org). Thank you!**

**"RIDE TO CHURCH" PROGRAM** If you live in the mid beach, North Beach and Bay Harbour/ Bal Harbour areas, can get a ride to church. Call the All Souls' Office at 305-520-5410 to make a round trip reservation. Return trips will leave the church, at 12:30 pm. Requests should be called in by Thursday each week.

**GREETER TRAINING** On December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will conduct a brief training session for all greeters immediately after the service (20 minutes expected). Greeters are vital to our Sunday morning worship. They are the first smiling face we see when we come to church and they assist in worship by bringing our offerings and sacrament to the altar. Whether you are new to the church or have been here for years, please consider joining us today to see if this ministry is right for you.



**SAVE THE DATE!** The All Souls' Church **Annual Meeting will be held** after ONE Mass only at 10:30am on **January 26th, 2020.** Please place this on your calendar now.

**VESTRY NOMINATIONS** - Maria Mena, as a retiring member of the vestry is the chair of the nominating committee for the vestry. If you are a pledging member and would like your name on the ballot, please see Maria or Fr. Tim.

## WE HOLD IN PRAYER †

**Blessed Jesus, we seek your mercy for all who are dying. May death become for them, as it was for you, a birth to everlasting life. May their soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen †**

**For Healing:** Baby Alia, Andre, Bill, Carlos, Rev. Dorenda, Fr. Errol, Humberto, Baby Hunter, Irma, Jay, Latisa, Olga-Maria, Richard, Ruth and Rev. Seamus.

For the dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.

**For the Faithful Departed and the Repose of Mr. Glen Velker  
For all our Loved ones, our Friends & our Neighbors.**

## HOSPITALITY

If your **First Name begins with E – J**, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next **Sunday, December 8th.** **Thank you for your continuing support and participation.**

### Service Schedule for Greeters, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors and Altar Guild

Date	Greeters	Acolytes	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors 1st / 2nd Reading	Intercessor	Altar Guild
Dec. 8	Hector Samada Ian Macdougald	Kathy Armbrister Brian Levey	Kathy Armbrister Charlie Grizzle	Patty Bartleson Ian Macdougald	Ian Macdougald	