



All Souls Catholic Church



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PASTORAL CENTER HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
Closed for Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays/Entre Semana

Monday-Saturday 7:30am

Saturday/Vigil:

5:30pm

Sunday/Domingo

English: 7:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm

Español: 10:30am

Holy Days to be Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-5pm & by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Pastoral Center for a priest.

Uncion de los Enfermos: favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para contactar a un sacerdote.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Español: El primer sábado del mes a las 10am

English: Third Saturday of the month at 10am

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Book for an appointment at least 6 months in advance
Llame al Centro Parroquial por lo menos 6 meses antes

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour: 1st Friday of the month at 7pm (Bilingual)

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

MISSION STATEMENT

We, at All Souls Church, are a multicultural Catholic Community called to share our gifts and to grow through worship and spiritual formation. We are brothers and sisters in Christ led by the Holy Spirit to witness the Good News to all.

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Youth Ministry	Leticia Urtecho
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

“So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them (Nm 6:27)

Psalm:

May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

Gospel:

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Lk 2:16)

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Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Today we begin a New Year. Every New Year comes with new opportunities, new challenges, new responsibilities and new blessings. Today we are called to rejoice and to be glad because to be alive is a blessing. It is not everyone who saw the beginning of 2022 that is here today to witness the beginning of the year 2023.

For you and me to be alive today means that we are blessed. To be alive also means that we have work to do – we have not yet accomplished the task for which God created us. Come to think of it, we are not alive today because we are better than those who have died. We are alive because we are still on a mission of self-realization.

Our journey on earth becomes joyful whenever it is blessed by God. It is for this reason that we have gathered today to present ourselves to God, to thank God for blessings already received, to present our plans to God and to pray for more blessings.

It is customary for us to make New Year resolutions on the first day of the year. On this day, we decide on certain things we need to do with the aim of improving the quality of our lives and our relationships.

I have always struggled with making New Year resolutions because I have always broken all my resolutions or better still have failed to keep them as I had earlier promised. Hence, every new year I struggle with the question of whether to make or not to make a New Year resolution?

In life, no one plans to fail but many fail to plan. And if you do not know where you are going, every road becomes a good road. So, it becomes a noble idea to make resolutions aimed at fine-tuning my life from what it was last year. This is with the aim of giving my life a richer sense of meaning, direction, and purpose.

Again with regard to New Year resolutions, it is important to note that we often fail because rather than make a resolution, we end up making a wish. The most common "resolution" we make is to lose weight, but to lose weight is a wish, not a resolution. A resolution will be to decide to walk or run around the block on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. To decide to have a better relationship with God is only a wish but to decide to pray daily at 8pm and to read the Bible on Thursdays and Sundays is a resolution.

That said, now do you want to hear my resolutions? ... I have resolved this year to do three simple things – to do a daily examination of conscience, to exercise at least 3 times a week, and to run a bible class once a week.

Today we celebrate the solemnity of *Mater Dei* – Mother of God. Mary is the holy mother of Jesus who is both Lord and God. As the mother of God, Mary is our model of faith. She is the only one who perfectly did the will of God in a way that no other has or will ever do.

She is the ark of our salvation and the *Theotokos* - bearer of God. By saying Yes to God, Mary was privileged to carry in her womb the only begotten Son of God, our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, heaven and earth unite together as one in the person of Jesus Christ who is the incarnation of God. In Mary, God begins a new creation, not based on flesh and blood but on faith in God.

Mary becomes a model of the new life in Christ that all of us wish for ourselves in the New Year. To be able to do this, Mary prepared herself in a very unique way. What did she do? We read in the Gospel that the shepherds when they went to adore the Child Jesus in the manger, told all that the angels had said to them - **"But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart"** (Luke 2:19).

Again after the boy Jesus was found in the Temple, we are told that **"His mother treasured all these things in her heart"** (Luke 2:51). Mary was a woman who valued the word of God, who treasured it and made time to meditate and ponder it. It is true that the holiness of Mary is attributed to the grace of God, but this should not make us forget that she needed to make an effort in order to cooperate with the grace of God. She pondered the word of God in order to discern what God was saying to her at every stage in her life as the handmaid of God.

Mary said Yes to archangel Gabriel at the annunciation and the two examples above of Mary pondering the word of God, namely, after the visit of the shepherds and after the finding of Jesus in the temple, show that Mary found the word of God both in divine revelation (the angels' words to her and to the shepherds) and in her own experiences (her encounter with her son in the temple).

Like Mary, God continues to speak to us today through divine revelation (e.g. the Bible, the teaching and preaching of the Church), through the beauty of the nature that surrounds us, and as well as through our personal experiences in life, if only we could make out time to reflect on them as Mary did.

Whatever the situation in which we find ourselves - a hardship, a disappointment, a decision to make - God has a solution, an answer that is right for us. Like Mary, we have now the privilege of telling it to God in prayer but we also like Mary need to listen to what God has to tell us about our unique situations in life.

Life centered on prayer in this New Year will certainly become a successful life. Like Mary, our prayer should become a conversation with God during which we not only talk to God but also listen to what God says to us. Let us avoid the practice of picking up the phone, reading out the list of our problems to God, and dropping the phone without listening to hear what God has to say to us. Let us today resolve to listen more to the voice of God, to treasure God's word, and ponder it in our hearts. It is by so doing that we shall be able to realize our New Year resolution of a new life in union with God.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

COLLECTION

Dec. 11, 2022

Dec. 18, 2022

Dec. 25, 2022

TOTAL

\$4,410.00

\$6,787.00

Due to early holiday bulletin deadlines, we will include the Christmas collection total in the next bulletin.

Did you know?

When a child discloses abuse, the first thing to remember is to stay calm. Coming forward takes incredible courage and trust; it is usually very hard for children to open up. If a child discloses abuse to you, it is important to listen fully to what he or she is saying. Limit your questions to short, simple queries: What happened? Who did this? Where? When? Let the child know you want to help and coming forward is the right thing to do. As soon as possible, make a report with a child protection agency in your state. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article, "When a Child Discloses" on lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Our 2023 Book of Intentions is now available. Please stop by our Pastoral Center to make a request for a love one. Let us elevate our intentions together and pray as a community of brothers and sisters to our Lord.



SATURDAY	DECEMBER	31-2022
5:30pm	Abraham Reyes	Healing
	Salome B. Ocampo	Dec.
SUNDAY	JANUARY	01-2023
7:30am	Yi Pu Wang	Healing
	Claire E. Hernandez	Healing
9:00am	Johnny Dy	Dec.
	The Nchinda & Fobi Families	Thanksgiving
10:30am	Francisco & Magda Cornejo	Dec.
	Josefa Mejia Valencia	Dec.
	Eustolia Yáñez	Dec.
	Trinidad Gomez	Dec.
	Jose & Elda Serna	49th Wedd. Anniv.
5:30pm	The Unborn	
MONDAY	JANUARY	02-2023
7:30am	Maria Esperanza Gomez	Dec.
TUESDAY	JANUARY	03-2023
7:30am	Victims of the Storm	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY	04-2023
7:30am	Victims of COVID-19	Dec.
THURSDAY	JANUARY	05-2023
7:30am	Ricardo Vargas Parra, Sr.	Dec.
	Ricardo Chavez Vargas, Jr.	Dec.
FRIDAY	JANUARY	06-2023
7:30am	Carlos Gutierrez	Dec.
	Mireya Serna	Birthday
SATURDAY	JANUARY	07-2023
7:30am	Maria Salinas	Dec.
	Janine Mae Sarmiento	Birthday

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

(Los pastores regresaron de Belén “glorificando y alabando a Dios.” Fueron profundamente afectados por la visión del Mesías recién nacido y el mensaje de los ángeles. ¿Cómo sería el mundo si nos dejáramos impactar igualmente por la palabra de Dios?

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2)/Gal 4, 4-7/
Lc 2, 16-21

Lunes: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 97, 2-3. 3-4/Jn 1, 19-28

Martes: 1 Jn 2, 29—3, 6/Sal 97, 1. 3-4. 5-6/Jn 1, 29-34

Miércoles: 1 Jn 3, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Jn 1, 35-42

Jueves: 1 Jn 3, 11-21/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Jn 1, 43-51

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Mc 1,
7-11 o Lc 3, 23-28 o 3, 23. 31-34. 36. 38

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6. y 9/Jn 2, 1-11



Tenemos Agua Bendita disponible en nuestro Centro Pastoral.

Bendice tu hogar, familia, vehículo, y lugar de trabajo.

El agua bendita es una herramienta espiritual para tener un día mejor.

Nuestro libro de dedicatorias ya está disponible para el año 2023. Si gusta ofrecer alguna misa en honor a un ser querido, favor de visitarnos en el Centro Pastoral.

Cuando un niño revela un abuso, lo primero es permanecer en calma. Dar ese paso requiere una valentía y confianza increíbles; por lo general es muy difícil para un niño sincerarse. Si un niño le revela que fue abusado, es importante que escuche atentamente lo que él o ella está diciendo. Limite sus preguntas a consultas breves y sencillas: ¿Qué pasó? ¿Quién hizo esto? ¿Dónde? ¿Cuándo? Hágale saber al niño que quiere ayudar y que haber dado el paso de contarle es lo correcto. Tan pronto como sea posible, reporte el incidente a una agencia de protección infantil en su estado. Para más información, lea el artículo en inglés en VIRTUS®, “When a Child Discloses” (Cuando un niño revela) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

AMIGOS DE JESUS

El grupo de oración, Amigos de Jesús, les invita a unirse a una noche de reflexión, alabanza y oración en comunidad. Las reuniones son a las 7pm cada miércoles. Si gusta unirse, favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para más detalles.



LA SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA,
LA SANTA MADRE DE DIOS



“...María es la mujer de fe, que hizo lugar a Dios en su corazón, en sus planes, en su cuerpo, en su experiencia de esposa y madre. Ella es la creyente que es capaz de comprender el acontecimiento insólito del Hijo como la venida de aquella 'plenitud de los tiempos' (Gál 4, 4), en la que Dios, eligiendo los caminos sencillos de la vida humana, decidió implicarse personalmente en la obra de salvación.” – 2001

~St. Papa Juan Pablo II



2000 Hail Mary Devotion

1/7/23 @ 8am

Our Filipino Ministry is continuing the powerful intercessory devotion of the 2000 Hail Mary's. Everyone is invited to join and ask for Mother Mary's graces as special intentions are presented to her Son, Jesus Christ.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



"...Mary is the woman of faith, who made room for God in her heart, in her plans, in her body, in her experience as a wife and mother. She is the believer who is capable of understanding the unusual event of the Son as the coming of that 'fullness of time' (Gal 4: 4), in which God, choosing the simple ways of human life, decided to involve himself personally in the work of salvation." – 2001

~Pope St. John Paul II



New Year's Mass Schedule

Please note that the December 31st/January 1st Masses to welcome the new year will follow our regular Sunday Mass schedule. Join us to welcome the year with gratitude and prayer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.



SUNDAY JAN. 8

Come support!!! Brunie will be holding a sale this coming Sunday, January 8th. Proceeds will be used to benefit children in Nigeria. Please come support from 8:30am to 12:00pm.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023. We will resume our regular hours on Tuesday.

Holy Hour

Join us for an our of meditation in the presence of Jesus. Everyone is invited. The service is bilingual and will be held inside the church.

January 6, 2023 @ 7PM

