



All Souls Catholic Church



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• DEACON •

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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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Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
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1:30pm

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PARISH 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)

Office of Liturgy

Funeral Services Diep Dinh Ext. 219

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Ministry of the Sick	Larry Dumont
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Legion of Mary	Salvador Agudo
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English Bible Study	Sheila Henderson-Linan
Spanish Bible Study	Maria de Jesus Martinez
Knights of Columbus	Frank Bodeman
Guadalpanos	Marina Ramirez
Rosario de Misericordia	Angelina Farias
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St. Vincent de Paul	Pearl Martinez
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Amigos de Jesus	Estela Murga
Filipino Ministry	Rose Pichon
Youth Ministry	Leticia Urtecho
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: I Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: I Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: I Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: I Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: I Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;



Loan Le	Ethelyn Beltran
Angelica Ruedas	Karen Katsumura
Matthew Perez	Andrea Primicias
Pilar Garza	Cecilia Chow
Gary Meraz	Erik Lifrak
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Lucy Tsang	Jose Crespo
Eleanor Ciechoski	Joe Negrete
Rosa Martinez	Bernardina Castañeda
Ramirez Family	Reyes Family
Wally & Becky Puente	Mercedes Tarrazona
Cynthia Manriquez	Delia Vargas
William Gonzalez	Fernando Torres
Joel Lopez	Gerardo Duran
Guadalupe Nevarez	Cidronio Abelar
Evelyn De Guzman	Yessenia Alvarez
Hortencia Palafox	Juanita Madrigal
Jerry Lopez	Mark Venegas
Francis Araiza	Marco de la Garza
Rafael Garcia	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Christmas Season Year "C"

The Epiphany of the Lord: We have seen His star at its rising and have come to worship Him.

One Christmas Eve over 35 years ago I was in Syracuse. People of the church were distributing big, bulging love-motivated Christmas baskets to poor families in the neighborhood.

All but one basket had been delivered and I offered to take the last one. It led me into a strange adventure. The home proved to be little more than a shack at the rear of some rundown tenements. An obviously overworked young wife admitted me.

I could see she had been scrubbing the family clothes in a steaming old-fashioned washtub. On a shabby couch sprawled the young husband, obviously deep in his cups. The wife followed my glance. "He is a wonderful man," she spoke defensively. "If it wasn't for that one weakness he would go places. And he will...he will."

Her voice ended in a choke. On the wall, surprisingly, were two excellent paintings which appeared quite out of place in the surroundings. They pictured a dignified and obviously outstanding couple. "They were his parents," she explained, "who were good New England people. He wouldn't part with those pictures even if we starved. I guess they represent his hold on life, on hope maybe."

I gave the basket to the young wife, wished her a Merry Christmas, and determined to help that family in a more creative way than just a Christmas basket. Next day, Christmas, I dropped in to see these people again and had a pleasant visit. The following Sunday they showed up at church and kept on coming every week.

I stopped by the day they moved into a simple but nice home. I must admit I choked up a bit when I saw Fred carrying those two portraits into the new house. It was July when they made this move, but it did not seem at all incongruous when Fred said happily, "Merry Christmas!"

Why not? It was on Christmas that life began to be merry for this nice family (*This story is from a sermon Dr. Peale composed in December 1970*).

Christians who follow the Roman calendar celebrate Christmas on December 25 but not so for the Eastern Orthodox Church. It is on this day – Epiphany, that the Orthodox Christians celebrate their own Christmas Day. The reason being that it was on this Day, that, through the guidance of a star, the birth of Jesus Christ was made known to the world.

While the shepherds watched their sheep in the cold winter night something special happened in the world. It reminds me of the Christmas carol – "While shepherds watch their flocks by night, all seated on the ground"

The Magi (shepherds, kings, wise men) as we have come to call them were not extraordinary men. They were shepherds who took care of sheep. However, what sets them apart is their belief in the teaching of the prophets that in the fullness of time, God will send His only begotten Son to redeem the world from the bondage of sin, slavery and ignorance.

As shepherds who watch their sheep by night, they were used to gazing at the stars, and effort was made to make sense of the meaning of the stars. Although there are millions of stars in the sky, yet, on this faithful Day, there appeared a star with a difference. Empowered by their expectation of a savior, the Magi followed the lead of the star to find out the truth behind its unique light.

Thinking that a king will be born at the palace of the king, they went to Herod to find out if a child was born – "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

The news of the birth of the child troubled Herod, hence he consulted all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, who in turn consulted the Sacred Scripture to see where it was written – "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least of among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

As a politician who uses the Bible to his own advantage, Herod, even after knowing that the birth of the child was a fulfillment of Scripture, was still out to kill the baby Jesus, hence, he ordered the Magi "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

When the Magi finally discovered where the baby was born – lying in the manger, they worshipped and did Him homage and then presented Him with three symbolic gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold symbolizes that the child is king and it was not until while hanging on the cross that Jesus was declared the king of the Jews. Frankincense symbolizes that the child is divine because incense is offered only to God. Myrrh symbolizes that the child was born to die. It is with this precious oil that Jesus was anointed prior to His death on the cross for the salvation of the world.

When the Magi saw the dawn of human salvation, they recognized it hence they worshiped. The Magi did not go back to report what they have seen to Herod because people who see Jesus do not go back to their former way of life. Herod's way was the way of violence and destruction while the ways of God are of peace, joy and life.

Today, the divinity of Jesus is revealed to the world. Jesus is revealed as light to the Gentiles, hence to the world. This revelation is not a theoretical or metaphysical construct. It is a divine revelation that follows the order of nature. From this time forward, we are going to experience a gradual increase in day light until we reach its climax in June (summer solstice). Following the order of nature, children of God are called to grow in love and good works for it is by so doing that we shine as lights in the world.

In Jesus, all the nations and races of the world unite as one, and all are called to walk in His light. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance" (First Reading). We who have gathered from different parts of the world to celebrate the feast of the epiphany today have become the fulfillment of this prophecy. Our Christmas celebration, therefore, is not just a one day event but a lifetime project, for whenever we reveal Jesus to the world either through our words or actions, we celebrate Christmas.



Finance Report

Did you know?

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity

COLLECTION 12/08/2021	TOTAL
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$ 771.00
COLLECTION 12/12/2021	TOTAL
O. L. OF GUADALUPE	\$ 571.00
COLLECTION 12/19/2021	TOTAL
	\$ 5160.50
CANDLES	TOTAL
	\$ 418.00

Take some time this month to review your family's online safety. Make sure you have strong passwords in place, and that your security settings are updated. Check where you have passwords stored as well — children who are tech savvy can easily access inappropriate materials on smart TVs and devices where passwords do not have to be entered. Consider installing accountability software on any devices that your children access. Software like Covenant Eyes or other options can keep your child from visiting any inappropriate or forbidden sites. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Revisit Online Safety Practices" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Read the VIRTUS article "Revisit Online Safety Practices" here.



Our next food distribution will take place on January 20, 2022.

HOLY WATER

Holy Water is always available at the Pastoral Center.

Evangelization Experience Opportunity



The Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites you to explore the cost and abundance of the life Jesus offers by his invitation, "Follow me."

If interested, you would be part of a four week virtual small-group process beginning the week of January 17, 2022. Cost is free. Please follow this link for more details: <https://lacatholics.org/limitless/>

WEEKLY THEMES AND SMALL GROUP FORMAT

The themes for each week:

Week One – Follow Me:

- In Week One participants will have a chance to hear who is Jesus? What is his mission? And what he means when he invites you to follow Him?

Week Two – Limitless Desire:

- In Week Two participants will grow in understanding that the decision to follow Jesus is to turn away from what limits our desires.

Week Three – A Limitless Heart:

- In Week Three participants will be challenged through the telling of a modern-day parable to explore three different degrees of intimacy with Jesus.

Week Four – Living a Limitless Life:

- In Week Four participants will hear about the life of discipleship and will be invited to make a fundamental decision to entrust their life over to Jesus through a ritual of commitment tied to Baptism.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 01-2022

5:30pm Johnny Dee Dec.
Tseng, Ke Chin & Zi Kit Dec.

SUNDAY JANUARY 02-2022

7:30am

9:00am Alfredo Fortunato Dec.
Savedra & Fortunato Fam. Thanksgiving

10:30am Maria Esperanza Gomez Dec.
Alicia Valdez Dec.

5:30pm

MONDAY JANUARY 03-2022

7:30am

TUESDAY JANUARY 04-2022

7:30am

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 05-2022

7:30am Ricarda Vargas Parra Dec.

THURSDAY JANUARY 06-2022

7:30am Mireya Serna Birthday
Ricardo Chavez Vargas Dec.

FRIDAY JANUARY 07-2022

7:30am

SATURDAY JANUARY 08-2022

7:30am

OneLife LA is back in person!

We invite you to join us for OneLife LA 2022 on Saturday, January 22 as we go Forward in Hope.

OneLife LA 2022 invites people to join us for a procession through the streets of downtown LA.

We will also offer an online event for those who choose not to join in person.

EVERYONE, whether you attend in person or watch online, will be called to share and bear hope to people you encounter in big and small ways. Register today!

onelifela.org/register

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CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE



CAMINO HACIA DIOS

En nuestra celebración de la Epifanía, dos temas entrelazados están presentes en las lecturas de hoy. Dios está comenzando algo nuevo, y Dios reúne a toda la humanidad a participar. Para Isaías, la luz brillante de Dios, manifestada en el pueblo de Israel, atrae y convoca a personas de muchas naciones a Jerusalén. En la carta a los efesios, la gracia de Dios hace a los gentiles coherederos y en el Evangelio de Mateo los hace coparticipes. Mateo cuenta la historia del cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios a Israel por medio del nacimiento de Jesús, y simultáneamente guiando a los extranjeros a compartir esas mismas promesas. Con el nacimiento de Jesús, Dios eligió a un pueblo determinado, en un tiempo y lugares específicos, para entrar directamente en la historia de la humanidad. Las lecturas de hoy enseñan que Dios lo hizo para reunir a todos los pueblos, a todas las culturas, en la unidad con Dios. Al igual que los magos, estamos siendo llevados a un viaje hacia Dios, convirtiéndonos en coparticipes de la obra de Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Se postrarán ante ti, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 72 [71]).

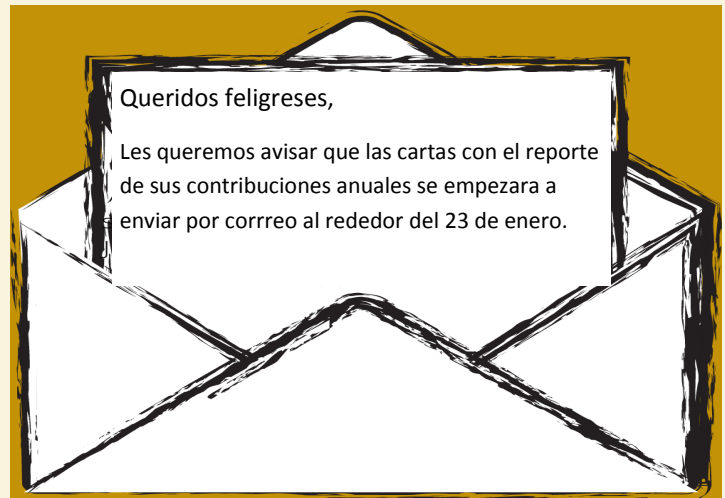
Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).


LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44
Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mc 6:45-52
Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lc 4:14-22a
Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16
Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4,
3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30

Tómese un tiempo este mes para revisar la seguridad en línea de su familia. Asegúrese de tener contraseñas seguras y de que la configuración de seguridad esté actualizada. Compruebe también dónde tiene las contraseñas almacenadas. Los niños que son expertos en tecnología pueden acceder fácilmente a materiales inapropiados en televisores inteligentes y dispositivos donde no es necesario ingresar contraseñas. Considere instalar software de responsabilidad en cualquier dispositivo al que accedan sus hijos. El software como Covenant Eyes u otras opciones pueden evitar que su hijo visite sitios inapropiados o prohibidos. Para obtener más consejos, solicite una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “Revisit Online Safety Practices” (Revise las prácticas de seguridad en línea) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



DIVINA MISERICORDIA



Estimados feligreses, esta es una cordial invitación a que nos acompañemos a rezar la coronilla a la Divina Misericordia cada domingo después de la misa de 10:30a.m. Esta es una forma de agrade-

2022 Mass Intentions

Our Book of Mass Intentions for next year is ready. Be sure to stop by our Pastoral Center to see which times are available. Dedicating a Mass to our loved ones is a beautiful gesture of support, remembrance and even celebration.

Let our prayers lift those in need and sing with those who wish to express their gratitude.



Happy New Year

2022

Dear Family in Christ,

As we approach another cycle and get ready to welcome a new year, we want you to know how invaluable you are to our Parish. Thank you for your presence, for your prayers, for your ministries and various donations.

This year was yet another year of adjustment. In spite of the new challenges, you always saw the opportunity to continue practicing our faith and keeping up with our traditions, even if it meant doing it a bit differently. Thank you for all that disposition. We pray that this new year brings all that your household needs to continue living a life in sync with our Lord's love, blessings and commandments.

Happy 2022!



Holy Hour



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

Jan 7, 2022 @ 7PM

ATTENTION

Dear Parishioners,
Annual Contribution letters will be sent to you around the weekend of January 23rd. Thank you for all your support.

