



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 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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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
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Rosario de Misericordia	Angelina Farias
Our Lord's Mission	Josephine Espinosa
St. Vincent de Paul	Pearl Martinez
Encuentro Matrimonial	Victor Pla
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:

Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bc, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Esperanza Canale	Rosa Benalcazar
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Angelica Ruedas	Andrea Primicias
Matthew Perez	Cecilia Chow
Pilar Garza	Erik Lifrak
Gary Meraz	Ray Argueta & Family
David A. Jr. & Family	Jose Crespo
Lucy Tsang	Joe Negrete
Rosa Martinez	Bernardina Castañeda
Ramirez Family	Reyes Family
Wally & Becky Puente	Mercedes Tarrazona
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William Gonzalez	Gerardo Duran
Joel Lopez	Cidronio Abelar
Guadalupe Nevarez	Yessenia Alvarez
Evelyn De Guzman	Juanita Madrigal
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Rafael Garcia	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Manifestation of Jesus to the World

Jesus is the Truth

Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mtt 2:1-12

It was Saint Augustine who once said that our heart is restless until it rests in God. Today we are presented with the story of three restless hearts who set out in search of the Truth – not the small truth but the ultimate Truth. These holy men whom we also call the Magi or the Three Wise Men were used to worshipping nature – the sun, moon, and star.

These Magi know a lot about the operations of the natural cycle. On this unique day, something different happened. The light of this star shined not only in their eyes but in their hearts and made them to realize that their knowledge of nature was not good enough to satisfy the greatest desire of their hearts. Hence, they kept searching for more.

We often abhor the stranger because the stranger is different from what we are used to. Not so with the Magi. We see the greatness of these holy men in the fact that when they realized that something different had happened in the course of nature, they did not reject or attack it. They embraced it and with an open heart and mind they set out in search of the truth that lies behind what they have heard and seen.

As a reward for their openness to the truth, they were able to discover not only the secret behind the star but more so the secret of the whole universe – the secret of God's incredible love for the world that is revealed in the Child Jesus (the incarnation of God). In the Child Jesus they see the meeting point between God and humanity – the point at which divinity and humanity integrate as one. They behold a truth that is seen and yet unseen – a mystery.

Having beheld the Truth they worshipped and offered the precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts reveal the true identity of Jesus as King (gold), Divine (incense is offered only to God), and Savior (myrrh) – born to die for the salvation of the world.

The Wise men had all these gifts in abundance but did not know their true significance. It was not until it was presented to Jesus that their true meaning became manifest.

Having given it all (emptied their treasures, which is the main source of their sustenance), the Wise men returned to their homeland neither with material wealth nor scientific formulae to conquer the world). They came back with faith and the joy which only God can give.

In the Wise men, we see the true essence of life. Life is not simply a search for knowledge but a search for a genuine relationship with God.

Every New Year presents us with new blessings, new opportunities, and new responsibilities. Like the shepherds, we already have the treasures that could lead us to the discovery of the ultimate truth.

The fundamental question today is – how do we respond to things that are not familiar? The Wise men did not respond with trepidation or fear but with open heart and mind, they went in search of the truth that lies behind the extraordinary star that appeared to them.

At moments like this, it is common for people to seek to know what the New Year has in stock for them. Some do so by reading the horoscope, palm reading, consulting soothsayers, seers, prophets, diviners, etc. Some argue that the rationale for doing this is that it was the star that led the Wise men to the truth.

It is important to note that the star was only a guide because the Wise men like their fellow countrymen and women, worshipped nature. The truth of nature was all they had to work with. The star did not lead them to the truth. It was only when Herod consulted the chief priests who in turn consulted the Sacred Scripture that they were able to know the truth. "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Regardless of what we pursue in life – fame, fortune, political power, beauty, health, success, etc. ultimately the greatest desire of the human heart is happiness. How we go about it is what marks the difference between a person of faith and a worldly person.

The good news today is that true happiness is realizable. In the epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus to the world. The Wise men (Magi) found the truth in Christ Jesus and so can we. We may not know everything there is to know in the world, but the truth we have found in Christ Jesus is good enough to lead us to the true happiness which can satisfy the greatest desire of the human heart.

Having found the truth, the shepherds returned to their home by a different route because people who encounter God experience a profound change that makes it impossible for them to return by the way of Herod which is the way of envy, hatred, violence, and greed.

Doing the same thing all over again and expecting a different result is the definition of insanity. We need sometimes to take the risk of following our star with an open mind and heart to see where it will lead us. We need to be daring enough to take the leap of faith in order to discover the Truth. We need to be courageous enough to explore the unknown in order to liberate our minds from the bondage of ignorance and fear. Only then shall we come to behold the truth and beauty that surrounds us.

There is no shortage of truth, beauty, and goodness in the world but there is a shortage of people with open heart and mind who are willing to explore the unknown, welcome the stranger, fight for love, justice, peace, and integrity of all sentient beings. Today, we have a choice to make – either to be like Herod who wants to destroy the unknown (Baby Jesus), or to be like the shepherds who are willing to do big things. Yes, wise men and women still seek Him. Are you one of them?



Finance Report

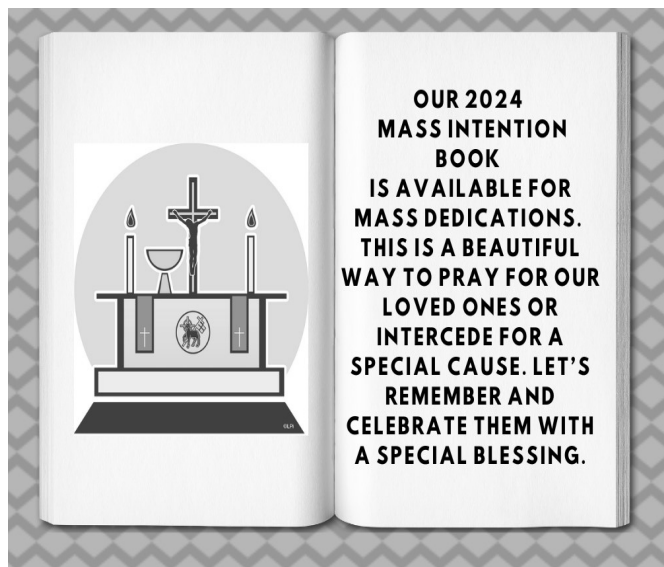
Mass Intentions

COLLECTION	TOTAL
December 24, 2023	\$ 5,611.00
Christmas Masses	\$ 5,046.00
December 31, 2023	\$ 7,263.00

Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

During adolescence, young people require more parental engagement – rather than less. This is a time when they begin to experience the many facets of their personality and to test their parents as well as themselves. During this time, adolescents will try to do what is forbidden because it can be exciting to break the rules. Though our adolescents may push us away or disregard our rules and suggestions, they need our guidance—during this time more than ever. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



SATURDAY	JANUARY	06-2024
5:30pm	Mireya Serna	Birthday
SUNDAY	JANUARY	07-2024
7:30am	Jerry Hargrave	Healing
	Janine Sarmiento	Birthday
	Souls in Purgatory	
9:00am	Dou R. Rodriguez	Dec.
	Eleuteria & Crisporo Bacaltos	Dec.
	Jerry Hargrave	Healing
10:30am	Aurelio Coude	Dec.
	Julio Morales	Dec.
	Amparo Hernandez	Dec.
	Maria Gutierrez	Special Int.
5:30pm	Confirmation Students	Special Int.
MONDAY	JANUARY	08-2024
7:30am	Javier Saucedo	Dec.
	Rolando Lazo	Dec.
TUESDAY	JANUARY	09-2024
7:30am	Javier Saucedo	Dec.
	Marcelino Guardado	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY	10-2024
7:30am	Javier Saucedo	Dec.
THURSDAY	JANUARY	11-2024
7:30am	Javier Saucedo	Dec.
	Alejandra Gutierrez	Birthday
FRIDAY	JANUARY	12-2024
7:30am	Javier Saucedo	Dec.
SATURDAY	JANUARY	13-2024
7:30am	Juan H. Martinez	93rd Birthday

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

Isaías previó un futuro en el que el Señor usaría a Israel como Su instrumento para hacer brillar Su gloria en el mundo. ¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana para mostrar la gloria de Dios a los demás?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo encontró mucha resistencia cuando habló de la “revelación” de Dios de que los gentiles son “coherederos” y “coparticipes” de los judíos en la promesa divina cumplida en Cristo Jesús. ¿Qué tan acogedor eres con los forasteros?

Evangelio:

En la historia de la visita de los reyes magos, vemos las profecías de Isaías (nuestra primera lectura) cumplidas con los tesoros de oro, incienso y mirra entregados a la Sagrada Familia. ¿Qué regalo le das tu al Señor?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/
Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12
Lunes: Is 55, 1-11/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5, 1-9/Mc 1, 7-11
Martes: 1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Mc 1, 21-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 39, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10/
Mc 1, 29-39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4, 1-11/Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/
Mc 1, 40-45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19/Mc 2, 1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 2, 13-17

Durante la adolescencia, los jóvenes requieren más participación de los padres, en lugar de darles menos atención. Este es un momento en el que los jóvenes comienzan a experimentar las múltiples facetas de su personalidad y a poner a prueba a sus padres y a ellos mismos. Durante este tiempo, los adolescentes intentarán hacer lo prohibido porque puede ser emocionante romper las reglas. Aunque nuestros adolescentes puedan alejarnos o ignorar nuestras reglas y sugerencias, necesitan nuestra guía, durante este tiempo más que nunca. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” (Manténgase siempre en alerta de las amistades y las actividades de su adolescente) 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 mas detalles.



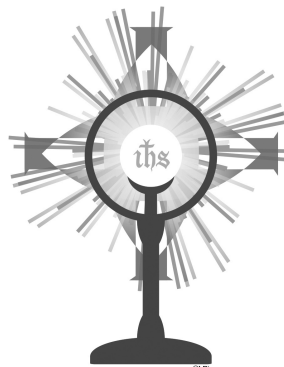
VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómate un descanso de las preocupaciones del mundo y ven a

pasar un tiempo con Él en meditación silenciosa.

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración está abierta en el mismo horario que nuestro Centro Pastoral.

Ven a visitar a nuestro Señor y continua este año con sus bendiciones.



NUESTRO LIBRO DE INTENCIONES DEL 2024 YA ESTA DISPONIBLE.

FAVOR DE VISITAR NUESTRO CENTRO PASTORAL PARA VER LOS HORARIOS DISPONIBLES.

DEDICAR UNA MISA ES UN HERMOSO REGALO PARA TODOS NUESTROS SERES AMADOS.

Special Moments of the Season!



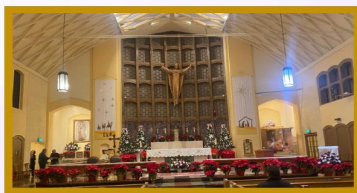
Our Pastoral Center staff had a beautiful celebration!



We are so grateful to everyone who donated gifts in support of "The Living Tree" organized by St. Vincent de Paul's Ministry.



Thank you Teena for decorating our Tree!



Thank you to our Environment Committee for preparing such a beautiful liturgical space and to everyone who donated Poinsettias!



Thank you Marlene y Alejandra for putting together such beautiful Nativity Scene



ONELIFE LA



THE MISSION OF ONELIFE LA IS TO UNITE COMMUNITIES AND INSPIRE POSITIVE ACTION THROUGH AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT PROMOTES THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE: "10 YEARS TOGETHER AS ONE."

ONELIFE LA BEGINS WITH A WALK THROUGH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND ENDS WITH A FESTIVAL IN THE PARK WHERE YOU WILL BE INSPIRED BY COURAGEOUS SPEAKERS; SUPPORTED AS YOU DEFEND, PROTECT AND PROCLAIM LIFE; AND ENCOURAGED TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED WITH OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE! PLEASE REGISTER BY VISITING [HTTPS://ONELIFELA.ORG/REGISTER-2](https://onelifela.org/register-2).

SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.



NOVENA TO SANTO NIÑO

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to save the date. Our Filipino Ministry will host a novena to Santo Niño starting at 7 pm on Thursday, January 11th, through Friday, January 19th, via Zoom. You may join beginning at 6:50 pm each day of the novena. At the end of the nine days, a special Mass will be celebrated in honor of Santo Niño on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm here at our parish. Join us!

Zoom ID: 885 395 0544

Passcode: stonino

Dear Parishioners,

The Annual Contribution Letters are currently being prepared. We will begin to distribute them on the last weekend of January.

