



# 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.

Unión 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 8, 2023**

*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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# Apostolates & Organization

Ministry of the Sick	Larry Dumont
Safeguard the Children	Irene Oaxaca
Bereavement Ministry	Diep Dinh
Legion of Mary	Salvador Agudo
Cursillos in Christianity	Aida Gonzalez
English Bible Study	Sheila Henderson-Linan
Spanish Bible Study	Maria de Jesus Martinez
Knights of Columbus	Frank Bodeman
Guadalupanos	Marina Ramirez
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:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! 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. (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 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17



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Jesus Ortiz	Elizabeth Pham

# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## Epiphany of the Lord, Year "A"

### "We have seen His star and have come to worship Him"

I like the Christmas greeting card that reads "Wise men still seek Him." Yes, in every generation God uses simple people and ordinary things of nature to reveal His truth, beauty, and goodness in the world and it takes the sincerity, courage, and determination of humble women and men to see the hand of God at work in their lives, in the life of others and in the world.

It is much easier and if not convenient for human beings to keep God in the sky but the essential truth of the incarnation is that God is with us. God has become a necessary part of human history; hence our vision of the world can never be complete without recognizing God's divine presence in the world. And God's presence in the world remains a mystical presence because God is in the world and yet above the world.

In the feast of Epiphany, we recall and celebrate not only the event of the three shepherds' journey to Jerusalem to present gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus who is the visible presence of God in the world but also our call to discover the presence of God in our lives, in our family and in the world here and now.

Seeking Justice, Truth, Beauty, and Goodness have always been the basic preoccupation of the human mind in every generation. The truth which the human heart seeks is not hidden in the outer planet. Truth, beauty, and goodness are here with us in the person of Jesus, the incarnate Word. The hidden truth which the Epiphany reveals to us is that the basis of all human desires lies in God, hence seeking to find God becomes an essential truth that holds the key to true happiness in the world.

Many have made sincere efforts to find God and yet could not find Him. Some have made the ultimate sacrifices without gaining an insight into the divine truth. Many factors could contribute to our inability to find God in the world today. It is neither for lack of trying nor for lack of the presence of God in the world but due to our lack of openness to the divine plan of God.

The Magi started their quest for God by following the star. The star was all they know, all they have, and all they could use in finding the Truth. Being guided by the star, they could only go as far as the house of Herod. The star alone could not lead them to where Jesus was born. It was only when Herod, though troubled by the Good News, consulted the chief priests who in turn consulted the Sacred Scripture and reading from the prophets, they realized that scripture had foretold that "In Bethlehem of Judea ... shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

It is ultimately the word of God that revealed the Truth and not simply the stars. Stars are not God. It is a creature of God. Even the stars obey God. Following the star, as we often do through horoscope, consulting fortune tellers, soothsayers, palm readers, visionaries, tarot cards, etc. to know what the future holds for us is following the path that leads only to Herod's house. Herod and his household, as we know it, stand against the values of the Gospel, hence are in contradistinction with God's plan for the salvation of the world.

You cannot find the Truth by making Herod's house your final destination. In Herod, power rules over love, justice, and truth. God's plan for the world is not based on the love of power but on the power of love. This is probably why the shepherds after paying homage to the newborn savior of the world, did not return to Herod.

An un-Christianized world is a world of Herod, which is governed by the principle of survival of the fittest. Might is right, hence the ways of the wealthy and powerful people of the earth are always justified. New rules are made to favor those in power and authority. Maps are drawn and redrawn to grant them political favors. Our courts of law judge the dead while the oppressor walks free and is empowered to do more evil. Evil and corruption have become a fast road to stardom. Doing good does not make the news while a reckless lifestyle guarantees an instant celebrity status.

The un-Christianized world of Herod is the type of world that the Magi left in search of the Truth and having found the truth, did not return to it. People who encounter Jesus do not return to their former ways of life. They follow a new path to their new home, which is built and governed by love.

Their ways are guided not by the lust for wealth and power but by the love of God as it was revealed to the shepherds in a dream by an angel.

There is no doubt that we are still in search of truth and meaning in life. Our fundamental challenge is to determine what should be the foundational basis of our search for meaning and direction in life. What is it that forms and informs the decisions and choices we make in life?

The truth of the Epiphany, therefore, is this revelation that it is being guided by the word of God that we shall come to know the Truth. This is the Truth that shall set us free from the bondage of sin and ignorance. If the stars obey and serve God, how much more is the clarion call of nature and reason for human beings - the beauty of creation to serve God by becoming part of God's plan for the salvation of the world?

The one basic assumption that we all have come to agree on is that there is no shortage of goodness in the world. As it was in the time of Herod, so is it in our own day. In spite of the evils that abound, God's presence, goodness and power is always there for us. It is only those who make a sincere effort to find God that will find Him. No wonder the wise still seek Him.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

*Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.*

COLLECTION	TOTAL
Dec. 25, 2022	\$8,468.00
Jan. 1, 2023	\$5,669.00

## Did you know?

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires all staff members, and volunteers who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, or people with special needs, to complete the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children for Adults program? This program helps prevent child sexual abuse by raising awareness among staff and volunteers, and educating them on warning signs of abuse, potentially unsafe or inappropriate scenarios, and how to respond to suspicious behavior. Adults who undergo VIRTUS® training also learn the five steps to help prevent child sexual abuse. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.



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	JANUARY	07-2023
5:30pm	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Special Int.
	Hu Jim Cai	Dec.
SUNDAY	JANUARY	08-2023
7:30am	Yi Pu Wang	Healing
	Claire E. Hernandez	Healing
9:00am	Brigilda & Dalmacio Rodriguez	Dec.
	Vincent Fobi Sama Tima	Special Int.
10:30am	Flor de la Torre Ugarte	Dec.
	Teresa Juarez	Healing
5:30pm	Alfredo & Magdalena Llanillo	Dec.
MONDAY	JANUARY	09-2023
7:30am	Alfredo Llanillo, Jr.	Dec.
TUESDAY	JANUARY	10-2023
7:30am	The Mendez Family	Sp. Int.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY	11-2023
7:30am	Esperanza Abril	Dec.
THURSDAY	JANUARY	12-2023
7:30am	Karen Papp	Dec.
FRIDAY	JANUARY	13-2023
7:30am	Lourdes Clavel	Dec.
SATURDAY	JANUARY	14-2023
7:30am	Tulito & Chano Meza	64th Wedd. Anniv.

### Día de la Epifanía del Señor

Existe un refrán popular que dice así: "No hay peor sordo que el que no quiere oír". Y le agregaría el que no quiere ver. Los Magos del Oriente no se hicieron sordos ni ciegos, sino que, presurosos siguieron la estrella que los guiaba a Jesús. Preguntaron y escucharon su historia, por aquello de no perderse del lugar donde se encontraba aquel famoso recién nacido. "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? (Mateo 2,2). ¿Dónde está Jesús en nuestros días? ¿A quién hemos preguntado donde encontrarlo? Quizá, se encuentra en los corazones de los padres de familia que han perdido a sus hijos(as) en la violencia, o tal vez está ahí donde el inmigrante sufre y muere luchando por una vida mejor.

La liturgia de este Domingo de la Epifanía, manifestación de Jesús como salvador de todos los pueblos, nos invita a no ser oyentes pasivos sino activos, comprometidos a la esperanza de una sociedad mejor. La voz del Papa Francisco es el eco de Dios que motiva a ver la luz de la estrella reflejada en el corazón de todo aquel que desea la paz. "El día de hoy debemos sentir cerca a los Magos, ellos tenían el corazón abierto al horizonte: «Vieron la estrella porque se habían puesto en el camino» (San Juan Crisóstomo). Su ejemplo nos anima a contemplar la estrella y a no conformarnos, sino a dejarnos fascinar por la bondad y la verdad.

¿Sabía que la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles requiere que todos los miembros del personal y los voluntarios que trabajan en cualquier capacidad con o cerca de niños, ancianos o personas con necesidades especiales completen el programa de VIRTUS® para adultos, "Protegiendo a los niños de Dios para adultos"? Este programa ayuda a prevenir el abuso sexual infantil creando conciencia entre el personal y los voluntarios, y educándolos sobre las señales de advertencia de abuso, escenarios potencialmente inseguros o inapropiados y cómo responder a un comportamiento sospechoso. Los adultos que reciben capacitación VIRTUS® también aprenden los cinco pasos para ayudar a prevenir el abuso sexual infantil. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

## 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 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Hch 10, 34-38/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 (11)/Mt 3, 13-17
- Martes: Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 21-28 o Heb 1, 1-6 y 2, 5-12/Mc 1, 14-20 y 1, 21-28
- Miércoles: Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 29-39
- Jueves: Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mc 1, 40-45
- Viernes: Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8/Mc 2, 1-12
- Sábado: Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mc 2, 13-17

## 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.



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

### Oraciones por el

### Papa Emerito, Benedicto XVI

**Pedimos a toda nuestra comunidad que se unan en sus hogares en oración por el eterno descanso de nuestro amado Papa Emérito, Benedicto XVI. Damos gracias a nuestro Señor por el tiempo que le permitió estar con nosotros, por sus sabiduría, enseñanzas y gran lucha por la fe.**

CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH



**OUR MISSION IS LOVE**

11 AM	Youth & Young Adult Kick-Off Event @Olvera Street
12 PM	Walk for Life
1 PM	OneLife LA @LA State Historic Park
5 PM	Requiem Mass for the Unborn @Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

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**ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS**



Our Annual Contribution letters will be sent on the week of January 23rd. If you would like to pick up a copy of your letter in person, this option is also available. Please call our Pastoral Center beforehand. Thank you so much for all your support and contributions.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION**



The next food distribution will take place on **January 19, 2023** At 12 noon

*Rest in Peace*




*Supreme Pontiff, Benedict XVI*

Dear Parishioners,  
We as Roman Catholics are greatly saddened to hear that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has passed from this life. We pray that God will soon grant him his eternal reward. Please be patient as we find an appropriate way to celebrate his life, honor him as our pontiff, and pray for his soul.

*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO POPE BENEDICT XVI, O LORD. AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AMEN.*



We want to give a special thanks to all the parishioners who continue to generously contribute to their Call to Renew pledge. If you weren't unable to make a multi-year commitment but would still like to donate, there is an opportunity to give a one time donation following the QR Code. Please remember to choose our parish: All Souls Parish —Alhambra (P432)

**UPDATE**

Parish Name: All Souls Parish  
Parish Goal: \$425,000.00  
Total Pledged: \$654,406.00  
Total Paid: \$367,476.57

