



# 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 15, 2023**

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## 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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Ministry of the Sick	Larry Dumont
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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:

I will make you a light to the nations;  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6)

## Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; come to do your will. (Ps 40)

## Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

## Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (Jn 1:29)

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Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21



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	Elizabeth Pham

# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Behold the Lamb of God

When Jan Paderewski was to leave his native Poland to play his first recital in London, he asked an influential compatriot to give him a letter of introduction to a leading figure in Britain's musical world, who might be of assistance, should anything go amiss. The letter was handed to him in a sealed envelope. He hoped that everything would proceed smoothly and he would not have to use it.

He did not; his debut was a success and no snags developed. Some years later, while going through his papers, he came upon the letter and opened it. It read: "This will introduce Jan Paderewski, who plays the piano, for which he demonstrates no conspicuous talent" (*Bits & Pieces*, January 9, 1992, pp. 1-2).

John the Baptist presents to us today, Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The person and identity of Jesus as the son of a carpenter from Nazareth makes him an ordinary person who demonstrates no conspicuous talent that could be visible or easily noticed by mere mortals.

However, presenting Jesus as a Lamb of God is problematic in itself. The notion of a lamb does not fit the image of a Messiah because the lamb is an animal with a low intelligent quotient. Conquerors like Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Hitler, etc. or warriors like Genghis Khan, Julius Caesar, Miyamoto Musashi, Shaka Zulu, Yue Fei, etc. would rather prefer to be represented by the image of a lion, tiger, elephant, missile, atomic weapon, etc. To be presented as the lamb to a world that longs for a conquering messiah becomes as challenging as it is exciting for us to explore what John the Baptist is telling us about Jesus.

As I was struggling to understand Jesus as the Lamb of God, my childhood experiences of the sacrifices my mother made to save my life come to me as a good example of how I could better appreciate the message of John the Baptist in today's gospel.

Going back to my childhood days I remember the many times when there isn't enough food for her eight children, my mother would let us have whatever is available while she goes to bed with an empty stomach. I remember one of the Advent seasons when my mother gave up one of her new wrappers so that the tailor could make new Christmas costumes for us. She did this to redeem us from the shame of having nothing new to wear on Christmas Day and by sacrificing herself, she brings Christmas joy into the lives of my siblings and me.

Back home in Africa (precisely in the Eastern part of Nigeria), during the rainy season, it could rain non-stop for two weeks. I remember the night of torrential rainfall when a whirlwind took off some of the mats that covered the roof of our traditional thatched house and as water begins to drizzle on us; my mother would shift me to the dry side of the bed while she slept on the wet area of the mattress. She did all these that I may live to see the light of this day. Had she not done that for me, I would probably have died many years ago of cold or pneumonia.

By doing all these, my mother becomes to me a visible Lamb of God who was able in her own little way, to take away my suffering, carried it on herself so that I may live.

The significance of the lamb in the Holy Scripture goes deeper than what my mother was able to do for me. It was the blood of the lamb sprinkled on the lintels of the doors of the Israelites in Egypt that protected them from the wrath of the angel of death (Ex 12:21-31). Set free from bondage in Egypt, the Israelites were able to march on to the Promised Land where they lived and worship God in freedom.

Jesus as the Lamb of God, taken from Isaiah 53 means that Jesus is the chosen One of God who, like the innocent lamb in Egypt, will be led to the slaughter and be crushed for our sins. It is because of what Jesus, the suffering servant endures that He will take away the sins of many and win pardon for the world. Jesus is the lamb who does not destroy others in order to reign over them. Jesus is the lamb who gives away His life in ransom for many. It is because of the death and resurrection of Jesus that you and I have been given a second chance to behold the goodness of God in the world again.

However, in spite of all that Jesus suffered for us, the reality of violence, hatred, discrimination, natural disaster, diseases, injustice, slavery, etc. still abound in the world today, making some people question the reality of Jesus' death on the cross.

If you happen to share similar childhood sentiment with me, there is no doubt in my mind that my mother's suffering saved me from sickness and death. Her sacrifice nevertheless did not make me immune to the reality of life and suffering in the world. I still have to face the challenges of life in the world today.

Jesus' death on the cross sets us free from eternal damnation. It does not make us immune to the reality of pain and suffering in the world. Christians still have to struggle to overcome and in our struggle for victory, John the Baptist asks us to focus our attention on Jesus as the Lamb of God who has what it takes to make us victorious.

And this is what Christian life is all about - walking daily with Christ both in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health till death do us part. In a sense, we are all incarnated to Jesus in baptism and have been given the mandate to sacrifice our lives for the good of others. It is by imitating the footsteps of Jesus - the courage and strength of the LAMB of God that you and I will restore the reign of peace, justice, and love in the world.

We are all called to follow the LAMB and to become a lamb of sacrifice to others in need of our love. We can do this because we have come to realize that although sins abound, grace and goodness abound in plenty. And because the LAMB lives, we the children of the Lamb can face tomorrow with courage and hope.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

*Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.*

## COLLECTION

Jan. 08, 2023

## TOTAL

\$5,618.00

## Did you know?

Child sexual abusers often target nurturing, child-friendly environments, where parents and participants assume that no one would ever want to harm a child. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles began implementing the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children sexual abuse prevention program in 2004 to send a message to potential predators that child sexual abuse is not tolerated. Through this program, adults learn that through early identification, awareness, and education they can be “proactive” in protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse. Since the program began, more than 405,000 adults have been trained in abuse prevention. Additionally, more than 165,000 Catholic school and religious education students are trained annually with an age-appropriate curriculum on boundary awareness and how to communicate if violations of those safe boundaries occur. 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	14-2023
5:30pm	Maria Dizon	Dec.
SUNDAY	JANUARY	15-2023
7:30am	Yi Pu Wang	Healing
	Claire E. Hernandez	Healing
9:00am	Ricardo Rodriguez	Dec.
	Quinta Nche Ngwa	Healing
10:30am	Alicia Valdez	Dec.
	Yamara Fernandez	Dec.
	Amparo Hernandez Olguin	Dec.
5:30pm	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
MONDAY	JANUARY	16-2023
7:30am	Sally Lockhart	Dec.
	Yolanda Olivas	Dec.
	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
TUESDAY	JANUARY	17-2023
7:30am	Adela Dominguez	Dec.
	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY	18-2023
7:30am	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
	Ranulfo Gutierrez	Dec.
THURSDAY	JANUARY	19-2023
7:30am	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
FRIDAY	JANUARY	20-2023
7:30am	Michael & Lori Abril	Wedd. Anniv.
	Erlinda E. Sarmiento	Birthday
	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
SATURDAY	JANUARY	21-2023
7:30am	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
	Rosario Izquierdo	Dec.



Con la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor terminamos el Tiempo de la Navidad. Hoy iniciamos lo que se llama el Tiempo Ordinario. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos explica lo que este tiempo significa: "El año litúrgico es el desarrollo de los diversos aspectos del único misterio pascual. Esto vale muy particularmente para el ciclo de las fiestas en torno al Misterio de la Encarnación (Anunciación, Navidad, Epifanía) que conmemoran el comienzo de nuestra salvación y nos comunican las primicias del misterio de Pascua". El Tiempo Ordinario es el más largo del año, consta de 33 a 34 semanas, se celebra en una primera etapa antes de la Cuaresma, y otra, más larga, después del Tiempo Pascual. Los colores litúrgicos también tienen un papel muy importante en las celebraciones litúrgicas y este tiempo la Iglesia se engalana con el color verde.

Además del entorno que nos rodea dentro de la iglesia, lo más importante de cada domingo es escuchar la Palabra de Dios y descubrir el mensaje de Jesús y ponerlo en práctica en la vida diaria. En el Evangelio, Juan indica el punto a seguir: "Detrás de mí viene un hombre que ya está delante de mí, porque era antes que yo... Sí, yo lo he visto, y declaro que éste es el Elegido de Dios" (Juan 1,29.34). Juan es el elegido de Dios, testigo de la divinidad, el que nos muestra al Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo. No es fácil dejar paso a otro que nos quita el lugar y más si tenemos fama y amigos que nos reconocen. Juan ve a Jesús, comprende y le deja libre el camino.

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**  
Domingo: Is 49, 3. 5-6/Sal 39, 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10/1 Co 1, 1-3/Jn 1, 29-34  
Lunes: Heb 5, 1-10/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4/Mc 2, 18-22  
Martes: Heb 6, 10-20/Sal 110, 1-2. 4-5. 9-10/Mc 2, 23-28  
Miércoles: Heb 7, 1-3. 15-17/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4/Mc 3, 1-6  
Jueves: Heb 7, 25-8, 6/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 17/Mc 3, 7-12  
Viernes: Heb 8, 6-13/Sal 84, 8 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Mc 3, 13-19  
Sábado: Heb 9, 2-3. 11-14/Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 3, 20-21

**Entendiendo el programa VIRTUS®**

Los abusadores sexuales de niños a menudo se enfocan en entornos acogedores para los niños, donde los padres de familia y los participantes asumen que nadie querría dañar a un niño. La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles comenzó a implementar el programa de prevención del abuso sexual de VIRTUS® "Protegiendo a los niños de Dios" en 2004, para enviar un mensaje a los depredadores potenciales de que no se tolera el abuso sexual infantil. Por medio de este programa, los adultos aprenden que a través de la identificación temprana, la concientización y la educación ellos pueden ser "proactivos" en la protección de niños y jóvenes del abuso sexual infantil. Desde que comenzó el programa, más de 405,000 adultos han sido capacitados en la prevención del abuso. Además, más de 165,000 estudiantes de escuelas católicas y de educación religiosa reciben capacitación anualmente con un plan de estudios apropiado para su edad sobre el conocimiento de los límites y cómo comunicarse si se producen violaciones de esos límites seguros. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

**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.

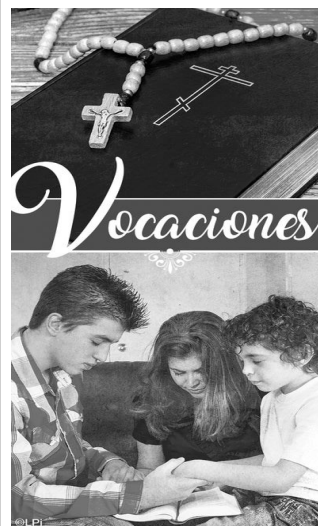


Tenemos Agua Bendita disponible en nuestro Centro Pastoral.

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.



Oh Espíritu Santo, Espíritu de sabiduría y amor divino, imparte Tu conocimiento, comprensión y consejo a los jóvenes para que puedan conocer la vocación en la que mejor pueden servir a Dios. Dale valor y fuerza para seguir la santa voluntad de Dios. Guía sus pasos inciertos, fortalece sus resoluciones, protege su castidad, moldea sus mentes, conquista sus corazones y condúcelos a las viñas donde trabajarán en el santo servicio de Dios.

# PARISH NEWS

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## 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

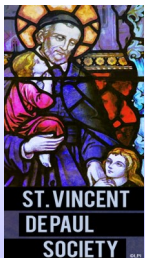
5 PM Requiem Mass for the Unborn  
@Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION



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

Our Pastoral Center will be closed this Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Our regular hours will resume on the following day.



## 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, the option is also available. Please call our Pastoral Center beforehand. Thank you so much for all your support and contributions.



## ADORATION CHAPEL

Every minute that we spend in adoration of our Lord deepens our relationship with Him. Take a break from the worries of the world and come spend some time with Him in silent meditation. Our Adoration Chapel is open the same hours as our Pastoral Center. Come visit our Lord and begin this year with his blessings.



## Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding and counsel to the young so that they may know the vocation in which they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow the holy will of God. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, protect their chastity, mold their minds, conquer their hearts and lead them to the vineyards where they will work in the holy service of God.

