



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)

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

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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Guadalupanos	Marina Ramirez
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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:

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you
and with every living creature that was with you." (Gn 9:8-10)

Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

Gospel:

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

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Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Temptations of the Lord

Gen 9:8-15, 1 Pet 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15

LENT – (L)et's (E)liminate (N)egative (T)hinking is a holy season of grace when the children of God embark on a 40-day austere journey that culminates with the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. This is a time when Christians make a sincere effort to eliminate all forms of negative thoughts and negative energies so that we could tap, renew and embrace all the positive energies that abound in each and every one of us.

On Ash Wednesday, we were given the tool of trade with which to embark on this journey of self-renewal and growth in grace. It is through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that we enter into the spirit of the Lenten season. Since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, this season becomes a time of penance, self-discipline, and abstinence.

True life begins by having a genuine relationship with God. He is dead he who has no relationship with God. It is through prayer that we anchor ourselves to God. Prayer opens the gate of communication between fallen humanity with the divine Being whose goodness is like the sun that shines for all and the rain that falls for all. Through prayer, we acknowledge God as our father from whom all good things come and to whom all our praise and honor is due.

Through fasting, we learn to discipline the body to obey the Spirit. We know that the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Through fasting, the flesh weak though it may be, begins to embrace the anointing of the spirit. It is the Spirit that empowers the body to make the leap of faith that this season calls for.

Most world religions especially Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, African traditional religion, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, etc. see almsgiving and works of charity as the best and easiest medium of encounter with the divine. Through almsgiving, we see and touch God in the flesh. And the good news is that the hand that gives is always on top.

During the Lenten season, we make the lifestyle of Jesus our own. Jesus, who during His boot camp experience in the desert, was tempted by the devil. In every generation, the Devil uses the power of the present to compel the children of God to choose the glory of the now against the glory of the future - To choose bread over stone, instant success over hard work, immediate glory over the eternal glory which Jesus will realize by His suffering and death on the cross.

If Jesus could be tempted, then no one is immune to temptation. We consider it criminal to send soldiers to war without equipment and adequate training or to send a doctor to the operating room without proper training. In the same manner, no one should deceive himself into thinking that without prayer and fasting he could stand strong before Satan during temptation.

Temptation is not always a challenge to choose between good and bad, truth and falsehood, real and unreal; temptation could come by way of a subtle challenge to merely love and appreciate the higher good while choosing and settling for the lesser good. This enticement to choose the lesser good over the higher good remains a problem for the imperfect children of God who live in an imperfect world.

The desire to choose immediate glory has a powerful and dominant presence in our lives. It takes the will-power, by way of personal responsibility to go beyond the dominant effect of the present in order to see the value of the future glory of the children of God.

Traditional Jewish belief has it that the wilderness is the dwelling place of evil spirits. By going into the wilderness, Jesus signals that the final and climactic battle between God and Satan, good and evil has begun. We are all in this battle together (Eph 6:12).

Being ministered to by angels gives us the assurance that Jesus will emerge victorious in His battle with Satan. This battle which begins in the wilderness will reach its climax on the cross of Calvary and in a more decisive way; Jesus will win the ultimate victory by rising from the dead.

We see in Jesus, one who maintains a zero-tolerance in his dealings with Satan. When it comes to a confrontation with the Devil, a compromised solution is not good enough. Politicians could emerge victorious through compromised solutions to problems in the world, but in the matter of faith and morals, nothing but standing for the truth is good enough for God.

Jesus' struggle with Satan is by no means a thing of the past. It still goes on. The battleground may shift from the desert to the luxury of our homes; yet, the temptation remains the same for all who are making a sincere effort to do the will of God on earth.

You and I are supposed to die on the cross for our sins but Jesus died for us. The death of Jesus will be in vain unless we make it our own, for it is by sharing in His death that His victory becomes our victory and His resurrection becomes our liberation from the bondage of sin and ignorance.

The church, therefore, invites all her children to enter into the mystery of our salvation through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. No one is too old or too young to fast. For medical reasons one may not fast from food but we certainly could grow in grace by fasting from lies, jealousy, anger, envy, bias, gossip, backbiting, etc. which destroy the power of love in our lives and diminish joy in the heart of others.

Our Lenten fast need not be simply self-denial of the luxuries of life, it could also be positive in the sense of reaching out in love to others who may need our time, talent, and treasure.

Temptation should not be construed as an excuse to deny the truth but as a challenge to stand for that Truth that heals, liberates, and saves. Standing for the Truth may make one unpopular, but ultimately what matters is not what people think of you but what God thinks of you. It is those who stand for love, truth, justice, and peace that have what it takes to rise with Jesus on Easter Sunday.



Finance Report

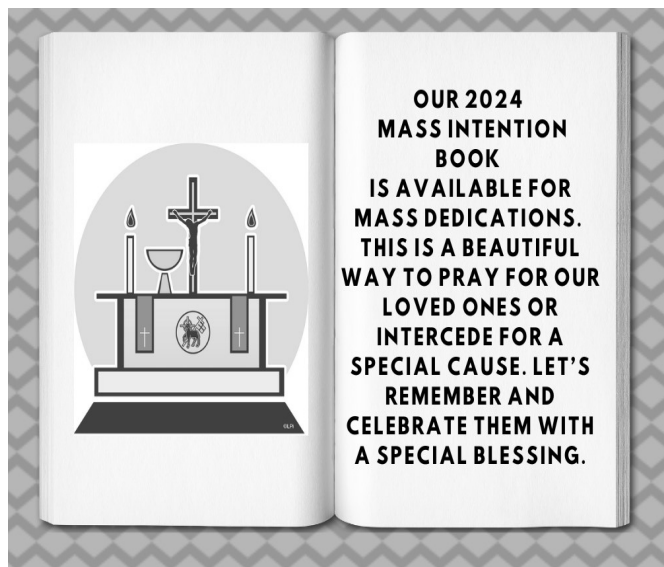
Mass Intentions

COLLECTION	TOTAL
February 4, 2024	\$ 5,246.00
February 11, 2024	\$ 4,494.00

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

If you have concerns about someone’s behavior, sharing those concerns is critical to protecting the children in that person’s life. If you see or hear about inappropriate behavior, you can take your concerns to a supervisor or program director for further action. This helps those in charge launch an investigation, ask questions, and start to look for signs on their own — all of which can help keep children safe from potential abuse. Communicating your concerns, and having them investigated, can also discourage a potential offender, pushing them to leave the program or stop their behaviors. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Communicating Your Concerns Matters” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



SATURDAY	FEBRUARY	17-2024
5:30pm	Fr. Patrick Mbazuigwe	Birthday
	Gamal Tadros	Dec.
	Paul & Lucy Wan	28th Wedding Anniv.
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY	18-2024
7:30am	Frances Blemker	Dec.
	Ulices Ignacio Macias, Jr.	Dec.
9:00am	Fr. Patrick	Birthday
	Rosa Ibarra	Dec.
10:30am	Joe Guadalupe Basaldua	Dec.
	Maria de Jesus Neri	Dec.
	Fermin Guadalupe	Dec.
	Elva Hernandez Duran	Dec.
	Marcos Castro	Dec.
	Mercedes Nath	Dec.
	Maria Veliz-Cortez	Dec.
5:30pm	Luisa Hurtado	Dec.
MONDAY	FEBRUARY	19-2024
7:30am	Claire	Peace Int.
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY	20-2024
7:30am	Frances Blemker	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY	21-2024
7:30am	Mary Lee	Dec.
	George A. Henderson	Dec.
	Pilar Mercado	Healing
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY	22-2024
7:30am	Carol Robinson	Dec.
	Carol Ann & James Michael Jones	Dec.
	Elena Reynoso	Birthday
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY	23-2024
7:30am	Jazelle Sarmiento	Birthday
	Jai Sarmiento	Special Int.
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY	24-2024
7:30am	Sergio Sarmiento	Birthday

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

Dios usó un arco iris como señal de su pacto con Noé y todos los seres vivos para nunca más inundar la tierra. ¿Hay algunas señales adicionales en tu vida del amor de Dios por nosotros?

Segunda Lectura:

Pedro enseñó que el bautismo sirve como un llamamiento o promesa a Dios de una conciencia limpia. ¿Qué te lleva a un examen de conciencia?

Evangelio:

Después de un breve informe de la tentación de Jesús por parte de Satanás en el desierto, escuchamos las primeras palabras de Jesús en el lanzamiento de su ministerio público en Galilea: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio." Al comenzar el viaje de Cuaresma, ¿cuáles son algunas de las tentaciones que planeas enfrentar en esta Cuaresma?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Gn 9, 8-15/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (ver 10)/1 Pe 3, 18-22/Mc 1, 12-15

Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mt 25, 31-46

Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/Mt 6, 7-15

Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32

Jueves: 1 Pe 5, 1-4/Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6/Mt 16, 13-19

Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8/Mt 5, 20-26

Sábado: Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 5, 43-48

Si tiene inquietudes sobre el comportamiento de alguien, compartir esas preocupaciones es fundamental para proteger a los niños en la vida de esa persona. Si usted ve o escucha acerca de un comportamiento inapropiado, puede comunicar sus inquietudes a un supervisor o director del programa para que tome medidas adicionales. Esto ayuda a las personas encargadas a iniciar una investigación, hacer preguntas y comenzar a buscar señales por sí mismos, todo lo cual puede ayudar a mantener a los niños a salvo de posibles abusos. Comunicar sus inquietudes y hacer que se investiguen también puede desanimar a un posible infractor, provocando que abandone el programa o a evitar su comportamiento. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIR-TUS® "Communicating Your Concerns Matters" (Es importante comunicar sus inquietudes) 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.



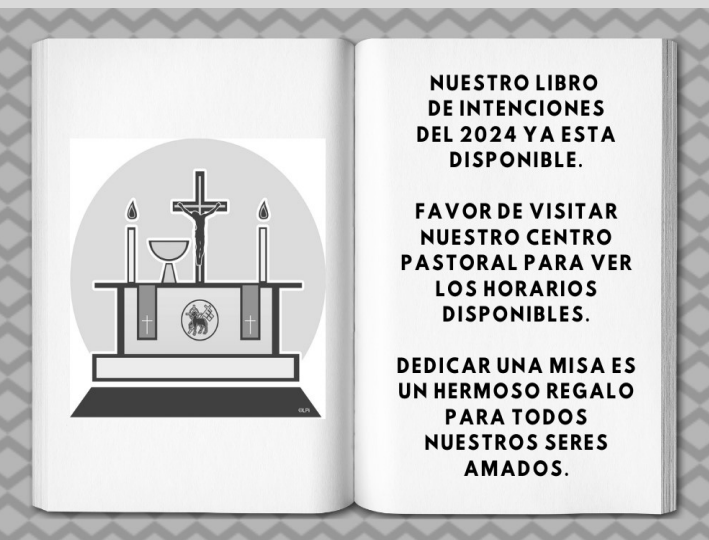
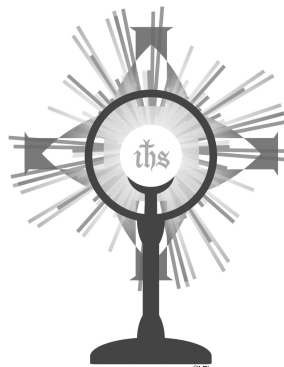
VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómame 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.



PARISH NEWS

The Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit comes to our Parish

The International Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is a traveling display designed by blessed Carlo Acutis. It contains an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Catholic Church that have taken place throughout history.

The exhibit allows viewers to learn more about blessed Carlo Acutis, deepen their understanding of Eucharistic miracles, and connect in a special way.



Time and Place:

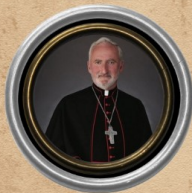
March 2nd and 3rd, 2024
All Souls Parish Hall
Time soon to be announced

Exposicion Internacional Diseñada y Creada por el siervo de Dios, Carlo Acutis

Le invitamos a presenciar la exhibicion internacional de milagros Eucaristicos creada por Carlo Acutis. Este año, la exhibicion llegar a nuestra parroquia. Con una amplia variedad de fotografias y descripciones historicas, la exposicion presenta parte de los Milagros Eucaristicos principales (cerca de 163 paneles) que ocurrieron a lo largo de los siglos en varios países del mundo y que han sido reconocidos por la Iglesia.

Fecha & Lugar:

Marzo 2 y 3
Salon Parroquial de All Souls
Horario por ser anunciado proxicamente



As we approach the one-year anniversary of the passing of Bishop David O'Connell, we invite you to join us in remembering his life and legacy at a memorial mass.

Join all LA Catholics on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 10am at San Gabriel Mission. We invite you to stay after Mass, for a blessing of the memorial exhibit.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2/16	7PM	PARISH STAFF	PARISH STAFF	PARISH STAFF
2/23	7PM	SPANISH LECTORS/ EM'S	SPANISH LECTORS/ EM'S	SPANISH LECTORS/ EM'S
3/01	7PM	FILIPINO MINISTRY	GUADALUPANOS MINISTRY	FILIPINO MINISTRY
3/08	7PM	EL SHADDAI	AMIGOS DE JESUS	AMIGOS DE JESUS
3/15	7PM	ENGLISH LECTORS/ EM'S	ENGLISH LECTORS/ EM'S	TEO
3/22	7PM	SVDP	SVDP	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BE IMITATORS of Christ

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL



Get ready for Together in Mission 2024 "Be Imitators of Christ" Annual Appeal. Help our brothers and sisters during the Commitment Weekend on February 10-11, and during Follow-up weekend on February 17-18, 2024. As a united Catholic community of faith, let's come together in prayer and reflection, exploring ways to support our struggling parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Did you know? Your gifts help 62 parishes and 71 schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our cumulative Together in Mission 2024 goal is \$16.9 million, encompassing the Annual Appeal's impact across all five vibrant regions. Track the progress of our parishes' goals and celebrate your outstanding contributions throughout the year on our Together in Mission Leaderboard, accessible at togetherinmission.org.



ATTENTION

Please note that our Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day. We will resume our service to all on the following day.

Thank you for your understanding.