

# July 17, 2022 16th 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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### All Souls Catholic Church



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#### · DEACON ·

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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 sabado 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

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### Readings & Prayers for the Sick

#### First Reading:

"Please do not go on past your servant.

Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree." (Gn 18:3-4)

#### Pealm<sup>e</sup>

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

#### Second Reading:

In accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God,

the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones. (Col 1:25-26) **Gospel:** 

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part." (Luke 10:41-42)

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Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17 Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30



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Joe Negrete

Bernardina Castañeda

Reyes Family

Mercedes Tarrazona Fernando Torres

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "C" "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her"

Once upon a time, there lived two pigeons. They were husband and wife. They spend their day looking for food. In the evening they would come and rest on their favorite tree in the forest.

One evening, the wife returned home early. As usual she was waiting for her husband, when suddenly it started raining. She started to worry. "Where are you, my dear? You never get home so late," she whispered to herself.

Just then she saw a bird-catcher coming towards her. In a cage he had a pigeon. It was her husband. "OH no, what shall I do now, I wish I can help my husband," she said. She desperately tried to distract the bird-catcher by flapping her wings, but all in vain.

Soon, it stopped raining. "Brrr! It is so cold," said the bird-catcher. His clothes were wet. He decided to sit under the same tree where the two pigeons lived.

The poor wife sat by her husband's cage. And she started to cry. The husband said. "Do not feel sad, dear. We now have a guest. This man is shivering and hungry. He needs your help." Hearing this, the wife flew around getting dry twigs. She made a fire for the bird-catcher. Then she looked at the bird-catcher and said, "You are our guest, since I have no food to offer, I will jump into this fire. In a few minutes I will become an edible item for you. You can eat me."

By now, the bird-catcher was overwhelmed by the hospitality of the humble and that is union with God which is a gift that only God can give. pigeon couple. He at once stopped the wife from jumping into the fire.

He opened the cage and set the husband free. "I have been cruel and selfish. I will never trap any bird in my net again," said the bird-catcher and he went away. The two pigeons were happy to be reunited (Unknown Author).

Unlike the hospitality of the pigeon's wife which gained for her the release of her husband, Martha's hospitality in today's gospel reading did not bring about the desired result – "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

Hospitality is a virtue that is extolled in every culture. Jesus being an itinerant preacher who had nowhere to lay down his head, a little act of kindness could do him some good. Thanks to good people like Mary and Martha who showed him some love. The familiarity between Jesus and Martha could be seen from the tone of her voice —"Do you not care that ...."

Jesus responded "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." This response may sound harsh to others but not to Mary who knows fully well that Jesus will always take us from where we are to where God wants us to be.

Jesus does not in any down-play the importance of hospitality. Jesus is rather extolling the virtue of hospitality by taking it to the next level. Just like His death on the cross, hospitality is at its best whenever it is done without complaining. Complaining takes the spice out of hospitality.

It was not until the point that Martha complained that her service became mere drudgery. Rather than complain, the pigeon's wife offered to sacrifice her life for her husband and the consequent effect is the release of her husband, followed by the apology of the bird-catcher.

While Jesus appreciates Martha's hospitality, He wants us to understand that encountering Jesus is once in a life time opportunity which we should not allow to pass us by. The best approach to Jesus is not either or, but both and (hospitality and listening). As we make an honest effort to host Jesus, we should never lose sight of our duty to listen to the word of God.

The actions of Martha and Mary have been described as loving God through action and loving God through prayer. Both action and prayer are complementary yet, union with God is the best, hence all authentic human actions should aim at bringing us closer to God. By choosing to listen to Jesus, Mary is one step closer to authentic union with God.

While it is praiseworthy to serve God through service to humanity, yet, service to humanity is not tantamount to serving God. Many have served others for the honor and friendship they gained from doing so. It is only when our service brings us to union with God that it becomes sacrificial, liberating, emancipating and salvific.

Hospitality or service to humanity is not an end in itself but a means to an end. Hence, talking about Mary, Jesus said that "Mary has chosen the better part." Jesus did not say that Mary's action is the best but approximates to it. It goes to mean that there is still something better than what Mary did, and that is union with God which is a gift that only God can give.

All is by His grace, and grace is an unmerited favor. We are mere servants before God. By complaining, Martha seems to imply that Jesus did not know that she was doing all the serving by herself. Of course, God knows it all. So, whenever we have done all that we are supposed to do, it is God who rewards each and every one of us in His own way.

By complaining, Martha takes the honor unto herself. All glory and honor should be given to God from whom all good things come. After we have served God in our fellow human beings we should always avoid the temptation of taking the honor for the good work we have done. A calculated religion is a disservice to God. God has done so much for us such that no one should go into reckoning with God. It is wrong to think that because I have done this or that for God, therefore, God owes me some favor.

No human deed is good enough to repay God for what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. Even the greatest and best things we do for God either by serving others through our actions or through prayer do not in any way come close to what God did for us by sending His only begotten Son to die on the cross for the salvation of the world.

Therefore, whether we are serving (Martha) or listening (Mary), we should do so with a grateful heart for an attitude of gratitude is always pleasing to God.



### **Finance Report**

### Mass Intentions

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity

| TOTAL                    |
|--------------------------|
| \$6,076.00<br>\$4,890.00 |
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## Did you Know?

Knowing the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships can help prevent human trafficking. Healthy relationships are based on respect, honesty, and trust. In these relationships, partners communicate and help hold healthy, safe boundaries. In unhealthy relationships, one partner holds power, forcing another to sacrifice friendships, family, and even emotional wellbeing. These relationships are often abusive. Talk with young adults and teenagers about these differences, how to build healthy relationships, and recognize the signs of unhealthy ones. For more information, read "Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships" at https://www.missingkids.org/ content/ncmec/en/blog/2022/healthy-vsunhealthy-relationships.html.



Our Next Food Distribution will take place on Thursday,

July 21, 2022 from 12 noon to 1pm

| SATURDAY  | JULY                             | 16-2022        |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 5:30pm    | All Souls Parishioners           | Sp. Int.       |
| SUNDAY    | JULY                             | 17-2022        |
| 7:30am    | Josephine Cuatico                | Dec.           |
|           | Armando Linan                    | Dec.           |
| 9:00am    | Pa Fornebe Simon Fobi            | Dec.           |
|           | Julius Neba Tambi                | Dec.           |
|           | Fr. Luca Maria Van Minh Do, CMC  | Dec.           |
|           | Fr. Joseph Long Duc Nguyen       | Dec.           |
|           | Graciela Martina Martinez        | Dec.           |
|           | Ronald & Marivic Garcia & Family | Sp. Int.       |
|           | Albert & Daryl                   | Thanksgiving   |
| 10:30am   | Isidoro Gonzalez                 | Dec.           |
|           | Carmen Hernandez                 | Birthday       |
|           | Maria De Jesus Vivaldo           | Dec.           |
|           | Teresa Gomez                     | Dec.           |
|           | Graciela Martina Martinez        | Dec.           |
| 5:30pm    | Carmen Jasso                     | Dec.           |
|           | Claire Estelle Hernandez         | Healing        |
| MONDAY    | JULY                             | 18-2022        |
| 7:30am    | Meng Shan Cheng                  | Dec.           |
| TUESDAY   | JULY                             | 19-2022        |
| 7:30am    | Tuyen Dinh                       | Healing        |
| WEDNESDAY | JULY                             | 20-2022        |
| 7.30am    | Peter Lee                        | Dec.           |
|           | Tony Dominguez                   | Birthday       |
| THURSDAY  | JULY                             | 21-2022        |
| 7:30am    | Angela Cheng                     | Dec.           |
| FRIDAY    | JULY                             | 22-2022        |
| 7:30am    | Jack & Azucena Scott             | Wedding Anniv. |
|           | Meng Shan Cheng                  | Dec.           |
| SATURDAY  | JULY                             | 23-2022        |
| 7:30am    | Alma Llanillo                    | Birthday       |
|           | Juana Suetos                     | Dec.           |
|           | Hortensia Calleros               | Dec.           |
|           | Gregorio & Juana Bucaneg         | Dec.           |

#### All Souls Catholic Church

Nos convertimos en una persona acogedora cuando podemos apartarnos de nuestras propias necesidades y deseos para crear espacio para otra persona. Dar la bienvenida implica una calidad de escucha y presencia que comunica a otra persona que lo que está compartiendo y quiénes son tienen importancia. Cuando cambiamos la atención y el enfoque de nosotros mismos y lo dirigimos hacia otra persona, pueden suceder cosas positivas. Cuando alguien sabe que su historia importa, puede cambiarle la vida y darle vida. La hospitalidad trae vida y celebra las relaciones. Ya sea que estemos atendiendo activamente el negocio de atender las necesidades de los demás o abriéndonos a escuchar su historia, la devoción y la atención son amigos del amor. Ponerse ansioso y preocupado por la agenda personal de uno no deja lugar para el poder creativo, nutritivo y espontáneo del amor de Dios. ©LPi

### **LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Domingo: Gn 18, 1-10/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 5 [1]/Col 1, 24-28/Lc 10, 38-42 Lunes: Miq 6, 1-4. 6-8/Sal 49, 5-6. 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mt 12, 38-42 Martes: Miq 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 84, 2-4. 5-6. 7-8//Mt 12, 46-50 Miércoles: Jr 1, 1. 4-10/Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17/Mt 13, 1-9 Jueves: Jr 2, 1-3. 7-8. 12-13/Sal 35, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mt 13, 10-17

Viernes: Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Co 5, 14-17/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18

Sábado: Jr 7, 1-11/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6 y 8. 11/Mt 13, 24-30

### **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.



## ¿Sabla usted?

Conocer la diferencia entre relaciones saludables y no saludables puede ayudar a prevenir la trata de personas. Las relaciones saludables se basan en el respeto, la honestidad y la confianza. En estas relaciones, las personas se comunican y ayudan a mantener límites saludables y seguros. En las relaciones poco saludables, uno de los miembros de la pareja tiene el poder, lo que obliga al otro a sacrificar amistades, familiares e incluso el bienestar emocional. Estas relaciones suelen ser abusivas. Converse con jóvenes adultos y con adolescentes acerca de estas diferencias, cómo construir relaciones saludables y reconocer las señales de relaciones no saludables. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés, "Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships" (Relaciones saludables versus no saludables) en https://www.missingkids.org/content/ncmec/en/blog/2022/healthy-vs-unhealthy-relationships.html







## Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress

Join Archbishop José H. Gomez to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, pray and worship (English and Spanish)

Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Music

Presentations by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, Chris Stefanick, Noel Diaz Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT Sr. Hilda Mateo, MGSpS, & more

> Saturday, August 13 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels 555 W Temple St Los Angeles, CA 90012

For more information and to register go to *lacatholics.org/eucharist*\*Boxed lunches will be available for purchase when registering.

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Dear Parishioners,

Our June 2022 Called to Renew update is below:

#### **All Souls Church**

Parish Goal: \$425,000.00 Total Pledged: \$694,036.00 Total Paid: \$324,019.87

We ask that you continue to pay on your pledges so we can reach

generosity to our church.

#### **MISSION CO-OP PLAN**

our parish goal as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued



Next weekend, July 23rd and 24th, All Souls will welcome the Irish Pallottine Fathers, founded by St. Vincent Pallotti, to our parish to speak about their missionary work for our Mission Co-Op Special Collection. Our speaker for the weekend will be Fr. Denis O'Brien, who has been working in South America. Fr. Denis is fluent in Spanish.

In South America, the Irish Pallottine Fathers have spread the love of the faith to the people of Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. In Africa, these missionaries have reached out to the people of Tanzania, Kenya, and Rwanda.

Please help support these humble and zealous priests in spreading the Good News to our brothers and sisters far and wide, both with generous monetary donations as well as your offers of prayers for their safety and the success of their mission, all in God's name and for His glory.



Our new program will run from September 2022 through May 2023. Please stay tuned for news on registration opening dates this summer.