



# All Souls Catholic Church



## • PASTOR •

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## • DEACON •

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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)

**August 27, 2023**

*21st 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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# 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:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

## Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

## Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

## Gospel:

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)

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Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Gloria Moore	Ethelyn Beltran
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Angelica Ruedas	Andrea Primicias
Matthew Perez	Cecilia Chow
Pilar Garza	Erik Lifrak
Gary Meraz	Ray Argueta & Family
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Lucy Tsang	Joe Negrete
Rosa Martinez	Bernardina Castañeda
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William Gonzalez	Gerardo Duran
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Guadalupe Nevarez	Yessenia Alvarez
Evelyn De Guzman	Juanita Madrigal
Hortencia Palafox	Mark Venegas
Francis Araiza	Marco de la Garza
Rafael Garcia	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Sonia Gorope	Elizabeth Pham

# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A"** **"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"**

Once upon a time, a wealthy king sought a suitable man to marry his daughter. So he decided to create a challenge to test whether any man has the appropriate attitude and will not quit at the first indication of adversity. To pass the test, each candidate had to put on royal metal armor and ascend 1000 stairs to the top of the mountain, where the king's palace was built.

Many men gathered from all across the world to take on the task. However, as soon as they put on the armor, they understood that the endeavor would be impossible. The majority of men took the first step, then glanced up at the remaining 999 and gave up. Several men made it to the second step before abandoning their quest. And so it continued for the next couple of hundred guys, with some reaching the third stage.

The king appeared to be very concerned. He pondered if someone was deserving of his daughter. Everyone who came to try their luck with the challenge stayed away after they saw everyone who attempted to compete in the challenge fail miserably. Nobody thought it was possible. So far, everyone has failed, and they were discussing how the task was designed to be impossible to finish.

The most powerful military men attempted and failed. The top athletes tried but failed. Even the most muscular men couldn't go past the third stairwell. Nobody could make it any further. They all pointed their finger at the armor and the steps. If only the armor were lighter, the stairs weren't so steep.

Then, to everyone's astonishment, a young man who did appear to be very ordinary and not very impressive declared he wanted to try. He, like everyone else before him, had his chance. He donned the heavy gear and proceeded to the steps. Everyone said he wouldn't make it past the first step. But he was quick to go to the second. He could hardly move his shivering feet to the fourth step.

But he took a big breath and moved forward. He felt like he was about to collapse, but he was determined to keep going. He kept telling himself, "One step at a time." I only have to finish this one. As he approached the fifth step, he felt a strong pull from the top. His armor became noticeably lighter. So he took another step, telling himself, "I'm not ready to quit yet."

Surprisingly, the armor felt lighter in the following stages. He was exhausted but determined to take one more step. So the "not-so-special young man" went on. Each stride made his armor lighter and his goal closer.

When the young man finished the challenge, the king praised him and then revealed a secret about the test: "You know, the challenge aimed to make sure that the guy who is going to marry my daughter is not the type of man who gives up after the first couple of difficult moments."

The armor represents the difficult times, and the magnet on top, which made each step easier after the first few you had to make on your own, represents the willpower and experience that will make your future endeavors easier to bear. Because with the proper person at your side, as well as the right mindset and focus, you can do anything, no matter how big the problem is.

So you know that the most challenging part of any problem you and your partner will encounter in the future is the first few steps, and it will become easier from there. You have proven yourself worthy, and now you have my blessing to marry my daughter" (All Time Short Stories). By asking his disciples "Who do people say that I am?" Jesus wants to teach his disciples a fundamental and foundational truth about Christian life and discipleship. Knowing and understanding the true identity of Jesus is indeed the armor that guides the entire life and journey of a Christian on earth. Like the king in the story above, Jesus knows that discipleship is not business as usual. It is the way of the cross and it is only those who are willing to take up their cross everyday to follow Him that are worthy of the kingdom of God.

It is not a surprise that people did not know the true identity of Jesus. It takes a person to know and establish a relationship with God. Peter's confession of faith is presented to us as a divine revelation from God. Understanding the true identity of Jesus is a gift which only God gives and this gift is not based on logical reasoning or human wisdom but on the grace of God. God is the one doing what God knows best and we are mere instruments in the hands of God. As we work hard to succeed, we must be open to the grace of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Peter's confession of faith leads to a great promise – "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." The church is the fruit of a divine promise. Human structures may seem to becloud the true meaning of the church but children of God should always remember that the church is the grace of God at work in the world. Our sins and infidelities cannot destroy it because its origin is transcendental.

Children of God should not live in fear especially when the forces of darkness seem to overcome the visible power of the church. There is more to the church than the human eyes can see. God is the owner of the church and God will never allow the forces of evil to destroy the church. While we may need to protect and defend the church with all our strength, power and might, yet, we need to believe and trust that church is always in the hands of God.

With the key given to Peter, Christians become the stewards of divine mysteries. Becoming a member of the church initiates us into a mystery greater than we are and we are called to serve with humility knowing that we are custodians of a divine value which God has given to us in earthen ware jars. The first few steps may not be easy but with the grace of God we shall overcome and emerge victorious. Amen



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

## COLLECTION

August 20, 2023

## TOTAL

\$4,481.00

*Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

Online exploitation and enticement of young people is an ongoing problem, across social media, gaming platforms, and other websites. Victims can range in age and background, making it harder to prevent exploitation. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) operates the CyberTipline, a centralized system for reporting suspected cases of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. Reports can be filed online at [report.cybertip.org](http://report.cybertip.org) or via a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-843-5678. For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article "Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

### MASS IN RECOGNITION OF ALL IMMIGRANTS

**The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Immigration Affairs invites our community of faith to the annual Mass in Recognition of All Immigrants on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.**

SATURDAY	AUGUST	26-2023
5:30pm	Ann Artale	Dec.
	Jesus & Maria Estrada	Dec.
SUNDAY	AUGUST	27-2023
7:30am	Castellanos Family	Dec.
9:00am	Don R. Rodriguez	Dec.
	Ruth Hall	Dec.
	Mary & Patrick Rosas	Special Int.
	Emily Victoria	Special Int.
10:30am	Joel Cobarruvias	Birthday
	Anselmo Morales	Dec.
	Jose Pablo Hernandez	Dec.
5:30pm	Diep Dinh	Birthday
	Hugh Wongan Family	Special Int.
MONDAY	AUGUST	28-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Dec.
	Moises Farias	Dec.
	Michael Messina	Dec.
TUESDAY	AUGUST	29-2023
7:30am	Diep Dinh	Birthday
	Pedro Infante Cruz	Dec.
	Jose Sanchez	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST	30-2023
7:30am	Benjamin Gan	Dec.
	Paul Henderson	Dec.
THURSDAY	AUGUST	31-2023
7:30am	Alfredo Perez	Dec.
	Lorena Alonzo	Birthday
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER	01-2023
7:30am	Franco Estipona	Birthday
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER	02-2023
7:30am	Mary & Patrick Rosas	Special Int.



## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Primera Lectura:

El Señor condena a Sebná (el amo del palacio del rey Ezequías) por ignorar la advertencia profética de Isaías y le da a Eleacín la autoridad y el honor que le pertenecía a Sebná. ¿Qué te ayuda a mantenerte enfocado en seguir los mandamientos de Dios?

### Segunda Lectura:

Pablo celebra la sabiduría y el conocimiento, el misterio, de Dios. Si pudieras hacerle una pregunta a Dios, ¿cuál sería?

### Evangelio:

Cuando Pedro confiesa a Jesús como “el Mesías, el Hijo del Dios vivo,” Jesús le da la autoridad para poseer las llaves del reino de los cielos. ¿Cómo usas la autoridad en tu vida?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 22, 19-23/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 6. 8 (8)/Rom 11, 33-36/Mt 16, 13-20  
Lunes: 1 Tes 1, 1-5. 8-10/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/Mt 23, 13-22  
Martes: 1 Tes 2, 1-8/Sal 138, 1-3. 4-6/Mc 6, 17-29  
Miércoles: 1 Tes 2, 9-13/Sal 138, 7-8. 9-10. 11-12/Mt 23, 27-32  
Jueves: 1 Tes 3, 7-13/Sal 89, 3-5. 12-13. 14 y 17/Mt 24, 42-51  
Viernes: 1 Tes 4, 1-8/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 5-6. 10. 11-12/Mt 25, 1-13  
Sábado: 1 Tes 4, 9-11/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Mt 25, 14-30

## REGISTRACIONES

### ABIERTAS

Estimados miembros de nuestra parroquia,

Les informamos que los formularios para registrarse a los cursos para los sacramentos de Comunión, Confirmación, así como RICA, ya están disponibles. Si usted o su hijo/a necesita alguno de estos sacramentos, favor de visitar nuestro Centro Pastoral.

La explotación y la tentación en línea de los jóvenes es un problema constante en las redes sociales, en las plataformas de juegos y en otros sitios web. Las víctimas pueden variar en edad y antecedentes, lo que dificulta la prevención de la explotación. El Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados (NCMEC, por sus siglas en inglés) opera la línea cibernética para denuncias, un sistema centralizado para denunciar casos sospechosos de explotación sexual infantil que ocurren a través de la Internet. Se pueden hacer las denuncias en línea en [report.cybertip.org](http://report.cybertip.org) o a través de la línea telefónica directa de 24 horas 1-800-843-5678. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, “Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline” (Explotación sexual infantil en línea y la línea cibernética del NCMEC) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



El domingo 17 de septiembre del 2023 a las 3:30pm, la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles será el anfitrión de la Misa del “Día en Reconocimiento de todos los inmigrantes.”

El arzobispo José H. Gómez presidirá la Misa en Reconocimiento a Todos los Inmigrantes. La misa será en persona. Visita la página ‘Día en Reconocimiento de todos los inmigrantes’ para más información. *Esta celebración es un esfuerzo en conjunto con las Diócesis de Orange, San Bernardino y San Diego.*

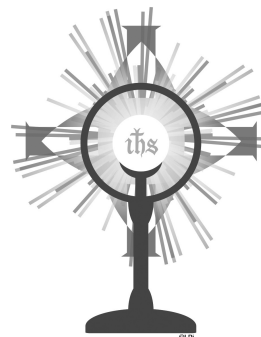
## VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

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 comienza este año con sus bendiciones.





# PARISH NEWS

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in distress.

PSALM 31:9

God, bring consolation and relief

*to Maui*

IN A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES, POPE FRANCIS EXPRESSED HIS DEEP SADNESS AT "THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE WILDFIRES" IN HAWAII AND ASSURED THOSE AFFECTED BY THE FIRES OF HIS PRAYERS.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR SUFFERING SISTERS AND BROTHERS, ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ HAS ASKED US TO CONSIDER CONDUCTING A NON-MANDATORY SPECIAL COLLECTION DURING THE WEEKENDS OF AUGUST 19-20 AND AUGUST 26-27, 2023. THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WILL BE DIRECTED TO THIS FUND. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH- MEMO: MAUI WILDFIRES. DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO:

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH  
3424 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD-3RD FLOOR  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

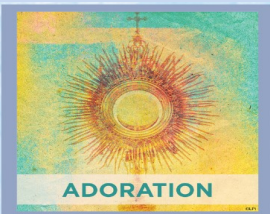
AS THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE DEVASTATING WILDFIRES ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI, HAWAII, CONTINUES TO CLIMB, OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THIS TO BE THE DEADLIEST DISASTER IN THE STATE'S HISTORY. WE ARE REACHING OUT TO OUR ARCHDIOCESAN PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES TO JOIN TOGETHER TO OFFER PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ALL WHOSE LIVES ARE BEING TOUCHED BY THIS DEVASTATION.

## Sacraments of Initiation

If your teen is currently enrolled in high school, registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open. Please stop by our Pastoral Center to pick up a form.

Similarly, registrations are now open for the Sacrament of First Communion, first through seventh grade. Forms are also available at our office.

Finally, our RCIA program (for adults) is also accepting registrations of persons who would like to be baptized in our Church, become Catholic, need the Sacrament of Confirmation, Communion or long to deepen their knowledge of our faith.



## HOLY HOUR

Join us for an hour of meditation in the presence of Jesus. Everyone is invited. The service is bilingual and will be held inside the church.

Friday, September 1, 2023 @ 7PM

## 2000 Hail Marys

Our Filipino Ministry is continuing the powerful intercessory devotion of the 2000 Hail Mary's. Everyone is invited to join and ask for Mother Mary's graces as special intentions are presented to her Son, Jesus Christ.

When: Saturday, September 2, 2023 @ 8:00am



A Catholic Charismatic Community

# EL SHADDAI

DWXI - Prayer Partners Fellowship International  
**ALHAMBRA CELL GROUP**

## 2 YEARS

*of Faith, Love & Unity*  
**Anniversary Celebration**

Simon Peter said in reply " You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God"  
**Matthew 16:16**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023**

**STARTS 11:00 AM**

**Community Mass 9:00AM / 5:30 PM at**

**ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
1500 W MAIN ST. ALHAMBRA, CA 91801



Spiritual Message  
**Rev. Father Patrick Mbazuigwe**  
Pastor - All Souls Church



Healing Message  
**Bro. Perry Kethlaor**  
Disciple Preacher



Inspirational Message  
**Sis. Mae Hartberg**  
Overall Coordinator  
USA, Canada & Europe

For more info, Please call: Teena Pasco (818) 434-4896

# PARISH FESTIVAL



Dear Parishioners,

Our Feast Day Festival is around the corner. Save the date for Sunday, November 5th from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Featuring delicious food and an exciting raffle, this day is sure to bring joy to our community. Please reach out to us if you are interested in contributing to the planning, making a donation, or serving during the festivities.