



# 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)

**December 3, 2023**

*1st Sunday of Advent*

## 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:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

## Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

## Second Reading:

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

## Gospel:

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming.” (Mk 13:35)

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Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Esperanza Canale	Annette Lopez
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Loan Le	Andrea Primicias
Angelica Ruedas	Cecilia Chow
Matthew Perez	Erik Lifrak
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Gary Meraz	Jose Crespo
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Rosa Martinez	Reyes Family
Ramirez Family	Mercedes Tarrazona
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Rafael Garcia	Elizabeth Pham
Sonia Gorope	

# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Tear the Heavens and Rend Down the Just One

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-17, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37

Every new season comes with new energies, new opportunities, and new blessings. As we begin a new liturgical season today the first Sunday of Advent, we embark on a spiritual journey that renews the most beautiful desire of the human heart. This is an honest desire to experience in our time and place, the incarnation of God.

The Advent spirit is a feeling of hope and joy. And no one brings out the intense nature of this feeling better than the prophet Isaiah, "O that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for ... No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for Him" (Is 63:19; 64:2-3).

The Advent journey is unique because it is not an outward journey that traverses the physical space but an inner spiritual journey over the landscape of our hearts. It is a journey that takes us out of our comfort zones and challenges us to open our hearts to the "Mysterious Other" whom we know and relate to as our God, our Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, our Holy Spirit, our Truth, our Justice, our Beauty, our Goodness and our love.

Advent is a holy season of expectation when we prepare for the greatest event in human history – the coming of the Lord. During this season we prepare for two comings – the coming of the Lord on Christmas Day and the second coming of the Lord to judge the world.

Both comings are complementary because of their transformational effect on human beings. It is a coming that renews the face of the earth; hence the right attitude for this season is to prepare and wait in joyful hope. St. Paul asks us "to give thanks to God always ... for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in Him you were enriched in every way ...." (1 Cor 1:3-9).

The incarnation of God – that God takes on flesh to dwell among us is not just a single event among other historical events. It is the meeting point and culmination of history. In the incarnation, history finds its meaning and purpose. Reality is no longer limited to matter. Reality assumes an ontic-ontological dimension because of this new spiritual component. God's divine presence in the world becomes the center around which everything else in our life must revolve.

Advent renews our hope of human salvation. We wait in joyful hope because God's promise is "Yes" and "Amen." God is faithful to His promises. Human beings may promise and fail to keep their promise. God's promise to dwell among His people is a sure promise. During Advent, we unite with men and women of all ages who long for the fulfillment of this promise by being "watchful and alert, for we do not know when the Lord of the house is coming" (Mk 13:33).

It is through prayer, penance, almsgiving, corporal works of mercy and corporal works of charity that we prepare effectively so that when the Lord comes in power and glory, God may not find us sleeping but wide awake, full of good deeds to present to the Jesus who will be born for us in Bethlehem and who will come again in power and might to judge the living and the dead.

Being awake to encounter the Lord should not be construed as a one-day event but as a reminder that the Christian journey is not seasonal. It is a daily "walking along" with Jesus as a companion. It consists in sharing the goodness of God, living in joyful hope and having a relationship with God at every moment of our lives.

Failing to put Jesus at the center of our lives makes our waiting to become self-destructive. Our life becomes empty, hence the desire to grab whatever we can grab. Pride comes in to fill the vacuum left by lack of prayer and sacrifice. Secularism and commercialism replace our sense of wonder. Selfishness suffocates and replaces the ideal of sharing which this holy season calls for.

Open your eyes to see that something great is happening in the world. Our God is sharing His love, mercy, truth, goodness, and beauty with us. To become a truly Advent people, it is necessary that we embrace an attitude of hope and a spirit of prayer, for it is through prayer and good works that we gain the spiritual energy that will transform our hearts and homes for God during this holy season of grace.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

COLLECTION	TOTAL
November 19, 2023	\$ 4,588.00
November 26, 2023	\$ 4,997.00
Thanksgiving Day	\$ 1,081.00

*Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

With the continuing support of Archbishop José H. Gomez, the third garden of healing in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles dedicated to victim-survivors of sexual abuse was recently dedicated at Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Sherman Oaks. These gardens are a manifestation of our ongoing care for and support of those impacted by sexual abuse in all its forms. The other two gardens are located at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. (San Gabriel Pastoral Region) and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura (Santa Barbara Pastoral Region). The Archdiocese encourages anyone with information regarding sexual abuse to please make a report to law enforcement and/or the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 or [protect@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:protect@la-archdiocese.org). For more information on the abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>. For more information about the Gardens of Healing, please visit [lacatholics.org/healing-gardens](https://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens).

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend's special collection will support the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please donate to help thousands of elderly religious individuals retire with dignity. Your donation will provide essential care, medicine and other necessities for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served for decades—usually for little or no pay. Let us show our appreciation by generously supporting those who have given so much.

SATURDAY	DECEMBER	02-2023
5:30pm	Santiago & Lucia Gan	Dec.
	Sir Jude Ekpe	Dec.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	03-2023
7:30am	Gian Carlo Reyes	Dec.
	Peter Licardo	Dec.
	Lester Licardo	Birthday
	Emma Robles	Healing
9:00am	Don R. Rodriguez	Dec.
	All Souls in Purgatory	Special Int.
	Holy Fam. Academy Batch '82	Special Int.
	Livio Pizzinat	Dec.
10:30am	Guadalupe Mediato	Dec.
	Beatriz Mediato	Dec.
	Jose Covarrubias	Dec.
5:30pm	Monica Purificacion	Birthday
	Nelia Abacan	Dec.
MONDAY	DECEMBER	04-2023
7:30am	Souls in Purgatory	Sp. Int.
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	05-2023
7:30am	Vicente y Sandra Ibarra	Wedd. Anniv.
	Josefina & Dionisio Baring	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	06-2023
7:30am	Sebastian De La Rosa	Birthday
	Benjamin Burlas	Dec.
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	07-2023
7:30am	Fr. Paul Lee	Dec.
	Mary Rose & Patrick Rosal	Birthday
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	08-2023
7:30am	Immaculate Conception!!!	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	09-2023
7:30am	Anthony Vecchio	Dec.



## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Primera Lectura:

En la oración, el profeta Isaías se aflige por nuestros pecados que nos separan de Dios. ¿Qué dolor o angustia has experimentado durante la última semana?

### Segunda Lectura:

Pablo ofrece una oración de acción de gracias a Dios por los muchos dones que los creyentes han recibido por su fe en Jesús. Al comenzar la temporada de Adviento, ¿por qué estás agradecido?

### Evangelio:

Cada Adviento, la lectura del Evangelio comienza con Jesús instruyendo a sus discípulos a estar atentos a los últimos tiempos. ¿Con qué frecuencia piensas en la segunda venida de Jesús y el día del juicio?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7/Sal 79, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/  
1 Co 1, 3-9/Mc 13, 33-37

Lunes: Is 2, 1-5/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 8, 5-11

Martes: Is 11, 1-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17/Lc 10, 21-24

Miércoles: Is 25, 6-10/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Mt 15, 29-37

Jueves: Is 26, 1-6/Sal 117, 1 y 8-9. 19-21. 25-27/Mt 7, 21. 24-27

Viernes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38

Sábado: Is 30, 19-21. 23-26/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 9, 35—10, 1. 5. 6-8

Con el apoyo continuo del Arzobispo José H. Gomez, el tercer jardín de sanación en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles dedicado a víctimas-sobrevivientes de abuso sexual fue bendecido recientemente en la Parroquia San Francis de Sales en la ciudad de Sherman Oaks. Estos jardines son una manifestación de nuestro cuidado y apoyo a aquellos afectados por el abuso sexual en todas sus formas. Los otros dos jardines están ubicados en el Centro San Camilo en Los Ángeles (Región Pastoral San Gabriel) y en la Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en Ventura (Región Pastoral Santa Bárbara). La Arquidiócesis alienta a cualquier persona que tenga información sobre abuso sexual a que presente un informe a las autoridades policiales y/o llamar a la Oficina del Ministerio de Asistencia a las Víctimas al (800) 355-2545 o escribir a [protect@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:protect@la-archdiocese.org). Para obtener más información sobre los esfuerzos de prevención y protección del abuso de la Arquidiócesis, por favor visite <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>. Para más información sobre los Jardines de Sanación, visite [lacatholics.org/healing-gardens](https://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens).

## 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.



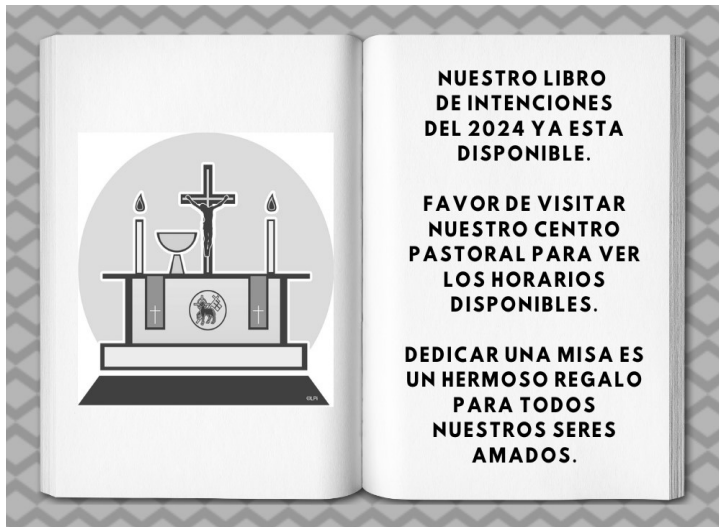
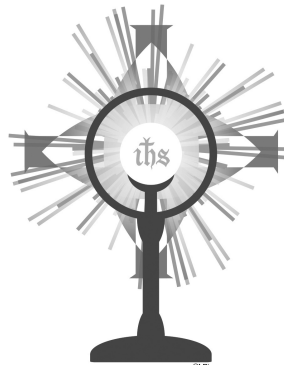
## VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. 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 continua este año con sus bendiciones.



# PARISH NEWS

## Holy Day of Obligation



Friday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Souls Church will be celebrating Mass during the following times: 7:30am (English); 12:05pm (English); 7:00pm (Bilingual). We look forward to seeing you.



### ALL SOULS PENANCE SERVICE

Save the date! On Wednesday, December 20th, our parish will host an Advent Penance Service. Join us in the church at 7 pm for an evening of reconciliation with God to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Savior. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions in various languages.

### Advent Candle Lighting



Advent is here, and we are getting ready to welcome the Savior! We are looking for families to light the Advent candles for each Mass during the four weeks of Advent. Spaces

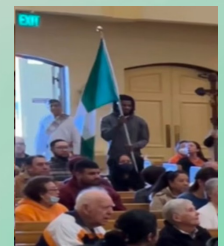
are still available. If your family would like to light the Advent candles at a certain Mass during Advent, please call the Pastoral Center to sign up.



## JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Acompáñenos a celebrar Las Mañanitas el día 12 de diciembre a las 5:00 am, seguida por la Misa del Alba a las 5:30 am. También tendremos misa a las 7:30 am en Ingles, y una misa en Español a las 7:00 pm.

Join us to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will come together for Las Mañanitas at 5:00 am and celebrate Mass at 5:30 am. If you are unable to attend these times, we will also have Mass at 7:30 am (English) and a Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm.



Thank you for your gift of service!