



# All Souls Catholic Church



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**December 10, 2023**

*2nd 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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#### 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)

# Office of Liturgy

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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:

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

## Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

## Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth  
in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

## Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
(Mk 16:4)

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Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/  
Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/  
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Esperanza Canale	Annette Lopez
Sylvia Mae Thomas	Norma Ferriols
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Erik Lifrak	Ethelyn Beltran
Gloria Moore	Karen Katsumura
Loan Le	Andrea Primicias
Angelica Ruedas	Cecilia Chow
Matthew Perez	Erik Lifrak
Pilar Garza	Ray Argueta & Family
Gary Meraz	Jose Crespo
David A. Jr. & Family	Joe Negrete
Lucy Tsang	Bernardina Castañeda
Rosa Martinez	Reyes Family
Ramirez Family	Mercedes Tarrazona
Wally & Becky Puente	Fernando Torres
Cynthia Manriquez	Gerardo Duran
William Gonzalez	Cidronio Abelar
Joel Lopez	Yessenia Alvarez
Guadalupe Nevarez	Juanita Madrigal
Evelyn De Guzman	Mark Venegas
Hortencia Palafox	Marco de la Garza
Francis Araiza	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Rafael Garcia	Elizabeth Pham
Sonia Gorope	

# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year "B" – "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

A woman was Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of walking down row after row of toys and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves, she finally made it to the store elevator with her two children in hand.

She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season time of the year, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened revealing a crowd in the elevator car. She pushed her way in and dragged her two kids and all her bags of stuff in with her. As the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and blurted out, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up, and shot."

From the back of the car, a quiet calm voice responded, "Don't worry, we've already crucified Him."

The rest of the trip down was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all would, just think how much better this world would be (TruthBook – "The Reason for Christmas").

Christmas celebration falls within the holiday season. During this time of the year farmers have harvested their crops and stored them in the barn. This is the time to rest from farm work. Now, there is enough food in store. This is an opportune time to celebrate and thank God for a bountiful harvest. Shopping during this season is not abnormal. It is to say the least an essential aspect of the season.

However, from the mouth of John the Baptist we are told today that shopping is not the main reason for the celebration of Christmas. The incarnation of God – that God assumes flesh to live among us in an invitation to spiritual renewal through prayer, repentance and forgiveness of sins.

John the Baptist was an inter-testamental prophet chosen by God to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah – the Son of God. The presence of John the Baptist marks the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament. John the Baptist lived a very austere lifestyle. He lived most of his life in the desert and he fed on locust and wild honey.

When John the Baptist appeared on the scene, he called the nation of Israel to repent and believe in the gospel – the good news of salvation. John demanded that those who believe should be baptized as a sign that they have abandoned the life of sin and wickedness

and are willing to walk along the path of goodness, justice, mercy and kindness. From the mouth of John the Baptist we hear how best to prepare our minds to welcome and celebrate Christmas. John's voice is one that cries out from the desert saying "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Advent season is a holy season. It is a graceful time. It makes a personal and direct call for each and every one of us to prepare for change. John the Baptist's call to repentance is a reminder that change is the only constant in life. A bad person today has what it takes to change to become a good person tomorrow and a good person today if he fails to hold on to the truth may end up becoming a bad person tomorrow. Changing for good or persevering in good deeds requires vigilance through prayer, fasting and corporal works of mercy.

The radical change that John the Baptist is calling the children of God to embrace requires that we humble ourselves so that God may lift us up to a greater height. All the active players in the story of Christmas are humble human beings going from John the Baptist, Joseph to Mary.

Humility opens the human heart to embrace higher values. It is borne out of the realization that we do not know it all, hence the need to leave some room for the unknown. This is the realm of mystery and this is the realm where God reveals His Godhead. It is only those who hunger for purpose, meaning and grace that welcome the divine in their lives.

From John the Baptist we learn that forgiveness is the public face of a humble and contrite heart. John the Baptist invites us to embrace the liberating and transformative power of forgiveness for the bad things we did in the past. When we ask for forgiveness or when we forgive others we are not doing them any favor, we are rather liberating our minds to recognize the presence and power of God in the world.

Furthermore, by preparing the way for the Lord, John the Baptist invites all the children of God to prepare themselves for a higher calling. This is an invitation to live a purpose driven life. It is sad to say that Children of God do not always recognize and appreciate who they are – that they are human beings created for higher values, endowed with beauty, goodness and truth, hence the need to live and work for justice, peace, joy and the integrity of all sentient beings.

The voice of John the Baptist is the voice of truth and conscience. John the Baptist's boldness in proclaiming the truth serves as a lesson for the children of God to be courageous in standing up for what is right, true and noble. This is thanks to our baptismal calling which renews, sanctifies and invites us to live a new way of life.

Therefore, the arrival of the messiah which John the Baptist advocates for in today's gospel does not demand that we look up to heaven and wait for Jesus to come from the sky. It is a radical call for each and every one of us to make a deeper connection with God and to become co-creators with God in the building of just and fair society where human beings live in peace and harmony.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
December 3, 2023	\$ 6,459.00
<i>Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.</i>	

## Did you know?

Safe adults should be on the lookout for signs of physical abuse in children in their care. Some signs include frequent bruises or cuts, frequent and unexplained absences or injuries. Physical abuse can include hitting, kicking, shaking, or other forceful actions, resulting in harm or even death. Children who are suffering from physical abuse may be distrustful or reluctant to receive physical contact, and may dress inappropriately for the season, wearing long pants or long-sleeved shirts to hide injuries. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Recognizing Child Maltreatment” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

This 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	09-2023
5:30pm	Adela Dominguez	Dec.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	10-2023
7:30am	Carrie Ann Lue-Sue	Dec.
	Gian Carlo Reyes	Dec.
9:00am	Livio Pizzinat	Dec.
	Deonesia & Dante Rodriguez	Dec.
10:30am	Juan Chavez Hernandez	Dec.
	J. Guadalupe Montiel-Morales	Dec.
	Josefa Mejia-Valencia	Dec.
	Jesus Torres Mejia	Dec.
5:30pm	Dewey Tong	Healing
MONDAY	DECEMBER	11-2023
7:30am	Margarita Perez	Dec.
	Teresa & Vicente Gomez	Dec.
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	12-2023
7:30am	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	13-2023
7:30am	Maria Rosa Cortez	Birthday
	Walter T. Fletcher	Dec.
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	14-2023
7:30am	Luz Dicioco	Birthday
	Constante Del Castillo	Dec.
	Fr. Patrick	Sp. Int.
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	15-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
	George Quintanilla	Dec.
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	16-2023
7:30am	Generosa A. Llanillo	Dec.
	George Quintanilla	Dec.

## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Primera Lectura:

El profeta Isaías ofrece consuelo y esperanza a los israelitas que estaban cautivos en Babilonia al proclamar que la gloria del Señor regresa a Israel. ¿Tienes familiares o amigos que podrían usar palabras de aliento de tu parte?

### Segunda Lectura:

Pedro habla de estar en paz mientras esperamos la promesa de nuevos cielos y una nueva tierra cuando Cristo regrese. ¿Qué te da tranquilidad estos días?

### Evangelio:

Cumpliendo las profecías de Isaías, Juan el Bautista proclamó la llegada de Jesús, “uno más poderoso que yo...(quien) os bautizará con el Espíritu Santo.”

¿Dónde sientes la presencia del Espíritu Santo en tu vida?

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Los adultos de confianza deben estar atentos a signos de abuso físico en los niños bajo su cuidado. Algunos signos incluyen moretones o cortes frecuentes, ausencias o lesiones frecuentes e inexplicables. El abuso físico puede incluir golpes, patadas, sacudidas u otras acciones de fuerza que resulten en daño o incluso la muerte. Los niños que sufren abuso físico pueden ser desconfiados o reacios a recibir contacto físico y pueden vestirse de manera inapropiada para la temporada, usando pantalones largos o camisas de manga larga para ocultar las heridas. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Recognizing Child Maltreatment” (Reconociendo el maltrato infantil) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://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.



## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 84, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)/2 Pe 3, 8-14/  
Mc 1, 1-8

Lunes: Is 35, 1-10/Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Lc 5, 17-26

Martes: Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Jdt 13, 18. 19/  
Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47

Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10/Mt 11, 28-30

Jueves: Is 41, 13-20/Sal 144, 1 y 9. 10-11. 12-13/  
Mt 11, 11-15

Viernes: Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Mt 11, 16-19

Sábado: Ecl 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 79, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19/Mt 17, 9. 10-13

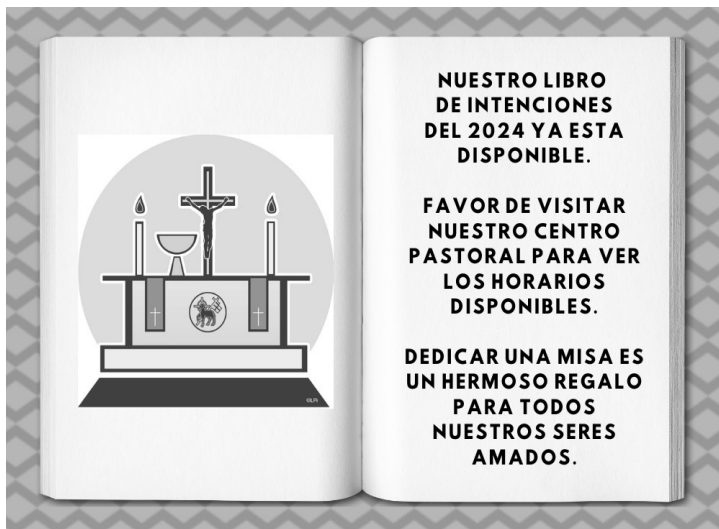
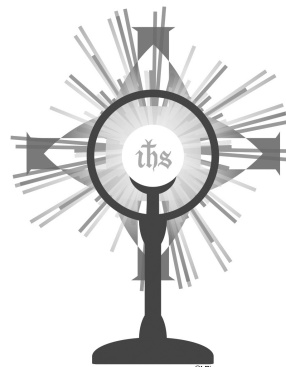
## VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

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



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

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



### ALL SOULS PENANCE SERVICE

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

### Advent Candle Lighting



Advent is quickly approaching, 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. If your family would like to light the Advent candles at a certain Mass during Advent, please call the Pastoral Center to sign up.



The Filipino Ministry invites all parishioners to celebrate Simbang Gabi. The celebration will begin with a Mass on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 5:30pm and will be followed by a gathering at the Parish Hall. Please come join us!

### THE GIVING TREE

In the spirit of Christmas,  
give a toy to a boy or girl!

*St. Vincent de Paul Ministry*



- Choose a gingerbread tag from our Christmas Tree at the entrance of the church.
- On the sheet provided, write your name and phone number.
- Keep the gingerbread tag and adhere it to your gift.
- Drop off the toy gift at our Pastoral Center by Monday, December 18.

*Thank you!!!!*



Please help decorate our church for Christmas by donating a poinsettia.

Larger poinsettias are preferred, but smaller ones are also appreciated. We kindly ask that your poinsettias be wrapped in the traditional foil cover. Please bring your poinsettias to the Pastoral Center no later than Wednesday, December 20th.

Thank you for your generosity!

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Sunday, December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Saturday Dec. 23, 5:30pm Mass)

- 7:30am English Mass
- 9:00am English Mass
- 10:30am Spanish Mass



- 5:30pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass
- 11:55pm Christmas Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

#### Monday, December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day

- 7:30am English Mass
- 9:00am English Mass
- 10:30am Spanish Mass

#### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE:

The 4th Sunday of Advent Masses start with the Saturday 5:30pm Mass. Christmas Masses begin with the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, December 24. Catholics must attend one Mass for the **4th Sunday of Advent**, and one **Mass for Christmas**.