



### 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



### 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. 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)

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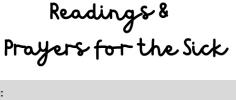
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First Reading:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

with divine recompense

he comes to save you. (Is 35:4)

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

Or Alleluia

Second Reading:

Make your hearts firm,

because the coming of the Lord is at hand. (Jas 5:7)

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ,

he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question,

"Are you the one who is to come,

or should we look for another?" (Mt 11:2-3)

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Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 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

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32 Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year "A" "Are you the One who is to come?"

"The College Student Who Found Her 'Home Away From Home' for Christmas" is a story about a college student who wanted to celebrate Christmas at home with family.

While all her classmates were eagerly making plans with family and friends for their trips back home for the holidays, Jackie Turner, a junior at William Jessup University near Sacramento, was worried she would be the only student left on campus for Christmas.

"This time of year is hard," Jackie said. "Everyone is talking about their cousins, their families, all the things that make up Christmas."

But Jackie says she doesn't have any of that — and never did. She told CBS News that her childhood was abusive, and she never shared in any of the experiences she heard her classmates talk about.

Instead of feeling sorry for herself, the straight A-student posted an ad on Craigslist offering \$8/hour to rent parents for the holidays. "Maybe for like a couple hours," she said, "just be, like, the light of their life for that moment." She got dozens of responses to her ad — about half from parents who wanted to help, for free of course — and about half from other young people who felt the same way she did. So, she held a meet up Christmas potluck dinner.

"People are hurting and broken and we need each other," Jackie said. "We need to be loving people. And I think that's what tonight's about."

Jackie not only found a mentor for herself that holiday season, but matched the needy with the needed. She continues to host yearly meet ups with a potluck Christmas dinner, because no one should ever feel alone on Christmas (Story told by Katherine Fluor).

Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday is a reminder that we are already half way into the holiday season. On this Sunday, the church invites us to relax our fasting (as if we have been fasting ...) and put on a joyful look for our salvation is near at hand. No one should be made to feel lonely during this season. Since Jesus was born into a family, everyone should be made to have a home and everyone should be made to feel at home for Christmas.

The hustle and bustle of the season could make us to miss what this special season is all about. The crux of the season is all about our expectation of the birth of the savior of the world. Even after more than 2000 years, it is still all about Jesus.

We celebrate Christmas keeping Jesus Christ in mind as we go about helping others through selfless acts of love. We do not need to do great things during this season but we certainly need to do the simple things we do with great love in our hearts.

From the question asked by the disciples of John the Baptist, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" we can see that even John the Baptist was not completely sure of the mission and ministry of Jesus. He wanted to know, hence he sent messengers to ask.

Of interest here is to note that John the Baptist was already in prison at the time he sent his disciples to Jesus. John was in prison for speaking the truth to Herod. John told Herod that it was wrong for him to take the wife of Philip his brother, even while his brother is still alive.

During the time of Jesus, prisoners received food and drink from friends and family members whenever they visited. It goes to mean that those who visited John brought not only food but also shared with John the good news of what Jesus was doing in the world. By sending his disciples to Jesus we can see that even imprisonment could not take away John's hunger and quest for the reign of the kingdom of God.

John is a seeker of truth. While emperors may have the power to put a person in prison, they do not have the power to imprison the truth. Faith, love and beauty cannot be imprisoned. John believed and longed for the fulfillment of scripture which states that in the fullness of time, God shall send a savior to redeem the world. How this scripture passage would be fulfilled, John did not know. It is only his faith in God that kept this hope alive.

During the Advent season the church invites people of faith to keep hope alive. We do this by filling the hearts we meet with peace and joy.

During this holy season, everyone has something to give. As Jesus told the disciples of John the Baptist, this is a season to make "the blind to regain their sight, the lame to walk, to make lepers to become clean, make the deaf to hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

Yes, making the blind to see and the lame to walk has a divine touch to it but the good news is that in Jesus, God has made it possible for human beings to participate in a divine project. In Jesus, human beings can see and touch God and in the name of Jesus, human beings are able to do what they cannot do by themselves.

Now, the question is how can I in my own small way make the blind to see? How can I make the deaf to hear? How can I make the lame to walk?

Resentment and division often make us to avoid looking into the eyes of others or hear their cry for help or visit/come to the aid of those in need of our help.

While it may be true that some of the people we detest may have hurt us in one way or another, it is also true that what they did to us is nothing compared to what we have done to offend God.

As God did not predicate the incarnation on human response to the divine will, so we should not depend on how others treat us in order to reach out to them in love during this holy season of grace. Our mission is to heal and restore love where it is lacking. It is only those who are willing to embrace this divine project of healing and forgiveness that are truly a Christmas people.



### **Finance Report**

### Mass Intentions

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity

COLLECTION

**TOTAL** 

Dec. 04, 2022

\$7,087.00

## Did you Know?

Archbishop José H. Gomez recently blessed the inaugural garden of healing dedicated to victim-survivors of sexual abuse at Saint Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. Gardens of healing, which are being planned in the five pastoral regions of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, are a manifestation of our ongoing care for and support of those impacted by sexual abuse in all its forms. 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. For more information, please visit https://lacatholics.org/protect/.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ANNUAL APPEAL BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

This annual collection gives Catholics of the Archdiocese the opportunity to "pay it forward," as they offer religious communities financial assistance in support of their essential health-care necessities and basic retirement plan-

### **ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SIMBANG GABI

Join us on Saturday,
December 17th in our Parish Hall,
after the 5:30 Mass



SATURDAY	DECEMBER	10-2022
5:30pm	Abraham Reyes	Healing
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	11-2022
7:30am	Gloria Downer	Dec.
	Julie Trujillo	Dec.
9:00am	Erlinda Porlares	Dec.
	Msgr. William O'Toole	Dec.
10:30am	Juan Chavez	Dec.
	Ana Vasquez	Special Int.
	Lorenza Martinez	Dec.
	Guadalupe Montiel Morales	Dec.
5:30pm	Dorothy Isenhart	Dec.
MONDAY	DECEMBER	12-2022
7:30am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	13-2022
7.30am	Maria Rosa Cortes	Dec.
	Andres De La Rosa	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	14-2022
7:30am	Luz Dicioco	Birthday
	Randal Serna	Dec.
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	15-2022
7:30am	Hector Sanchez	Dec.
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	16-2022
7:30am	Generosa & Lino Llanillo	Dec.
	Hermelinda Sanchez	Dec.
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	17-2022
7:30am	Lazaro Dicioco, Sr.	Dec.
	Cesar & Sylvia Buluran	56th Anniv.
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### All Souls Catholic Church

A menudo podemos sentirnos secos, desolados, sin vida y oscuros. Aunque todavía nos ocupamos de los negocios y las exigencias de la vida, nos encontramos un tanto desapegados, desconectados y apartados. Nos falta alegría, admiración, asombro y entusiasmo. En lugar de ser una experiencia de libertad y emoción, la vida nos mantiene cautivos. Estamos atados a sistemas, agendas, protocolos, regulaciones y expectativas que van en contra de lo que significa ser hijo de Dios. Nos encontramos en un desierto. Jesús vino a liberarnos de toda esta negatividad y desolación. Juan el Bautista anunció la llegada de Aquel que encarna la sanación, la reconciliación, la libertad y la vida. Deja de quejarte de lo que no tienes. Prepárate para la llegada del remedio a la desesperación de la vida. ¡Sé fuerte, no temas! Cristo nos salvará de las distorsiones, ilusiones y decepciones de la vida. Se paciente. Con el tiempo y el cuidado adecuados, todo irá bien. ©LPi

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 35, 1-6. 10/Sal 145, 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11 Lunes:

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

Martes: Sof 3, 1-2. 9-13/Sal 33, 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 y 23/Mt 21, 28-32 Miércoles: Is 45, 6-8. 18. 21-25/Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Lc 7, 18-23

Jueves: Is 54, 1-10/Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11-12 y 13/Lc 7, 24-30 Viernes: Is 56, 1-3. 6-8/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 7-8/Jn 5, 33-36 Sábado: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17/Mt 1, 1-17

## ¿Sabla usted?

El Arzobispo José H. Gomez bendijo recientemente el jardín inaugural de sanación inaugural dedicado a las víctimassobrevivientes de abuso sexual en el Centro de Cuidado Espiritual San Camilo (Saint Camillus Center for Spiritual Care) en Los Ángeles. Los jardines de sanación que se están planeando en las cinco regiones pastorales de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, son una manifestación de nuestro continuo cuidado y apoyo a las personas afectadas por el abuso sexual en todas sus formas. La Arquidiócesis alienta a cualquier persona que tenga información sobre abuso sexual a que informe a las autoridades policiales y/o al Ministerio de Asistencia a las Víctimas al (800) 355-2545 o escriba a protect@la-archdiocese.org. Para obtener más información sobre los esfuerzos de protección y prevención del abuso de la Arquidiócesis, visite https://lacatholics.org/

### **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.



### Sacramento de Reconciliacion

Queridos feligres,

Les comunicamos que las confesiones de adviento seran el *dia 14 de diciembre a las 7:00pm* en la parroquia. Favor de apartar la fecha. Tendremos varios sacerdotes listos para impartir este importante sacramento.



¡Oh. Padre Celestial! que concediste a Juan Diego ser el confidente de la Virgen de Guadalupe y asistir al nacimiento de la fe en nuestra Patria, te pedimos, por su intercesión, que socorras a los más necesitados.

Consuela a los enfermos de alma y cuerpo y concede que el Pueblo Mexicano, unido por la fuerza del amor a nuestra Dulce Madre del Tepeyac, haga de cada uno de sus hogares un templo vivo en donde adoremos a Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

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### PARISH NEWS



We would like to thank all of our parishioners who were able to attend our Advent Retreat. We hope that your hearts are filled with renewed faith and purpose to make of this season an opportunity to get closer to our Lord, Jesus.



All Souls is inviting you to an Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 14th, at 7 pm in the church. A number of priests will be available to hear individual confessions in various languages.



### Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 2022

o 5:30pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass

Saturday, December 25, 2022

- 12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass (Bilingual)
- 7:30am English Mass
- 9:00am English Mass
- 10:30am Spanish Mass

\*\*\*There will be no 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day\*\*\*



Please help decorate our worship space 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 22nd.



Dec. 12

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.

More photos from our wonderful Thanksgiving Luncheon. Continued thanks to all ministries involved, especially our youth, for such kindness towards our community



#### CONDOLENCES

We would like to offer our sincerest condolences to the Almaguer Family on the passing of Rita Almaguer.

### **Funeral Mass**

Monday, December 19th, at 4:30 pm

At All Souls Catholic Church

May the soul of Rita Almaguer and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



