



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 17, 2023

3rd 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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Guadalupanos	Marina Ramirez
Rosario de Misericordia	Angelina Farias
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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 rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:23)

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Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Esperanza Canale	Annette Lopez
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Gary Meraz	Jose Crespo
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Rosa Martinez	Reyes Family
Ramirez Family	Mercedes Tarrazona
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Cynthia Manriquez	Gerardo Duran
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Joel Lopez	Yessenia Alvarez
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Rafael Garcia	Elizabeth Pham
Sonia Gorope	

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

3rd Sunday in Advent, Year "A"

"Make straight the Way of the Lord"

The Christmas party was over. Several of the men were sitting at a table reminiscing about the Christmas days of their childhood.

The conversation turned to the best Christmas of their lives. As they went around the table, they noticed one man hadn't said anything. They asked, "Come on... Frank, what was your best Christmas?"

Frank said, "The best Christmas I ever had was when I didn't even get a present." The others were surprised. They had to hear the story.

Frank began to talk... "I grew up in New York. It was the great depression and we were poor. My Mother had died when I was just eight years old. My Dad had a job but he only worked two or three days a week and that was considered good. We lived in a walk up and we just barely had enough food and clothes. I was a kid and didn't really notice."

"My Dad was a proud man. He had one suit. He would wear that suit to work. When he came home, he would take off the jacket and sit in his chair still wearing his shirt, tie and his vest.

He had this big old pocket watch that had been given to him by my mother. He would sit in his chair, the chain from the watch hanging out, connected to the fob in his vest buttonhole. That watch was his proudest possession. Sometimes, I would see him, just sitting there, looking at his precious watch. I bet he was thinking of my mother."

"One year, I was about twelve, chemistry sets were the big thing. They cost two dollars. That was big money but every kid wanted a chemistry set including me. I began to pester my Dad about it a month or so before Christmas. You know, I made all the same kid promises. I would be good. I would do my chores. I wouldn't ask for anything else again. My dad would just say, 'We'll see...'"

"All the way home, I pouted and whined about the chemistry set. I repeated the promises. I said I didn't care if I never got another present. I had to have that chemistry set. I know now that my Dad felt guilty about not being able to give me more. He probably thought he was a failure as a Father and I think he blamed himself for my mother's death.

As we were walking up the stairs, he told me, that he would see what he could do about getting me the chemistry set. That night I couldn't even sleep. I could see myself inventing some new material. I could see the New York Times... 'Boy wins Nobel Prize!'"

"The next day after work, my Dad took me back to the carts. On the way, I remember, he bought a loaf of bread, and he was carrying it under his arm. We came to the first cart and he told me to pick out the set I wanted. They were all alike, but went through them, like I was choosing a diamond. I found the right one and I almost yelled. 'This one... Dad!'"

"I can still see him, reaching into his pants pocket, to get the money. As he pulled the two dollars out, one fluttered to the ground, he bent over to pick it up and as he did, the chain fell out of his vest. The chain swung back and forth. 'No watch.'

In a flash, I realized that my Dad had sold his watch. He sold his most precious possession to buy me a chemistry set. He sold his watch, the last thing my mother had given him, to buy me a chemistry set."

"I grabbed his arms and I yelled, 'No.' I had never grabbed my Dad before and I certainly had never yelled at him. I can see him, looking at me, a strange look on his face. 'No, Dad, you don't have to buy me anything.' The tears were burning in my eyes. 'Dad, I know you love me.' We walked away from the cart and I remember my Dad holding my hand all the way home."

Frank looked at the men. "You know, there isn't enough money in the world to buy that moment. You see, at that moment, I knew that my Dad loved me more than anything in the world."

That's the way God loves us. He didn't just say it. He showed it. He gave the most precious thing anyone could give. He gave His Son (TruthBook – The Best Christmas).

Two weeks before Christmas John the Baptist invites us to intensify our preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The social aspect of Christmas celebration no doubt is in full gear as we can see all around us Christmas lights and other Christmas decorations. The ginger bread house has been built on Huntington Drive and families are taking their children to have the Christmas experience. Shopping is in full gear with many stores offering attractive and eye popping discounts.

Over and above all these, John the Baptist calls our attention to what is essential and necessary. John's call is a call for spiritual preparation. John shows us an example by living a simple life that displays a profound sense of humility in his effort to testify to the light – Jesus Christ.

His preaching was so powerful that his audience began to think that he was the Messiah. John did not hesitate to say that he was neither Elijah nor the Christ. John testified thus, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord."

The humility of John is even more evident when he proclaimed that "there is one among you whom you do not recognize, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." With this prophetic utterance John was able to take his audience from where they are to where God wants them to be. Like John the Baptist, all the baptized have a responsibility of bringing Christ to the world especially during this holy season.

Therefore, the incarnation of God which we celebrate on Christmas Day is not just a single event among other events. It is the culmination of history. With the celebration of Christmas we celebrate the purpose of creation. God becomes human to assume humanity to His God-head; hence in this one single event, heaven and earth unite as one in the person of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

We are blessed because God is with us – Immanuel. His glory is marching forth. And as we share in His glory, we are happy to celebrate.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

TOTAL

December 10, 2023

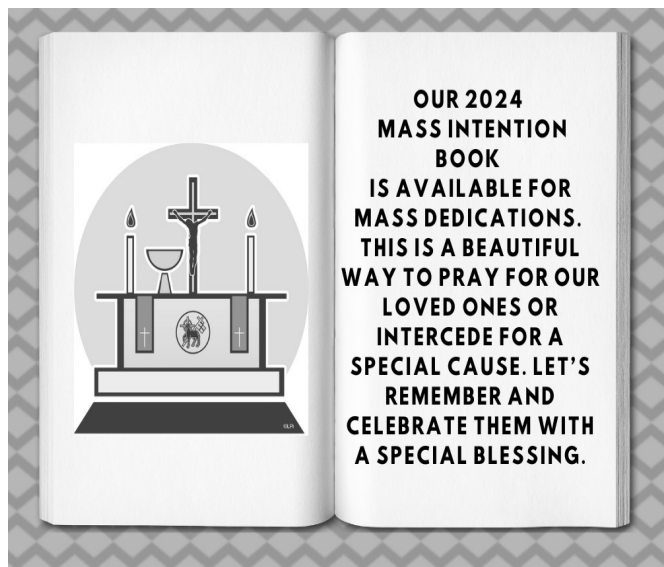
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Due to early bulletin deadlines, we will publish our financials next week.

Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

This Christmas, your family will likely be in a crowd or two — at school functions, visiting Santa at the mall, Christmas Eve Mass. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over 400,000 children go missing every year in the US. Crowds are a perfect opportunity for a perpetrator to take advantage of chaos and distraction. Before you head out into the holiday frenzy, talk to your children about some ground rules: Stay together and communicate about where you are headed if you change directions or plans. Consider the “two big steps” rule, which tells your child not to be more than two steps away from you at all times. That way, you can easily keep eyes on each other. For more tips, visit nationwidechildrens.org.



SATURDAY	DECEMBER	16-2023
5:30pm	Angelito Gan	Dec.
	Maria Eugenia Mayer	Dec.
	Cathy Dorsey	Special Int.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	17-2023
7:30am	Elizabeth “Lily” O’Neill	Dec.
	Gian Carlo Reyes	Dec.
9:00am	Livio Pizzinat	Dec.
	Anastacia & Ricardo Rodriguez	Dec.
10:30am	Marcela Cobarruvias	Birthday
	Rafael & Anabel Reyes-Garcia	35th Wedd Anniv
	Elisa Delgadillo Torres	Dec.
5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory	
	Dewey Tong	Healing
MONDAY	DECEMBER	18-2023
7:30am	Shun Qiang Wang	Dec.
	Ying Cai Lu	Dec.
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	19-2023
7:30am	For the Soul of Valentina Tiu	Dec.
	Gian Carlo Reyes	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	20-2023
7:30am	For the Soul of Leticia Dicioco	Dec.
	Sandra Ibarra	Birthday
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	21-2023
7:30am	Stephanie Estipona	Birthday
	Sara Farias	Dec.
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	22-2023
7:30am	Sara Farias	Dec.
	Lourdes Clavel	Dec.
	Art & Cion Lemoncito	49th Wedd Anniv
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	23-2023
7:30am	Parishioners of All Souls	Sp. Int.

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

Isaías se regocija por el llamado de Dios en su vida y la promesa de restauración para todas las naciones. A medida que continuamos en la temporada de Adviento, ¿qué te ha traído algo de alegría a ti o a tu familia?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo anima a los tesalonicenses a ser personas de oración y alegría, abiertos a la obra del Espíritu Santo en sus vidas. ¿Hay algo recientemente que te haya traído alegría?

Evangelio:

Juan presenta a los líderes religiosos de Jerusalén desconcertados e inseguros sobre quién era Juan el Bautista. ¿Cómo te acercas a amigos o familiares en tu vida que están confundidos o cuestionan la fe?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 61, 1-2. 10-11/Lc 1, 46-48. 49-50. 53-54 (Is 61, 10)/
1 Tes 5, 16-24/ Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28

Lunes: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-25

Martes: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 70, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25

Miércoles: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38

Jueves: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/
Lc 1, 39-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56

Sábado: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66

Esta Navidad, su familia probablemente estará entre una multitud o dos —en las funciones escolares, visitando a Santa en el centro comercial Misa de Nochebuena. Según el Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados, más de 400 mil niños desaparecen cada año en Estados Unidos. Las multitudes son una oportunidad perfecta para que un perpetrador aproveche el caos y la distracción. Antes de lanzarse al frenesí navideño, hable con sus hijos sobre algunas reglas básicas: permanezcan juntos y comuniquen hacia dónde se dirigen si cambian de dirección o de planes. Considere la regla de los “dos grandes pasos”, que le dice a su hijo que no debe estar a más de dos pasos de usted en todo momento. De esta manera podrán vigilarse mutuamente con mucha facilidad. Para obtener más consejos, visite nationwidechildrens.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.



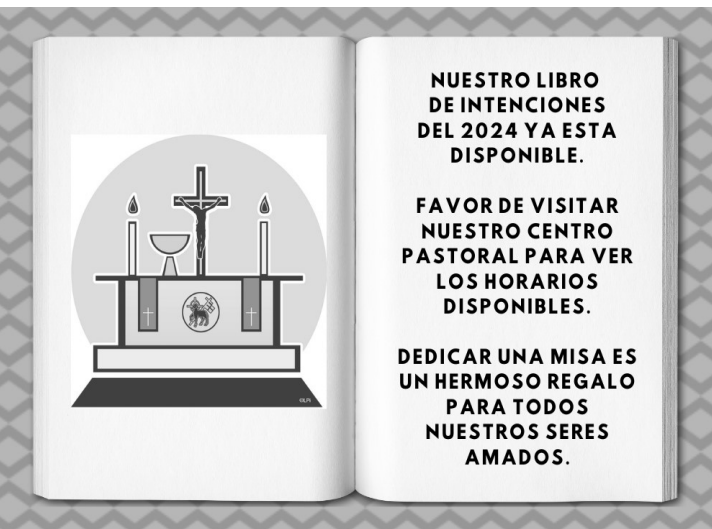
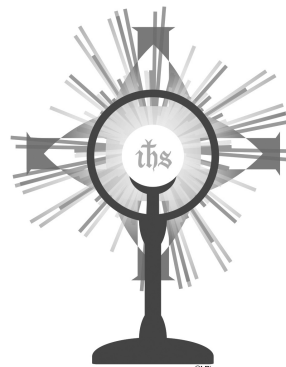
VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómame 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.





ALL SOULS PENANCE SERVICE

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



The Filipino Ministry invites all the faithful to celebrate Simbang Gabi.

The celebration will begin with a Mass on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 5:30 pm, followed by a gathering at the Parish Hall. Join us!

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.

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)

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



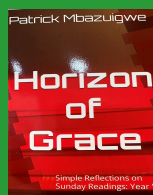
- o 5:30pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass
- o 11:55pm Christmas Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

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**.



Our beloved Father Patrick has released the next installment of his insightful and beautiful reflections. These books are in limited supply. We still have a few copies of Year A. If you don't have a copy yet, please visit the Pastoral Center and support this evangelization effort with a \$10 donation.