



# 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.

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)

**December 18, 2022**

*4th 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:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Is 7:3-4)

## Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

## Second Reading:

The gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh,  
but established as Son of God in power. (Rom 1:15)

## Gospel:

The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,  
"Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.  
For it is through the Holy Spirit  
that this child has been conceived in her. (Mt 1:20)

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Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/  
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

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| Loan Le               | Ethelyn Beltran            |
| Angelica Ruedas       | Karen Katsumura            |
| Matthew Perez         | Andrea Primicias           |
| Pilar Garza           | Cecilia Chow               |
| Gary Meraz            | Erik Lifrak                |
| David A. Jr. & Family | Ray Argueta & Family       |
| Lucy Tsang            | Jose Crespo                |
| Eleanore Ciechoski    | Joe Negrete                |
| Rosa Martinez         | Bernardina Castañeda       |
| Ramirez Family        | Reyes Family               |
| Wally & Becky Puente  | Mercedes Tarrazona         |
| Cynthia Manriquez     | Fernando Torres            |
| William Gonzalez      | Gerardo Duran              |
| Joel Lopez            | Cidronio Abelar            |
| 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             |
| Arturo Recalde        | Jesus Ortiz                |

# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year "A"

**"They shall name Him Emmanuel – God is with Us"**



"Wally and the rest of us" is the title of a Christmas story written by an unknown author. "What to do with Wally? Wally was an awkward and shy child who belonged to the church kids club. It was time to hand out roles for the Christmas play, but what role should the teacher give Wally? She decided on the inn-keeper. It was an important role, but required Wally only to shake his head and say one line "Sorry, we've no room." Wally grinned from ear to ear when he learned of his important role and he couldn't wait for the big night.

It arrived soon enough, and the play was proceeding according to plan. Mary and Joseph had traveled to Bethlehem and come to the door of the inn. Joseph knocked on the door and it opened to Wally. "Please sir, do you have a room we could take?" asked Joseph. Wally shook his head and replied. "I'm sorry, we've no room".

Now the boy playing Joseph was a particularly confident child, and while the script called for he and Mary to turn away at this point, Joseph decided to exercise some dramatic license. "But sir" he said to the innkeeper, "My wife is about to have her baby and we need somewhere to stay. Couldn't you find us a room." Wally's face went white – this was not planned for! – and he paused for a moment before repeating his line. "I'm sorry, we've no room."

"But sir" replied Joseph, "We've traveled such a long way and we've nowhere else to go and my wife is very tired. Surely you can find us somewhere." Wally bowed his head, shook it sadly and said, "I'm sorry, we've no room." Forlornly Joseph and Mary started walking away. Wally, now fully into his role, felt shamed and saddened. A tear trickled down his cheek. Then his voice was heard calling out. "Wait! Please come back. You can have my room."

It may not have been according to script, but at that moment Wally gave perfect expression to the Christmas story (Source: widely repeated story of unknown origins).

King Ahaz, like Wally read the script but unlike Wally Ahaz stayed put with the script. When the prophet confronted Ahaz with the message from God to "Ask for a sign from the Lord your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!," King Ahaz refusal to change his mind and ask for a sign is not because Ahaz has so much love and respect for God. It is because Ahaz was quite confident that the pacts he made with neighboring nations will give him a better security and protection than relying on the power of God.

Little did Ahaz know that human promise is written on sand and not carved in stone. Those who put their trust in human beings are like a tree planted on a rocky soil. It germinates and grows up easily but when the sun shines it withers and dies. The one who puts his trust in the Lord is like a tree planted near the flowing river; it remains evergreen both in the dry and rainy seasons.

Now, what the King in all his wisdom, power and wealthy could not do for God is being done by a humble virgin and a simple carpenter from Nazareth. Although Mary could not understand the greeting and the message of angel Gabriel – "Hail, highly favored one, the Lord is with thee" yet because it came from God, Mary believed – "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her.

When the news reached the simple carpenter Joseph of the tribe of David, being a faithful Jew and an ardent observer of the law, there is no option left for him than to divorce Mary and look for another girl to marry; after all there is never a shortage of maidens in the land of Israel. Little did Joseph realize that this Mary is not one of the girls in the land of Israel. She is the only one "full of grace" and "the Lord is with her."

In Mary and through Mary, God is not simply giving the world a baby boy. Through Mary, God is recreating the world – the child she will deliver will soon deliver the world. This is a feat that no other woman could achieve. Hence, Joseph has a choice to either stay with the script and divorce Mary or like Wally, follow his heart and listen to the voice of the angel that says to him "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

In Joseph, grace and power are at war. Joseph contemplates on the word of God which says "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Should Joseph heed to the power of the law which mandates him to divorce a pregnant virgin, the salvation of the world is jeopardized and should he take the leap of faith by listening to the voice of God, there are unlimited possibilities as to what life would become for him. In this struggle, grace triumphed over the law, hence the dawn of a new era for the salvation of the world.

Today, all the important actors in the story of human salvation have said a definite YES to God. We are almost a Christmas people because our salvation is near at hand. What kings and emperors could not do with their power and military might, Mary and Joseph are doing for us because they believed.

In this lies the power of faith. Impossibility is nothing to the one who believes because the power of faith does not lie in the one who believes but in the one who is believed – God. Hence, in any generation God uses mortal beings in the work of salvation. This is because salvation is not a human project. Salvation is a divine project. It is God who takes the initiative. All who believe become partners in progress in the civilization of love. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas in few days, let us walk in the light faith and reach out to those who are at the margins of our society so that Jesus may be born both in Bethlehem in Judea and in our hearts and homes.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

*Thank you for your continuous support and generosity*

## COLLECTION

Dec. 11, 2022

## TOTAL

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Dear Parishioners,

Due to early bulletin submissions, we will be publishing the collection totals in upcoming bulletins. Thank you for your understanding.

## Did you know?

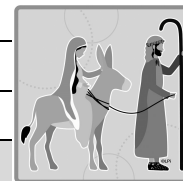
The ChildHelp Abuse Hotline is a valuable resource available nationwide for reporting child abuse. If you have witnessed abuse, or if a child has confided that he or she has been abused, you can reach out to the ChildHelp Abuse Hotline for information on what to do next and where to report what you know. Counselors are available to talk through situations, answer questions, and research additional resources in your area. You can call or text the hotline at 1-800-422-4453, or start a live chat at [childhelphotline.org/](http://childhelphotline.org/).



Our 2024 Book of Intentions is now available. Please stop by our Pastoral Center to make a request for a love one. Let us elevate our intentions together and pray as a community of brothers and sisters to our Lord.



| SATURDAY  | DECEMBER               | 17-2022  |
|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| 5:30pm    | Angelito Gan           | Dec.     |
|           | Vargas/Meraz Families  | Dec.     |
| SUNDAY    | DECEMBER               | 18-2022  |
| 7:30am    | Trazon Lo              | Dec.     |
|           | Florencio Sanchez      | Dec.     |
| 9:00am    | Charles Miller         | Dec.     |
|           | Corazon Camayao        | Dec.     |
| 10:30am   | Marcela Cobarruvias    | Birthday |
|           | Maria Gil              | Dec.     |
|           | Camila Gonzalez        | Dec.     |
|           | Martin Gamboa          | Sp. Int. |
| 5:30pm    | All Souls in Purgatory |          |
| MONDAY    | DECEMBER               | 19-2022  |
| 7:30am    | Valentina Tiu          | Dec.     |
|           | Gian Carlo Reyes       | Dec.     |
| TUESDAY   | DECEMBER               | 20-2022  |
| 7:30am    | Sandra Ibarra          | Birthday |
|           | Greg Rezac             | Dec.     |
| WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER               | 21-2022  |
| 7:30am    | Alfredo Llanillo, Jr.  | Dec.     |
| THURSDAY  | DECEMBER               | 22-2022  |
| 7:30am    | Richard Thomas         | Dec.     |
| FRIDAY    | DECEMBER               | 23-2022  |
| 7:30am    | Anne Dorsey            | Dec.     |
|           | Mercedes Castillo      | Dec.     |
|           | Jim Simbe              | Dec.     |
| SATURDAY  | DECEMBER               | 24-2022  |
| 7:30am    |                        |          |
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"Dios esta con nosotros." Esta es la única constante en la imprevisibilidad de la vida. Los detalles de nuestras vidas pueden cambiar, no solo instantáneamente sino dramáticamente. Las personas que experimentan un momento de paz pueden encontrarse fácilmente en guerra. Los tiempos de prosperidad pueden convertirse rápidamente en tiempos de necesidad. Nuestra visión para el futuro puede ser destruida y nuestras seguridades puestas en peligro. Estos últimos días de Adviento nos permiten hacer los últimos preparativos. La verdadera seguridad y protección que buscamos solo puede venir de Dios. El descanso, la armonía y la paz que deseamos se encuentran solo en Dios. ¿Cómo sabemos que esto es cierto? Dios mismo nos dio una señal: Emanuel, Dios con nosotros. No temas, ni seas incrédulo. Aférrate a lo que Dios ha hecho al darnos a su Hijo unigénito. No tenemos que intentar ansiosamente controlar la imprevisibilidad de la vida. ¡Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es asegurarnos de que nuestros corazones estén en el lugar correcto y buscando las cosas correctas!

La línea telefónica de ayuda directa para niños abusados, ChildHelp Abuse, es un recurso valioso disponible en todo el país para denunciar el abuso infantil. Si usted ha sido testigo de abuso, o si un niño le ha confiado que ha sido abusado, puede comunicarse con la línea telefónica ChildHelp Abuse para obtener información gratuita sobre qué hacer y dónde informar lo que usted sabe. Los consejeros están disponibles en esta línea para hablar sobre su situación, responder preguntas e investigar sobre recursos adicionales en su área. Para comunicarse con ChildHelp Abuse, puede llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto al 1-800-422-4453 o iniciar un chat en vivo en [childhelpline.org/](http://childhelpline.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.



## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [7. 10]/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24  
Lunes: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 70, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25  
Martes: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38  
Miércoles: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45  
Jueves: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56  
Viernes: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66  
Sábado: *Mañana:* 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/  
Lc 1, 67-79

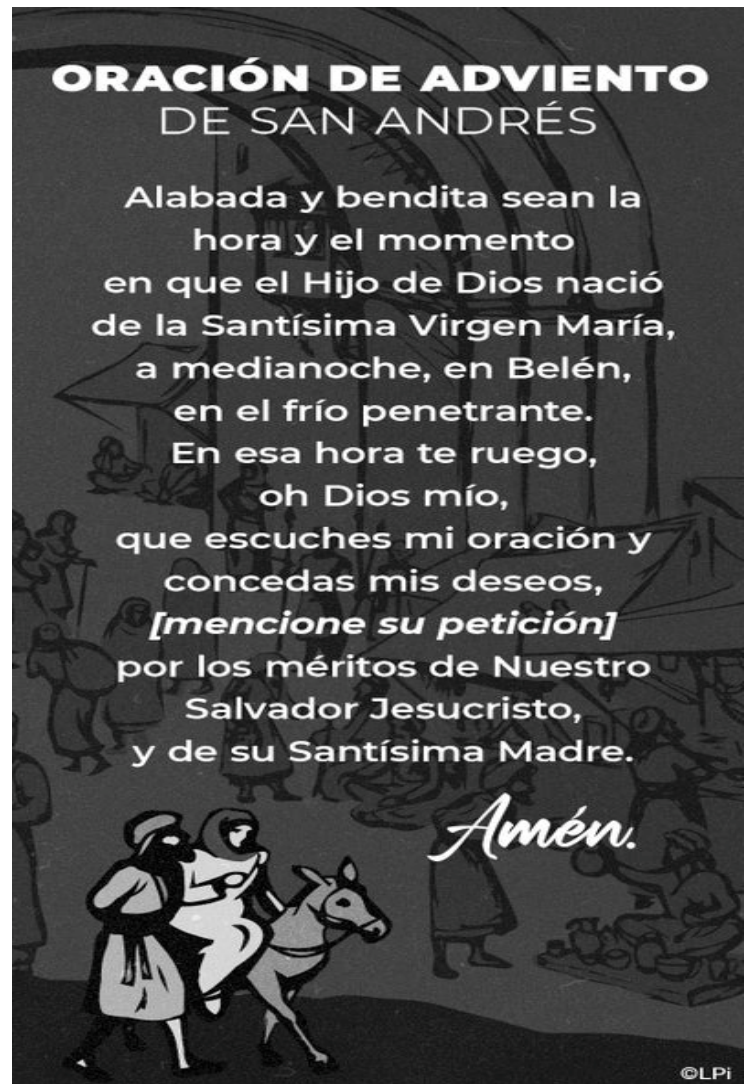
Ayúdenos a decorar nuestro espacio litúrgico para esta hermosa temporada donando una flor de Pascua.

Se prefieren las flores de Pascua más grandes, pero también se aprecian las más pequeñas. Les pedimos amablemente que sus flores de Pascua estén envueltas en la cubierta de papel de aluminio tradicional. Favor de traer sus flores de Pascua al Centro Pastoral a más tardar el Jueves, 22 de diciembre.

## ORACIÓN DE ADVIENTO DE SAN ANDRÉS

Alabada y bendita sean la hora y el momento en que el Hijo de Dios nació de la Santísima Virgen María, a medianoche, en Belén, en el frío penetrante. En esa hora te ruego, oh Dios mío, que escuches mi oración y concedas mis deseos, *[mencione su petición]* por los méritos de Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, y de su Santísima Madre.

*Amén.*





# Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 2022

- o 5:30pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass

Saturday, December 25, 2022

- 11:55pm 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\*\*\*



## POINSETTIAS

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 Thursday, December 22nd.

Thank you for your generosity!



### SIGN UP FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL TRADITION

Every year our Parish invites families to help us light the advent candles at the beginning of Mass. If you would like to partake in this beautiful tradition, please call our Pastoral Center!

# Thank You

We continue to thank Monsignor Austin Doran for leading our Advent Retreat this year. We also extend our gratitude to our music ministry and members of our parish who supported with refreshments. We sincerely hope the experience filled your hearts with renewed faith in our Lord, Jesus.



## ST. ANDREW ADVENT PRAYER

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.

*Amen.*

