



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 31, 2023

*The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph*

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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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:

"Your own issue shall be your heir."

The Lord took Abram outside and said,

"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.

Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading:

By faith he received power to generate,

even though he was past the normal age

—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;

and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Christmas Season, Year "B" The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations...extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending.

Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas. My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room.

Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song.

Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment...songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row – center stage – held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song.

As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down – totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W".

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities.

For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear: **"CHRISTWAS LOVE"** And, I believe, He still is!!

God certainly does work in mysterious ways!! (TruthBook - "Is there a W in Christmas").

We are celebrating today the solemnity of the Holy Family - a visible sign of God's love. This is a family that stood firmly for Christ. It is a family that cooperated fully in the fulfillment of salvation history. This family is presented to us today as a model to emulate.

It is interesting to note that going by worldly standard and meaning of a successful and happy family, the Holy Family did not have it easy here on earth. Theirs was a life full of suffering and pain.

Mary, a virgin was found to be pregnant with a child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary could not humanly comprehend what it means to be impregnated by the power of the Holy Spirit. How could anyone expect Mary's neighbors to understand and agree with her account of the encounter with the archangel Gabriel?

In such a primitive culture where pregnancy out of wedlock incurred a capital punishment, Mary's fears and worries would be unimaginable and unequalled. Did Mary's parents believe her story of an encounter with angel Gabriel? We could hardly imagine the caricature people around her made with her name – "we thought she was a virgin," "we thought she was God-fearing," "we thought she came from a good family," "we thought she was a holy girl," etc.

How could Mary endure all these caricatures which were accompanied with the threat of a secret divorce from her husband to be, Joseph? Of course, Joseph had every reason to be disappointed and to doubt the authenticity of Mary's story.

Even more than 2000 years after this encounter took place, none of us today can explain how it is possible to conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit. However, it is what the human mind cannot comprehend that we are celebrating today in faith.

Now, as a people who have come to a better understanding of Mary's story, we are proud to call them a Holy Family. This is thanks to their unconditional love and deep faith in God. Rather than shape God in their own image and likeness, they allowed themselves to be formed and shaped in the image and likeness of God.

From the Holy Family, we learn that salvation is God's own business. We are all instruments in the hands of God. If we could allow God to be God in our lives, great things happen and there will be no limit to what God will do with us, in us and through us.

As we are about to enter the New Year, we know that a New Year is full of surprises. New Year makes for a new beginning, new opportunities, new choices and new blessings. Even when things are not going the way we would like them to go, let us look up to the Holy Family, for with God nothing is impossible. We need to enter the New Year with the blessed assurance that God is with us. We need to hold on to God and avoid fear which is an enemy of progress.

Therefore, all who wish and pray that the story of their life will become a story with a happy ending are called to follow the footsteps of the Holy Family. We need to humble ourselves before God and open our hearts to the will of God. There is no guarantee that things will always be easy for us but it is a blessed assurance that in God blessings abound and with perseverance God will turn the **M** into **W** and the story of our life will become like that of the Holy Family, a story with a happy ending. Amen



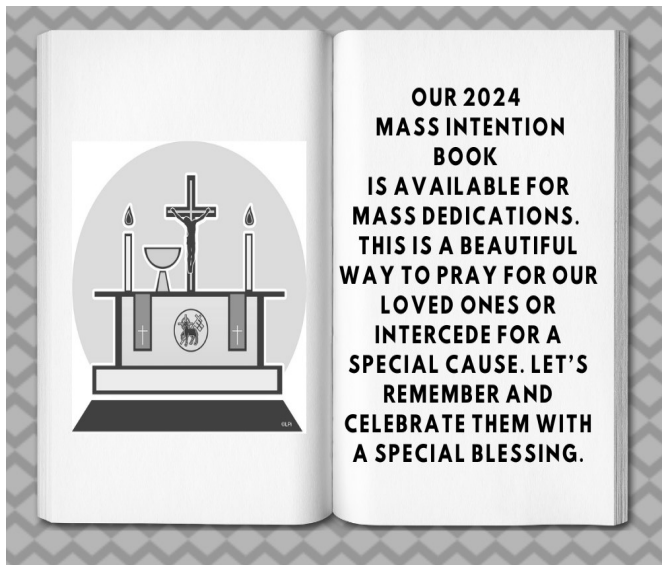
Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION	TOTAL
December 17, 2023	\$ 6,303.00
<i>Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.</i>	

Did you know?

Nearly every public campaign about the evils of sex trafficking involve child female victims. A majority of victims are female, but there are many male victims, and they are mostly silent. Societal expectations often lead men to feel that they should be “strong” and “assertive” enough to avoid being forced into trafficking — but these stereotypes do a disservice to male victims who may feel trapped in abusive patterns, unable to ask for the help they need. For more information and ways to help these silent victims, read the VIRTUS® article “The Most Silent Victims of Sex Trafficking” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



SATURDAY	DECEMBER	30-2023
5:30pm	Esperanza Canale	Special Int.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	31-2023
7:30am	Joseph Emissaries of Prayer	Sp. Int.
9:00am	Carol & James Jones	Dec.
	Silvestre Cortez	Birthday
	Josue & Jasmin Luna	Thanksgiving
10:30am	Magda Cornejo	Dec.
	Jorge Gomez	Birthday
	Martha Torres Gonzalez	Dec.
	Jose & Elda Serna	50th Anniv.
5:30pm	Salome Ocampo	Dec.
MONDAY	JANUARY	01-2024
7:30am	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	
TUESDAY	JANUARY	02-2024
7:30am	Sarah Carretero	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY	03-2024
7:30am	Omar Cobarruvias	Birthday
THURSDAY	JANUARY	04-2024
7:30am	Parishioners of All Souls	
FRIDAY	JANUARY	05-2024
7:30am	Simon and Julie Trujillo	Dec.
SATURDAY	JANUARY	06-2024
7:30am	Mireya Serna	Birthday

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

Abraham y Sara confiaron en su fe en el Señor mientras luchaban con asuntos familiares. ¿Cuándo has necesitado confiar en la fe cuando se trata de tu familia?

Segunda lectura:

Hebreos nos enseña que, en cada desafío de su vida, Abraham confió y obedeció constantemente a Dios. ¿Cuándo has tenido que entregar total confianza a Dios?

Evangelio:

En su ritual de purificación en el Templo de Jerusalén, María y José reciben noticias de Simeón y Ana sobre su bebé recién nacido, Jesús. En tu familia, ¿cómo lidias con las noticias alarmantes o inquietantes?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/
Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 o Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/
Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19/
Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40
Lunes: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2)/Gal 4, 4-7/
Lc 2, 16-21
Martes: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 1, 19-28
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 29—3, 6/Sal 97, 1. 3-4. 5-6/Jn 1, 29-34
Jueves: 1 Jn 3, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Jn 1, 35-42
Viernes: 1 Jn 3, 11-21/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Jn 1, 43-51
Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Mc 1,
7-11 o Lc 3, 23-38 o 3, 23. 31-34. 36. 38

Casi todas las campañas públicas sobre los males del tráfico sexual involucran a niñas víctimas. La mayoría de las víctimas son mujeres, pero también hay muchos hombres, y en su mayoría guardan silencio. Las expectativas sociales a menudo llevan a los hombres a sentir que deben ser lo suficientemente “Fuertes” y “asertivos” para evitar verse obligados a dedicarse a la trata, pero estos estereotipos no les hacen ningún favor a las víctimas masculinas que pueden sentirse atrapadas en patrones abusivos, incapaces de pedir la ayuda que necesitan. Para obtener más información y formas de ayudar a estas víctimas silenciosas, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “The Most Silent Victims of Sex Trafficking” (Las víctimas más silenciosas del tráfico sexual) en 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.



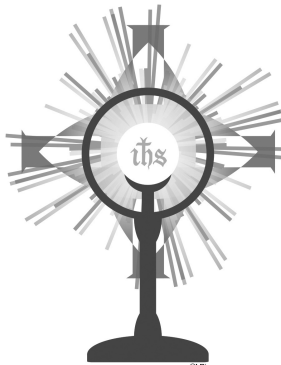
VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

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.

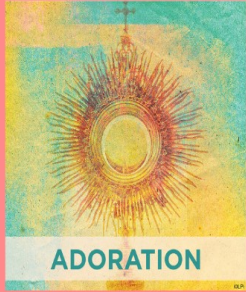
Ven a visitar a nuestro Señor y continua este año con sus bendiciones.



NUESTRO LIBRO DE INTENCIONES DEL 2024 YA ESTA DISPONIBLE.

FAVOR DE VISITAR NUESTRO CENTRO PASTORAL PARA VER LOS HORARIOS DISPONIBLES.

DEDICAR UNA MISA ES UN HERMOSO REGALO PARA TODOS NUESTROS SERES AMADOS.



HOLY HOUR

Join us for an our of meditation in the presence of Jesus. Everyone is invited. The service is bilingual and will be held inside the church. Friday, January 5, 2024 @ 7PM



ONELIFE LA



THE MISSION OF ONELIFE LA IS TO UNITE COMMUNITIES AND INSPIRE POSITIVE ACTION THROUGH AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT PROMOTES THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE: "10 YEARS TOGETHER AS ONE."

ONELIFE LA BEGINS WITH A WALK THROUGH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND ENDS WITH A FESTIVAL IN THE PARK WHERE YOU WILL BE INSPIRED BY COURAGEOUS SPEAKERS; SUPPORTED AS YOU DEFEND, PROTECT AND PROCLAIM LIFE; AND ENCOURAGED TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED WITH OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE! PLEASE REGISTER BY VISITING [HTTPS://ONELIFELA.ORG/REGISTER-2](https://onelifela.org/register-2).

SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

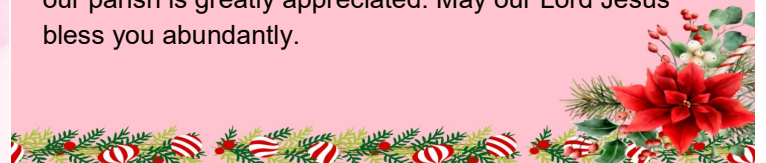


Our Filipino Ministry is continuing the powerful intercessory devotion of the 2000 Hail Mary's. Everyone is invited to join and ask for Mother Mary's graces as special intentions are presented to her Son, Jesus Christ.

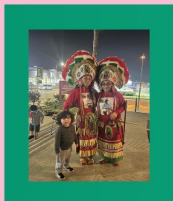
When: Saturday, January 6, 2024 @ 8:00am

Thank You

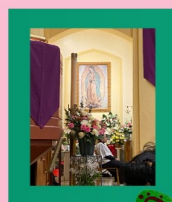
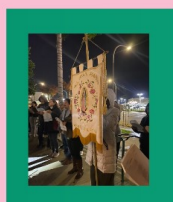
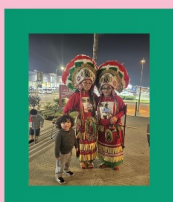
We would like to thank everyone who supported us in beautifying our church this season by donating poinsettias. The time you took out of your busy schedules for our parish is greatly appreciated. May our Lord Jesus bless you abundantly.



Our Lady of Guadalupe



As we wrap up this season of festivities, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone who attended Las Mañanitas and special Masses in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A special thank you to our Guadalupe Ministry for all the time, food, decorations, music and prayers.



All Souls Church would like to wish everyone an amazing 2024. May this year be filled with faith, health, happiness, community and love.

Note: Our Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, Jan 1st, 2024. Please note that we will only have the 7:30am Mass on this day.

Dear Parishioners,

The Annual Contribution Letters are currently being prepared. We will begin to distribute them on the last weekend of January.

