

ALL SOULS CHURCH

A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Weekdays/Entre Semana

Monday-Saturday 7:30am

Saturday/Vigil:

5:30pm

Sunday/Domingo

English: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm

Español: 12:00 Medio dia

Holy Days to be Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4-5pm • Sabado de 4-5pm
Call the Pastoral Center for a Private Confession

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)



JANUARY 5, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Pastoral Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-9pm

Closed for Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Saturday: 9am-8pm (Closed for Lunch)

Sunday: 8:30am-2:30pm



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Knights of Columbus	Pablo Gutierrez	Youth Ministry	Leticia Urtecho



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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pilar Garza	Leslie Galban
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Eleanor Ciechoski	Mary Anne Aarset
Rosa Martinez	Erik Lifrak
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Wally & Becky Puentes	Jose Crespo
Cynthia Manriquez	Joe Negrete
Cecille Saguid	Elia Ramirez
William Gonzalez	Bernardina Castañeda
Joel Lopez	Reyes Family
Guadalupe Nevarez	Mercedes Tarrazona
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Hortencia Palafox	William Cardona
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David Valadez	Cidronio Abelar
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Marco de la Garza	Juanita Madrigal

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

**Year "A" - Epiphany of the Lord
"We have seen His star"**

I like the Christmas greeting card that reads "Wise men still seek Him." Yes, in every generation God uses simple people and ordinary things of nature to reveal His truth, beauty and goodness in the world and it takes the sincerity, courage and determination of humble women and men to see the hand of God at work in their lives, in the life of others and in the world.

It is much easier and if not convenient for human beings to keep God in the sky but the essential truth of the incarnation is that God is with us. God has become a necessary part of human history; hence our vision of the world can never be complete without recognizing God's divine presence in the world. And God's presence in the world remains a mystical presence because God is in the world and yet above the world.

In the feast of Epiphany, we recall and celebrate not only the event of the three shepherds' journey to Jerusalem to present gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus who is the visible presence of God in the world but also our call to discover the presence of God in our lives, in our family and in the world here and now.

Seeking for Justice, Truth, Beauty and Goodness has always been the basic preoccupation of the human mind in every generation. The truth which the human heart seeks is not hidden in the outer planet. Truth, beauty and goodness is here with us in the person of Jesus, the incarnate word. The hidden truth which the Epiphany reveals to us is that the basis of all human desires lies in God, hence seeking to find God becomes an essential truth that holds the key to true happiness in the world.

Many have made sincere effort to find God and yet could not find Him. Some have made the ultimate sacrifices without gaining an insight into the divine truth. Many factors could contribute to our inability to find God in the world today. It is neither for lack of trying nor for lack of the presence of God in the world but due to our lack of openness to the divine plan of God.

The Maggi started their quest for God by following the star. The star was all they know, all they have and all they could use in finding the Truth. Being guided by the star, they could only go as far as the house of Herod. The star alone could not lead them to where Jesus was born. It was only when Herod, though troubled by the Good News, consulted the chief priests who in turn consulted the Sacred Scripture and reading from the prophets, they realized that scripture had foretold that "In Bethlehem of Judea ... shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

It is ultimately the word of God that revealed the Truth and not simply the stars. Stars are not God. It is a creature of God. Even the stars obey God.

Following the star as we often do through horoscope, consulting fortune tellers, sooth-sayers, palm readers, visioners, tarot cards, etc. to know what the future holds for us is following the path that leads only to Herod's house. Herod and his household, as we know it, stand against the values of the Gospel, hence are in contradiction with God's plan for the salvation of the world.

You cannot find the Truth by making Herod's house your final destination. In Herod, power rules over love, justice and truth.

God's plan for the world is not based on the love of power but on the power of love. This is probably why the shepherds after paying homage to the new born savior of the world, did not return to Herod.

An unchristianized world is a world of Herod, which is governed by the principle of survival of the fittest. Might is right, hence the ways of the wealthy and powerful people of the earth are always justified. New rules are made to favor those in power and authority. Maps are drawn and re-drawn to grant them political favors. Our courts of law judge the dead while the oppressor walks free and is empowered to do more evil. Evil and corruption has become a fast road to stardom. Doing good does not make the news while a reckless lifestyle guarantees an instant celebrity status.

The unchristianized world of Herod is the type of world that the Maggi left in search of the Truth and having found the truth, did not return to it. People who encounter Jesus do not return to their former ways of life. They follow a new path to their new home, which is built and governed by love. Their ways are guided not by the lust for wealth and power but by the love of God as it was revealed to the shepherds in a dream by an angel.

There is no doubt that we are still in search of truth and meaning in life. Our fundamental challenge is to determine what should be the foundational basis of our search for meaning and direction in life. What is it that forms and informs the decisions and choices we make in life?

The truth of the Epiphany, therefore, is this revelation that it is being guided by the word of God that we shall come to know the Truth. This is the Truth that shall set us free from the bondage of sin and ignorance. If the stars obey and serve God, how much more is the clarion call of nature and reason for human beings - the beauty of creation to serve God by becoming part of God's plan for the salvation of the world?

The one basic assumption that we all have come to agree on is that there is no shortage of goodness in the world. As it was in time of Herod, so is it in our own day. In spite of the evils that abound, God's presence, goodness and power is always there for us. It is only those who make sincere effort to find God that will find Him. No wonder the wise still seek Him.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Offertory Collec-

THIRD SUNDAY OF DECEMBER

12/15/19

FIRST COLLECTION	\$ 6,221.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$ 1,427.00
CANDLES	\$ 346.00
O. L. OF GUADALUPE (12/12/19)	\$ 269.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,263.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF DECEMBER

12/22/19

FIRST COLLECTION	\$ 6,062.50
SECOND COLLECTION	\$ 1,233.00
CANDLES	\$ 128.00

TOTAL \$ 7,423.50

THANK YOU FROM BRUNIE

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated, purchased, helped clean up at the end, and kept the merchandise neat and appealing during our recent



rummage sale to raise funds for Fr. Patrick's project to help schoolchildren in Nigeria. Father was presented with \$200 for his upcoming trip to his home country.

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Please visit our Pastoral Center to place your Mass Intention.

Our 2020 Mass Intention Book is available for Mass dedications.

This is a beautiful way to pray for our loved ones or intercede for a special cause.

Did You Know?



What is child sex trafficking?

Each week, more than 50 children are killed or injured when a driver backs up the car. In an overwhelming number of those cases, a parent, relative, or close friend is behind the wheel. It's devastating to think that a simple action could cause such harm to your child, but it happens far too frequently. Be aware of your 'blind spots' when you're behind the wheel — those areas you know are there, but can't see clearly from your mirrors. Check out what's happening around your vehicle before you get in. Make sure you know where your children are before you start your car. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "A Preventable Accident," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

IMPORTANT DATES

First Communion News

Saturday, January 4
– Class for 1st & 2nd Year

Saturday, January 11
– Class for 1st & 2nd Year
and Parent Meeting at 9:00am
in the Hall

Noticias de Primera Comunión

Sábado, Enero 4
– Clase para 1er y 2º Año

Sábado, Enero 11
– Clase para 1er y 2º Año
y Junta de Padres a las 9:00am
en el Hall

January 5, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020

5:30PM	Juan Jose Sanchez	Dec.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

7:30AM	Cecilia & Margarita Ibarra	Dec.
	Gerardo & Andrea Domantay	Dec.
9:00AM	Ricardo Vargas, Sr.	Dec.
	Ricardo Vargas, Jr.	Dec.
10:30AM	All Souls Parishioners	
12:00 NOON	Ernestina Diaz	Dec.
5:30PM	For the Youth	

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

7:30AM	Carlos Gutierrez	Dec.
	Mireya Serna	Birthday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

7:30AM	The Office Staff	

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

7:30AM	The Homeless	
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

7:30AM	Vocations	

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

7:30AM	The Holy Father's Intentions	

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

	World Peace	

LET'S PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST

PARISH GROUPS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

9:00am			
6:00pm			
7:00pm	Meeting	SVDP	SC 5

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

9:00am			
5:30pm	Bingo	Bingo	Halls/Kitchen
7:00pm	Junta de Mesa Dir.	Amigos de Jesus	SC 8

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

9:00am			
7:00pm	Grupo de Oracion	Amigos de Jesus	Halls/Kitchen
7:00pm	Risen Christ Prayer	Parish	All Souls CR
7:00pm	RICA	RCIA/RICA	Guadalupe CR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

9:00am			
3:30pm			
7:00pm	Bible Study	English	Guadalupe CR
7:00pm	Reflexiones	Libros Liturgicos	Hall Conf.
7:00pm	Crecimientos	Amigos de Jesus	SC 8

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

8:00am	Coffee w/ Principal	Family Guild	Front Hall
7:00pm	Sp. Bible Study	Sp. Bible Class	F/B Halls
7:00pm	Eng. Bapt. Class	English Baptism	Guadalupe CR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

9:00am	Parent Meeting	First Communion	F/B Halls
9:00am	1st Comm. Class	1st Communion	SC 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
9:00am			
10:00am			
12:00pm			

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

8:00am	Food Sale	TBD	Patio
2:00pm	Confirmation Class	Confirmation	Halls/Kitchen

LUZ DEL MUNDO

Se puede entender la Epifanía como una extensión de la Natividad del Señor que celebramos el 25 de diciembre. En la Navidad celebramos la venida de Jesús como el rey y Mesías tan esperado por el pueblo judío, y en la Epifanía celebramos la revelación de Jesús como el Salvador y la Luz de las naciones; es decir, de judíos, gentiles y de todos los pueblos.

La estrella brilla con tanto fulgor que atrae a los magos que vienen de países distantes para adorar a Jesús. No son judíos, y sin embargo se ven atraídos al que es la Luz del Mundo. La carta a los efesios revela que la Luz del Mundo era tanto para gentiles como para judíos, pues Cristo reúne a todos los pueblos en la luz de su amor. La lectura de Isaías también describe a diversos pueblos que vienen, pero esta vez les atrae la luz que emana del pueblo de Dios. (Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.)

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44
- Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52
- Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a
- Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16
- Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Hch 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

¿SABIA USTED?



¿Qué es el tráfico sexual de niños?

El tráfico sexual de niños ocurre cuando un menor está involucrado en un acto sexual comercial, en el cual se intercambia sexo por dinero, comida, albergue o cualquier otra cosa de valor. Los perpetradores de tráfico sexual por lo regular escogen niños, creyendo que su edad les permite ser manipulados y controlados más fácilmente. Este crimen está ocurriendo en todo tipo de comunidades alrededor de Estados Unidos, y los traficantes están obteniendo alarmantes ganancias mientras que las víctimas son objeto de abuso y de violencia. Una de las cosas más importantes que usted puede hacer para proteger a su hijo/hija es crear un ambiente en el que él o ella se sienta cómodo/a viéndolo a usted como un adulto confiable con quien puede platicar. Para obtener más información, por favor visite <http://www.missingkids.com/theissues/trafficking>.

SANTA ELIZABETH SETON (1774-1821)

4 de enero

Elizabeth nació en una familia anglicana donde aprendió a amar a Dios y a la Sagrada Escritura. Contrajo matrimonio a los 19 años con William Seton y ambos engendraron cinco hijos. Debido a la economía y la salud de su marido, emigró a Italia y posteriormente sufrió la muerte de su esposo. Gracias al testimonio y ayuda de una familia católica, expresó su deseo de hacerse católica y, finalmente, en 1805 profesó la plena comunión con la Iglesia. Como hija de catedrático llegó a ser una mujer de amplísima educación e ingenio y fundó una escuela para educar a los niños y mantener a su familia. Unos años después, junto con otras tres compañeras fundaron otra escuela en Baltimore, naciendo así la primera comunidad religiosa de mujeres fundada en los Estados Unidos: Hermanas de la Caridad de San José. Gracias a su visión y al carisma de sus hermanas, crearon las escuelas parroquiales en los Estados Unidos, influenciando el crecimiento del catolicismo y por supuesto, la educación católica. Fue la primera mujer estadounidense en ser canonizada.

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Estudiantes de la Universidad de Montemorelos, México están participando, durante este periodo vacacional, en un programa llamado “Quiero Vivir Sano.”

Este programa ofrece material de apoyo con consejos naturales para ciertas condiciones físicas. Si usted gusta platicar con ellos, los jóvenes estarán aquí el domingo, 12 de enero del 2020 después de la misa en español.

JANUARY 5, 2020

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

We have exciting news regarding our Capital Campaign! Not only have we met our goal, we have even exceeded it, thanks to the support of our parishioners.

It was hard work, but with much sacrifice, patience, and effort, the Ambassadors succeeded in their goals. We would like to thank all our ambassadors, especially Vince and Lupe Valencia, Irene Oaxaca, Lilia Gan, Jim Robinson, Mercy Cortez, Cecille Saguid, Darin Doerning, Barbara Messina, and Pearl Martinez for working tirelessly behind the scenes to coordinate and reach out to our parishioners. May God bless you and reward you for the fruits of your labor.



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

- Matthew 2:1-2



ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS SEASON/NEW YEAR'S WISHES FROM THE STAFF

Thank you to everyone who wished the Parish Staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and remembered us with cards and other tokens of affection.

For our Christmas Party this year, Fr. Patrick treated us to an afternoon of delightful eats and an outing at popular Huntington Library. We all had a wonderful time with Father and with each other, to share these few precious moments with our good friends/coworkers.

We are grateful to our parishioners for their unfailing support and infinite patience, and, above all, we thank God for allowing us to serve Him and His Church in this small way. We ask God to give us the grace to continue to do our work with humility and with great love for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We continue to pray for all of you that God will grant you the fortitude to face the new year with renewed hope in the goodness of the world and in all of God's children.

