

February 14, 2021
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, at All Souls Church, are a multicultural
Catholic Community called to share our gifts and



Pastoral Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm Closed for Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm (We are currently only receiving calls)

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PARISH 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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Joel Lopez Gerardo Duran

Guadalupe Nevarez Cidronio Abelar

Evelyn De Guzman Yessenia Alvarez

Hortencia Palafox Juanita Madrigal

Jerry Lopez Mark Venegas

Francis Araiza Marco de la Garza

Rafael Garcia Dolores Joy Riggins

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,

9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;

From the Pastor's Corner

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "B" "I do will it. Be made clean."

"A powerful legacy of healing" is the title of a miraculous healing story and it goes like this: When I was three-months-old, I developed spinal meningitis. I was given my last rites and was told I would not make it through the night. The prayer chain went out that night and my parents, who maintain a strong Catholic faith, never left my side.

The morning came and the doctors we amazed by my progress. Even though I survived, my parents were told that it would be a long time to see what the prognosis may be for my quality of life. I was never supposed to talk or walk, and potentially have mental impairment.

My parents and family kept their faith and by the "will of God," I survived and thrived throughout my childhood and into adulthood with minimal sicknesses

Fast forward to five years ago - At the age of 34, I was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer. I am the first in my family to ever experience breast cancer. Once again, the prayer chain went out. I went through many treatments and was able to stay cancer free for four years.

Then, this past spring of 2017, I was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer that metastasized to my lungs. It was one of the hardest times of my life. However, with my team of doctors and the amazing support of my family, friends, and faith, my cancer is shrinking and accepting my treatments.

I say the rosary every morning giving thanks for God's healing. I am a true believer in putting everything in "God's hands." —Helene Casinelli Pileggi, 39, kindergarten teacher, Pennsylvania

There is no shortage of stories of miraculous healing both in the Bible and on the social media. Amazing though the story of Helene may be, yet, she is luckier than the lepers that lived during the time of Jesus.

When Helene was sick, she received support from family and loved ones. It was not so for the leper. Whenever one is certified by the temple priest to have leprosy, he is taken out of his family, away from loved ones and he goes to live with strangers at the caves designated for lepers. Even if the scab or pustule or blotch found on his skin is not leprous, by living in a leper colony, he will surely become infected with leprosy. Covid-19 quarantine experience comes close but still better than the predicament of a leper during the time of Jesus. Today, those infected by the corona virus are quarantined at home or in the hotel, and moreover there are protective gadgets to keep others safe from the infection.

Lepers were not only quarantined, but considered unclean (sinners). They lived at the mercy of strangers. Every day lepers would stand at the city gate to beg for food to eat, water to drink and clothing to wear. Should they decide to go into the city to beg, they are to wear a bell around their neck and as they walk they are to keep shouting "unclean, unclean, unclean, unclean..."

Those who wish to help a leper would leave the food or clothing outside the door for them to pick up. The sick who should be cared for by loved ones, are instead rejected, abandoned, and left to suffer and die alone. Such rejection could easily lead to a low self image, anger and resentment at God and man. Surprisingly, such was not the case for the leper who came to Jesus, knelt down and begged Jesus to heal him. "If you wish, you can make me clean."

In this lies the beauty of Christian life - The society that denied him all the basic necessities that make for a good life, could not stop him from reaching out to Jesus. By reaching out to heal the leper, Jesus proves himself as the high priest who is able to sympathize with his people (Heb 14:15). "I do will it. Be made clean."

What worries me about this story is what Jesus did after healing the leper. What did Jesus do to eliminate leprosy and challenge the law which dehumanizes the human person for whom He will shed his blood on the cross?

By not exterminating leprosy and the institution thereof, we understand that suffering and pain are an integral part of Christian life. Jesus did not come to eliminate pain and suffering but to use it to transform the world. The same pain and suffering which can devastate a human being can also bear fruit within and around us if we bring it to Jesus.

It is common to think that the older we get, the better Christians we shall become. From my own personal experiences, I have come to realize that the older I get, the clearer is the awareness that I am not a perfect person. Like the leper, it is only by humbling myself and looking up to Jesus that my redemption could be assured.

Personal realization of our imperfections should not be a cause for despair but like the leper a force to move us closer to Jesus. If we are to live in a world that is honky dory, where everything is going well for us, our need for God would certainly diminish. It does not mean that God needs to inflict pain on us in order to bring us to God, but, as Christians who live in an imperfect world where pain is inevitable, it is through pain and suffering that we enter into the process of becoming – defeated or victorious.

As St. Paul once stated, "we hold this treasure in earthen vessels that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body" (2 Cor 4: 5-11).

The inevitable truth is that we live in a fragile world. It is easy to break away from God. Sin is whatever separates us from God and neighbor. In three day is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the forty-day journey of lent. While Lent may not be a joyful season, yet, it makes for a new beginning, a new encounter with God.

The greatest miracle in our lives during this Lenten season may not be healing from Covid-19 but our openness to the healing and forgiving power of God. We have these three days to think of the sacrifices to make during the Lenten season. Like the leper, our best sacrifice is to return to the Lord with all our mind and heart that God may heal us as Jesus healed the leper. Amen



All Souls Catholic Church

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your generosity and support.

February 7, 2020

COLLECTION

\$7,272.00

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Mark your calendars!



Our Pastoral Center will be closed this Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S



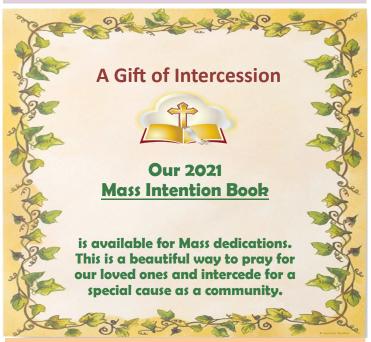
The next food distribution will take place on

February 18, 2021.

Did You Know?



Most teenagers are eager to date, but parents may be less eager to reach that milestone. Preparing yourself — and your teenager — for smart, safe dating is key. As a family, set rules, and enforce them. Discuss who they can see, what activities are allowed or forbidden, how late they can stay out. Make sure your teenager is clear on how to handle himself or herself in tough situations, and that they have an "out" if they need one in you or another trusted adult. Honesty and specificity will make these conversations more impactful, and more likely to stick with your teen. For more tips on handling teen dating, read the VIRTUS article "Preparing for the Day Your Teen Starts Dating" at https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are taking place in the Patio on Saturdays from 4-5pm. Please wear a mask. Safety



FEBRUARY 14, 2021 MASS INTENTIONS

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| SATURDAY, FEE | BRUARY 13, 2021 | | | | |
| 5:30pm | Vivian Mary Rull | Dec. | | | |
| | Tim Tellez | Dec. | | | |
| | Tseng Kechin & Zikit | Dec. | | | |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 | | | | | |
| 7:30am | Angel Lopez | Healing | | | |
| | Jovencio Tayko | Dec. | | | |
| | Sarah G. Carretero | Dec. | | | |
| 9:00am | Lorraine & Scott Yam | Sp. Int. | | | |
| | Ramon Peniche | Dec. | | | |
| | Constante & Jovie Del Castillo | Dec. | | | |
| | Rosario Sanga | Dec. | | | |
| 10:30am | Tomas & Jesus Torrez | Dec. | | | |
| | Ruben Miranda | Dec. | | | |
| | Aida Cordoba | Dec. | | | |
| | Leticia Gutierrez | Dec. | | | |
| | Sara Sanchez | Birthday | | | |
| 5:30pm | Vashti De La Vega | Sp. Int. | | | |
| MONDAY, FEBR | RUARY 15, 2021 | | | | |
| 7:30am | Constante & Jovie Del Castillo | Dec. | | | |
| TUESDAY, FEBR | UARY 16, 2021 | | | | |
| 7:30am | Fr. Patrick | Birthday | | | |
| WEDNESDAY, F | EBRUARY 17, 2021 | | | | |
| 7:30am | ASH WEDNESDAY | No Intentions | | | |
| THURSDAY, FEB | RUARY 18, 2021 | | | | |
| 7:30am | Those Who Passed from COVID | | | | |
| FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021 | | | | | |
| 7:30am | Warren Kunkle | Dec. | | | |
| SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021 | | | | | |
| 7:30am | For the Holy Father's Intentions | | | | |
| LET US KEEP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS | | | | | |
| IN OUR PRAYERS | | | | | |

IN OUR PRAYERS.



Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working to

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Remember to Keep a Safe Distance

Our Parish is celebrating Masses in person. In order to protect one another, please remember to wear a mask and keep a distance of 6 ft. from others.

May God continue to protect us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH

EL CAMINO DE JESÚS

Las lecturas de hoy presentan un contraste entre el "camino de Jesús" y el "camino viejo". Un ejemplo del camino viejo es la ley que recibieron Moisés y Aarón acerca de la lepra: el leproso era impuro y se echaba fuera de la comunidad. El camino de Jesús es lo contrario: el leproso se acerca, es tocado y finalmente curado.

Tampoco debemos pensar en el "camino viejo" como algo restringido a los días de Moisés y Aarón o incluso al "antiguo" testamento. La diferencia entre el camino antiguo y el camino de Jesús surge en nuestra propia vida. Todavía elegimos, todos los días, a vivir siguiendo el camino viejo o el camino de Jesús.

Jesús se atrevió a tocar a un leproso, sin tener en cuenta el camino viejo. Así el leproso fue cambiado para siempre. Se sintió llamado. No podía dejar de proclamar que había sido tocado por Jesús (ja pesar de que Jesús le dijo que no lo hiciera!). Una vez que Jesús nos toca, estamos llamados a proclamar su "camino".

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del campamento (Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46).

Salmo — Perdona, Señor, nuestros pecados

(Salmo 32 [31]).

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31-11:1).

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;

Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,

9c-10; Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25

Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32 Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22;

Mc 1:12-15

Febrero 14 del 2021

¿SABIA USTED?



La mayoría de los adolescentes están ansiosos por tener citas de noviazgo, al contrario de los padres de familia, quienes pueden estar menos ansiosos porque llegue ese momento. Su propia preparación y la de su hijo o hija adolescente para tener citas inteligentes y seguras es clave. Como familia, establezca reglas y hágalas cumplir. Discuta a quién pueden ver sus hijos, qué actividades están permitidas o prohibidas, qué tan tarde pueden quedarse fuera. Asegúrese de que su hijo o hija adolescente tenga claro cómo manejarse en situaciones difíciles y que tenga una "salida" si necesita apoyarse en usted o en otro adulto de confianza. La honestidad y la especificidad harán que estas conversaciones tengan más impacto y que sea más probable que queden grabadas en la mente de su hijo adolescente. Para obtener más consejos sobre cómo manejar las citas de noviazgo entre adolescentes, lea el artículo de VIRTUS "Preparing for the Day Your Teen Starts Dating" (Preparándose para el día en que su adolescente comience a tener citas de noviazgo) en https:// lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Protocolo de Salud

Recordemos mantener la sana distacia

Nuestra parroquia sigue celebrando la santa misa. Apoyemonos utilizando el cubrebocas y manteniendo al menos 6 ft. de distancia de nuestros hermanos feligreses.

Que Dios Nuestro Señor nos siga protegiendo

Thank you for your continued support.

El Amor es paciente. El amor es amable.

PARISH NEWS



Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Faveteransday.com%2Fash-wednesday-clipart%

2F&psig=AOvVaw0CNospYuW5Xs174Y58LDn R&ust=1613090469842000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAlQjRxqFwoTCJikx7XM4O4CF QAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUValentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.



SCHEDULE

7:30am ENGLISH

12:05 pm ENGLISH

7:00 pm BILINGUAL/BILINGUE

On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us.



Bilingual Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis will begin this Friday, February 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Stations have been set up throughout the parking lot, and we will walk together from station to station, meditating on and remembering what Our Lord endured for our salvation.

| DATE | ENGLISH | SPANISH |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 02/19/21 | AMIGOS DE JESUS | AMIGOS DE JESUS |
| 02/26/21 | FIRST COMMUNION | FIRST COMMUNION |
| 03/05/21 | ТВА | ТВА |
| 03/12/21 | ТВА | GUADA- LUPANOS |
| 03/19/21 | ТВА | ТВА |
| 03/26/21 | SP. LECTORS | SP. LECTORS |