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MISSION STATEMENT

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

February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent



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 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)

OFFICE OF LITURGY

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Angelica Ruedas	Ethelyn Beltran
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Lucy Tsang	Ray Argueta & Family
Eleanor Ciechoski	Jose Crespo
Rosa Martinez	Joe Negrete
Ramirez Family	Bernardina Castañeda
Wally & Becky Puente	Reyes Family
Cynthia Manriquez	Mercedes Tarrazona
Cecille Saguid	Delia Vargas
William Gonzalez	William Cardona
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 — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Feb. 21, 2021

From the Pastor's Corner

1st Sunday of Lent, Year "B" The Temptations of Jesus

In China's later Han era, there lived a politician called Yang Zhen, a man known for his upright character. After Yang Zhen was made a provincial governor, one of his earlier patrons, Wang Mi, paid him an unexpected visit. As they talked over old times, Wang Mi brought out a large gold cup and presented it to Yang Zhen. Yang Zhen refused to accept it, but Wang Mi persisted, saying, "There's no one here tonight but you and me, so no one will know."

"You say that no one will know," Yang Zhen replied, "but that is not true. Heaven will know, and you and I will know too."

Wang Mi was ashamed, and backed down. Subsequently Yang Zhen's integrity won increasing recognition, and he rose to a high post in the central government.

Human nature is weak, and we tend to yield to temptation when we think nobody can see us. In fact, if there was no police force, many people would not hesitate to steal. This is not to say that when we do something bad, we feel no compunction at all, just that man is weak and prone to yield to temptation. But even if nobody witnesses our sins, and not a soul knows of them, we cannot hide the truth from the eyes of our conscience.

In the end, what is important is not that other people know, but that we ourselves know. When Yang Zhen told Wang Mi that "Heaven will know," he meant that the gods would know what he had done: in other words, his own conscience.

A person who sins neither in thought nor deed, and is fair and just, gains enormous courage and strength. As a leader, you need courage born of integrity in order to be capable of powerful leadership. To achieve this courage, you must search your heart, and make sure that your conscience is clear and your behavior is beyond reproach. (Konosuke Matsushita, founder of Panasonic in his book *Velvet Glove, Iron Fist* (PHP Institute, Tokyo), Bits & Pieces, June 25, 1992).

The Gospel readings during the Lenten season are specially selected to gradually draw us into the mystery of our redemption. On this first Sunday in lent, we are reminded about the reality of temptation as a necessary obstacle that we must overcome in order to achieve the life of glory that awaits the children of God.

On Ash Wednesday, we were given the tool of trade for the Lenten journey which are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It takes a lot of effort to put these tools to work. This is properly so because if you need gold, you must dig.

It is not so with Satan. From the temptations of Jesus, we see that all that the devil wanted was to show Jesus the "alternative truth." Of course, alternative truth is a lie because truth has no alternative and so atonement for our sins, Satan tells Jesus that there are alternative ways of achieving greatness.

Satan believes that greatness should come by the love of power; hence, he provides Jesus with the easiest and quickest way to achieve power – "Change these stones into bread" so that people may have no need to work for their living. How often have we imagined that a work-free life would be an awesome life?

One of the greatest killers of talents and good intentions is to believe that one has a lot of free time at your disposal. With that one begins to postpone the good things he is supposed to do. To Jesus, there is no time to waste. The work of establishing the kingdom of God must be done here and now. It is the power of love at work in our lives and in the world.

The second temptation was for Jesus to turn the kingdom message into an entertainment industry. By falling down from the parapet of the temple, people will be entertained and hence a short cut to popularity. While entertainment could provide a path to popularity, yet, we have seen how celebrities rise and fall. Such is not the way of the kingdom. Christian life is not a product of miracle and entertainment. It is the way of the cross and a life of faith.

The third temptation was for Jesus to bow down to worship Satan. It is said in the world that the key to success in life is not what you have but who you know. Befriending the devil could provide a short cut to worldly success but not so with God. Jesus did not come to do any human will but to do the will of God. Hence, Jesus will never bow down to worship the devil. The devil's glory is temporal but the glory of God is eternal.

From the temptations of Jesus, we understand that temptation is real and that temptation is not a sin. No one is immune to temptation. Temptation could be big or small but must always aim at our weakness, not at our strength. The temptations we encounter in life are always in accord with our destiny. The greater your temptation, the greater is your destiny.

Temptations appeal to the greatest desire of our soul. One who is not interested in soccer may not be tempted with the gift of a football. The temptations we encounter in life are therefore the obstacles we must overcome to realize our destiny. Hence, the more one is tempted, the greater is the blessings in stock for him.

From Jesus we learn that overcoming temptation depends on who you are anchored to. As a ship that is anchored could not be swept away by the flood, so are those who are anchored to God. Being a child of God does not make us immune to temptation and sin, but with God on our side to help and guide us, there is no obstacle that we cannot overcome in the world.

Prayer is the key to overcome temptation. Jesus started with prayer and ended with prayer. We who are on the way to the kingdom need to anchor ourselves to God in prayer in order to gain the grace necessary to stay focused on God in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, until death do us part. Amen

All Souls Catholic Church

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your generosity and support .

February 14, 2020

COLLECTION \$5,043.50

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Our best wishes go out for Fr. Patrick who celebrated one more year of life this past February 16. May our Lord keep him healthy, happy, and full of energy for many years to come! Thank you Fr. Patrick for your service to our community!

Did You Know?



As virtual learning continues, children are spending most of their days online. With their own jobs and responsibilities, parents likely cannot stand behind them and supervise their every move. So, it is more important than ever to assess your child's online activities periodically. Make sure you know which sites they are visiting, and who they are talking to on social media sites. Discuss risky behaviors with your children, like posting personal information (full name, age, location, school information, and more) using inappropriate language, or accessing sites with questionable content. For more information, get a copy of the VIRTUS article "Risky Online Behaviors and Young People" from <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

A Gift of Intercession



Our 2021 Mass Intention Book

is available for Mass dedications.
This is a beautiful way to pray for
our loved ones and intercede for a
special cause as a community.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



FEBRUARY 21, 2021		
MASS INTENTIONS		
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021		
5:30pm	Gamal Tadros	Dec.
	Consuelo & Tibu Tinoco	Dec.
	Vivian Mary Rull	Dec.
	Carlos Zuniga	Dec.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021		
7:30am	Carl E. Holman	Dec.
	All Souls in Purgatory	
9:00am	Adela Dominguez & Family	Sp. Int.
	Lorraine & Scott Yam	Sp. Int.
10:30am	Bertha Santini	Dec.
	Juan Ramon Duron	Dec.
5:30pm	Jose Greco Lee	Dec.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021		
7:30am	Carol Robinson	Dec.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021		
7:30am	For the Safety of our Brothers and Sister in Texas	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021		
7:30am	Maria de Jesus Chavez-Vargas	Dec.
	Ly Can Toan	Dec.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021		
7:30am	Pel Bacani	Dec.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021		
7:30am	Bessie Gutierrez	Dec.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021		
7:30am	FWU Wan Dat	Dec.
	Jose Greco Lee	Dec.
LET US KEEP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OUR PRAYERS.		



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<https://recongress.org/registration>

Safety Mass Protocol

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.

ARREPIÉNTANSE Y CREAN EN EL EVANGELIO

La Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a examinar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son un catecismo abreviado de lo que significa estar bautizados. Como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios, mediante nuestro Bautismo.

La carta de Pedro da una explicación explícita de lo que nuestro Bautismo significa: un llamamiento que hacemos a Dios para que nos dé una conciencia tranquila. ¿Cómo podemos obtener esta conciencia tranquila? Las palabras proclamadas por Jesús inmediatamente después de su tentación nos muestran cómo: “Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio” (Marcos 1:15). Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas ante nosotros durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio que nos ayude a volver a una vida vivida por las promesas bautismales.

¿SABIA USTED?



A medida que continúa el aprendizaje virtual, los niños pasan la mayor parte de sus días en Internet. Con sus propios trabajos y responsabilidades, es probable que los vigílandolos y supervisando todos sus movimientos. Por lo tanto, es más importante que nunca evaluar periódicamente las actividades en línea de su hijo. Asegúrese de saber qué sitios visitan y con quién están hablando en los sitios de redes sociales. Discuta los comportamientos de riesgo con sus hijos, como publicar información personal (nombre completo, edad, su ubicación, información de la escuela y más), usar un lenguaje inapropiado o acceder a sitios con contenido cuestionable. Para obtener más información, obtenga una copia del artículo de VIRTUS “Risky Online Behaviors and Young People” (línea y jóvenespadres de familia no puedan estar siempre cerca de ellos)

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos
(Salmo 25 (24)).

Segunda lectura — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

Evangelio — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lc 11:29-32

Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Protocolo de Salud

Recordemos mantener la sana distancia



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.

PARISH NEWS



Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto's Story

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1951. Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; she died five years later. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.

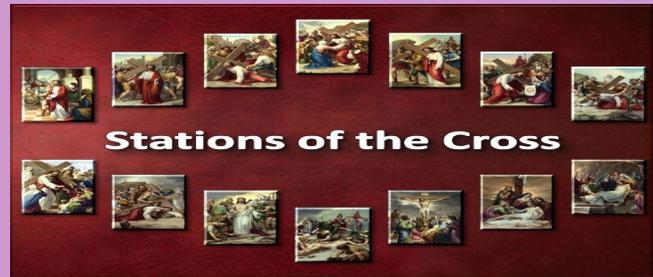


Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

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 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. AMEN.



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	TBA	TBA
03/12/21	TBA	GUADALUPANOS
03/19/21	SP. BIBLE CLASS	SP. BIBLE CLASS
03/26/21	SP. LECTORS	SP. LECTORS