



**April 27, 2025**

*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

## 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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# 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)

# Office of Liturgy

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# Apostolates & Organization

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Safeguard the Children	Irene Oaxaca
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English Bible Study	Sheila Henderson-Linan
Spanish Bible Study	Maria de Jesus Martinez
Knights of Columbus	Frank Bodeman
Guadalupanos	Carmen Ramirez
Rosario de Misericordia	Angelina Farias
Our Lord's Mission	Josephine Espinosa
St. Vincent de Paul	Rosemary Gramajo
Amigos de Jesus	Estela Murga
Filipino Ministry	Rose Pichon
Young Adult Mtry.	Leticia Urtecho
Youth Ministry	Vivian Vasquez
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



# Readings & Prayers for the Sick

## First Reading:

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

## Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

## Second Reading:

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead.

He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

## Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/  
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Esperanza Canale  
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Sylvia Mae Thomas  
Palma Jones  
Gloria Moore  
Loan Le  
Angelica Ruedas  
Matthew Perez  
Gary Meraz  
David A. Jr. & Family  
Lucy Tsang  
Rosa Martinez  
Ramirez Family  
Wally & Becky Puente  
Cynthia Manriquez  
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Guadalupe Nevarez  
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Rafael Garcia  
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Karen Katsumura  
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Cecilia Chow  
Erik Lifrak  
Ray Argueta & Family  
Jose Crespo  
Joe Negrete  
Bernardina Castañeda  
Reyes Family  
Mercedes Tarrazona  
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# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year "C" Divine Mercy Sunday: Peace be with you.

Today we share a story about Anna who had been struggling with her faith for months. After losing her mother to a long battle with cancer, she felt abandoned by God.

Once a devoted churchgoer, Anna stopped attending services, feeling like her prayers had gone unanswered. She often lay awake at night, wondering why God had allowed her mother to suffer.

Easter Sunday approached, but instead of feeling the usual excitement of celebrating the resurrection, Anna felt numb.

Her grandmother, a woman of strong faith, invited her to join the family at the Easter service. "I don't think I can sit through it," Anna admitted.

"Come anyway," her grandmother said gently. "You don't have to believe right now—you just have to be open to listening." Anna reluctantly agreed and sat quietly in the pew as the pastor began his sermon.

He spoke about the empty tomb and how the resurrection of Jesus symbolized victory over death and despair. "When Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty, she was afraid and confused," the pastor said. "But Jesus appeared to her, showing that He had conquered death. That empty tomb represents the promise that even when life seems empty and hopeless, God is at work, preparing a miracle."

Tears welled up in Anna's eyes as the words penetrated her heart. For the first time in months, she felt a flicker of warmth inside her.

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Anna took a deep breath and whispered, "Thank you, Lord, for never giving up on me." From that day forward, Anna's faith was renewed. She began attending church again and found comfort in prayer. While her grief didn't disappear overnight, she found peace in knowing that God was walking with her through her healing.

Easter had reminded her that even in the darkest times, hope is never lost (Mark Richards, "The Empty Tomb and a Renewed Faith").

Easter glory fills the sky, Alleluia and the joy of the risen Lord fills our hearts, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus conquered death and rose triumphant from the grave. Our faith in God has been vindicated that Jesus is the begotten Son of God who has revealed to us the all encompassing love and mercy of God which is flowing in abundance especially on this Divine Mercy Sunday.

1. **Hypocrisy and judgmental attitude of believers** – Some people are disappointed by church members or leaders who don't practice what they preach, or who come across as judgmental or unwelcoming.
2. **Religious Trauma or Hurt** – Some, because of experiences of abuse, manipulation, or emotional harm within a church setting have come to distance themselves from organized religion.

3. **Disagreements with Doctrine:** Some people may struggle with certain church doctrines and theological beliefs, or stances on social issues (e.g., abortion, divorce, gay marriage, ordination of women, etc. and choose to separate themselves from the church.
4. **Lack of Connection or Relevance:** Some, because they don't feel spiritually nourished, recognized, or connected in the church, may stop going to church due to a feeling of emptiness or boredom.
5. **Institutional Distrust:** Some who want a perfect church, seeing the scandals due to misuse of finances, power struggle, or seeing a church that is more focused on power, money, politics than the spiritual growth of her members, may stop going to church.
6. **Personal Growth or Change in Beliefs:** As people grow and evolve, their spiritual perspectives may shift. Some move toward a more personal or non-traditional spirituality outside of organized religion.
7. **Cultural or Generational Gaps:** Some younger generations may feel that church culture is outdated, rigid, or disconnected from their values and ways of expressing their faith. Some older generation may also refuse to accept new church doctrines, etc.

All these reasons go to show that people may separate themselves from the church for genuine or selfish reasons. No matter the reason, St. Faustina is asking us on this Divine Mercy Sunday not to judge but to pray for them.

Prayer is the most powerful weapon we have as Christians who live in an ever changing world. When Jesus says that prayer can move mountains, Jesus is not talking about the mountains that we can see around us. However, like the mountains that surround us which are so big and difficult to climb, sometimes the problems we face in life could appear like mountains – difficult to climb. With prayer and trust in God, we shall emerge victorious like Jesus who conquered death and rose to life triumphant in glory.

Praying for those who have separated themselves from the church exalts the power of the cross. The cross has both a vertical and horizontal dimensions. The vertical dimension refers to our relationship with God, the source of our strength, while the horizontal dimension refers to our relationship with others. It is by praying for others that we become truly an Easter people.

Praying for others is also a powerful invitation to reflect on the boundless mercy of God, which reaches even the most distant souls. Jesus, in His message to St. Faustina, expresses a deep longing for these separated souls, emphasizing that His mercy is available to all, no matter how far they have strayed.

Talking about those who have separated themselves from the church, St. Faustina wrote in her diary - "During my bitter passion they tore at my body and heart, that is, my church. As they return to unity with the church, my wounds heal and in this way they alleviate my passion."

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, St. Faustina calls us to embrace the inestimable and boundless mercy of God which is expressed in the acts of love, peace, hope, compassion, and the healing grace of God which flows in abundance especially during this Easter season. In spite of the doubts in our hearts we should love and never give up on any soul. It is by so doing that we become an Easter people.





# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

COLLECTION	TOTAL
April 13, 2025	\$ 6,981.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 1,188.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 1,567.00
Easter Vigil	\$ 1,032.00
April 20, 2025	\$ 7,560.00

*Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

Gardens of Healing for survivor-victims in all five of the Archdiocese's pastoral regions The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has created gardens of healing in each of the Archdiocese's pastoral regions, dedicated to those harmed by sexual abuse, in their family, church or community. Located at St. Camillus Pastoral Center in Boyle Heights (San Gabriel Pastoral Region), Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura (Santa Barbara Pastoral Region), St. Francis de Sales Parish in Sherman Oaks (San Fernando Pastoral Region), St. Bernadette Parish in Los Angeles (Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region), and Our Lady of Refuge in Long Beach (San Pedro Pastoral Region) these gardens offer a sacred space for all those impacted by abuse to seek comfort and solace. In each garden there is a weeping wall and a plaque with a reflection by Archbishop Gomez, which starts with: "Dedicated to all those impacted by sexual abuse in the Church, their communities, their families – may all who visit find some measure of renewal, peace and comfort in doing so." For more information, visit [lacatholics.org/healinggardens](http://lacatholics.org/healinggardens).



### Receiving the Holy Communion

During Communion, once you have received the host, you must consume it immediately. If you return to your seat without consuming the host, an usher or Eucharistic minister may reach out to you to do so right away.

### Como Recibir La Sagrada Communion

Para la comunión, una vez que haya recibido la hostia consagrada debe consumirla de inmediato. Si regresa a su asiento sin consumir la hostia, un ujier o ministro eucarístico puede acercarse a usted para decirle que lo haga de inmediato

SATURDAY	APRIL	26-2025
5:30pm	Joel & Josefina Cobarruvias	Wedd. Anniv.
	Joel Hernandez	Dec.
SUNDAY	APRIL	27-2025
7:30am	Jesus & Mercedes Rua	Dec.
	Nicholas & Simeona Rosa	Dec.
9:00am	Reinerio Buendia	Dec.
	Fr. Danilo Gonzaga	Dec.
10:30am	Justina Mendez Chavez	Sp. Int.
	Orlando Hernandez	Dec.
5:30pm	Jacqueline L. Alatorre	Healing
	Jorge Mendiola	Dec.
MONDAY	APRIL	28-2025
7:30am	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
TUESDAY	APRIL	29-2025
7:30am	Dr. Bonifacio D. Formaran	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	APRIL	30-2025
7:30am	Fr. Paul Lee	Dec.
	For Those in Purgatory	Sp. Int.
THURSDAY	MAY	01-2025
7:30am	Jasmin Luna	Birthday
FRIDAY	MAY	02-2025
7:30am		
SATURDAY	MAY	03-2025
7:30am		

## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Después de la resurrección de Jesús, los apóstoles realizaron “muchas señales y milagros”, sanando a los enfermos y exorcizando a los espíritus inmundos. ¿Hay algo en tu vida que necesite sanación?

### Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Al principio Juan se asustó ante la extraña visión de Jesús; sin embargo, Jesús le reafirma: “No tengas miedo”. ¿Cómo Jesús calma tus temores?

### Evangelio:

Las primeras palabras de Jesús resucitado a sus discípulos fueron: “Que la paz sea con ustedes”. ¿Cómo podrías ser un pacificador o conciliador esta semana con los miembros de tu familia o tu comunidad?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Hch 5, 12-16/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 (1)/  
Ap 1, 9-11. 12-13. 17-19/Jn 20, 19-31

Lunes: Hch 4, 23-31/Sal 2, 1-3. 4-7. 7-9/Jn 3, 1-8

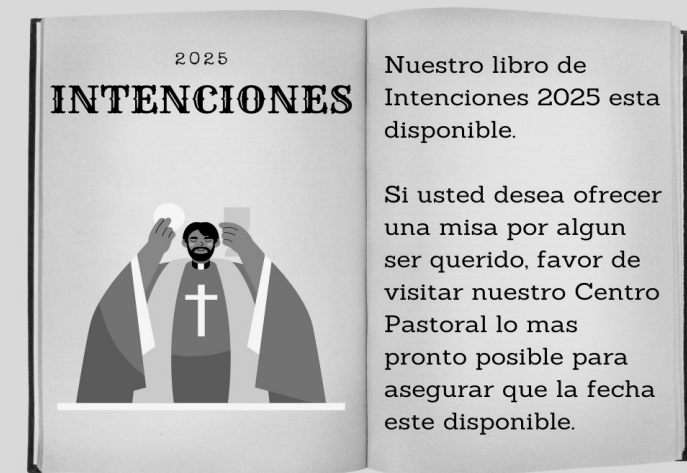
Martes: Hch 4, 32-37/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Jn 3, 7-15

Miércoles: Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/  
Jn 3, 16-21

Jueves: Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 33, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20/Jn 3, 31-36

Viernes: Hch 5, 34-42/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/Jn 6, 1-15

Sábado: 1 Co 15, 1-8/Sal 29, 2-3. 4-5/Jn 14, 6-14



Jardines de Sanación para sobrevivientes-víctimas en cada de las cinco regiones pastorales de la Arquidiócesis La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles ha creado Jardines de Sanación en cada una de las regiones pastorales de la Arquidiócesis, dedicados a aquellos perjudicados por el abuso sexual, en su familia, iglesia o comunidad. Ubicados en el Centro Pastoral San Camilo en Boyle Heights (Región Pastoral San Gabriel), Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en Ventura (Región Pastoral de Santa Bárbara), Parroquia San Francisco de Sales en Sherman Oaks (Región Pastoral de San Fernando), Parroquia Santa Bernadette en Los Ángeles (Región Pastoral Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles), y Parroquia San Pancracio en Lakewood (Región Pastoral de San Pedro), estos jardines ofrecen un espacio sagrado para que todos aquellos afectados por el abuso busquen consuelo. En cada jardín hay un muro de llanto y una placa con una reflexión del Arzobispo José H. Gomez que comienza con: “Dedicado a todos aquellos afectados por el abuso sexual en la Iglesia, sus comunidades, sus familias – que todos visitantes encuentren alguna medida de renovación, paz y consuelo al hacerlo”. Para obtener más información, visite [lacatholics.org/healing-gardens](http://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens).

### GRUPO DE ORACION

## 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. Acompañenos!

### Pregunta:

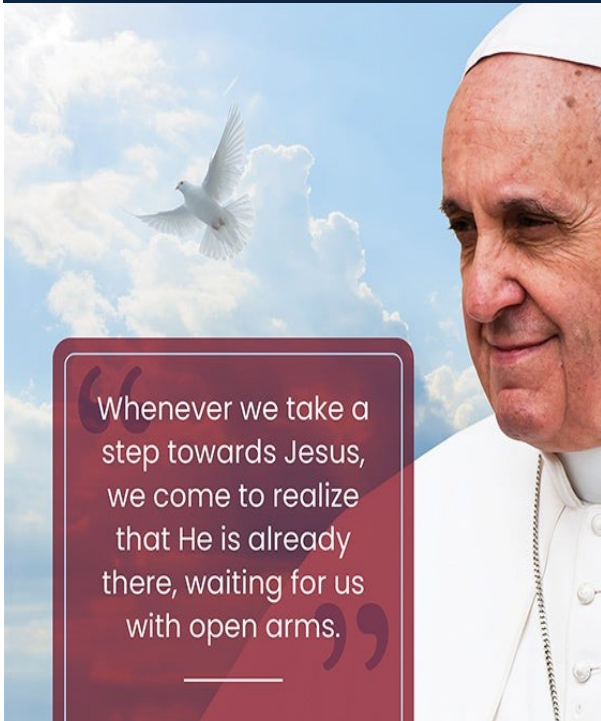
Si Jesús destruyó el pecado, ¿por qué los pecados todavía están con nosotros?

### Respuesta:

Nosotros somos hijos de Dios, herederos de la obra del Padre, que es la vida. La lucha es entre el bien y el mal y la mayor arma del mal es la muerte. Es definitivo, el fin de la esperanza y de toda posibilidad de cambio. Jesús debe destruir la muerte para que la vida, la vida eterna, sea posible. Es por eso que Jesús muere: para asumir el arma del pecado y destruirlo con su resurrección. No fue para satisfacer el sentido de justicia de Dios, sino para enfrentar el pecado en sus propios términos y derrotarlo.

Debido a que somos herederos y colaboradores de Dios, nuestra lucha es con los restos del mal, su último intento desesperado por vencer el bien. Como Jesús, nos ocupamos de los asuntos del Padre en nuestra vida diaria, llevando el mensaje de salvación para todos. Nos fortalecemos en nuestra lucha y nos damos cuenta del gran regalo de la vida con la que recibimos la gracia. ¡Es nuestra esperanza, de que algún día nos regocijemos con el Padre por el trabajo bien hecho!

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“Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”

### Prayer for the Eternal Repose of Pope Francis

Lord of life and hope,  
receive Pope Francis into Your peace,  
faithful servant of the Gospel  
and shepherd of Your Church.  
You called him on Easter Monday,  
as we celebrated the Resurrection.

Give him eternal rest,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May his example of humility, mercy,  
and love for the poorest of the poor  
continue to inspire Your people.  
Amen.

### Prayers Needed



Dear Parishioners,  
We ask everyone in our community to keep in prayer the candidates preparing to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. Our First Communicants are approaching a joyful and sacred moment in their faith journey. May their hearts be open to grow their love for Jesus each day.

### Thank You

We thank our parishioners who answered our call for help. Thanks to your assistance, we were able to honor the journey of the passion, death, and resurrection of Our Lord with compassion, mercy, love, and joy in our hearts. We will keep all of you in our prayers. May your Easter season be beautiful and blessed! Jesus the Lord is risen!



### Holy Hour

Join us for an hour of meditation in the presence of Jesus. Everyone is invited. The service is bilingual and will be held inside the church.

May 2, 2025 @ 7 PM

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 So, Jesus Christ.

May 3, 2025 @ 8:00am

Parish Hall



### MOTHER'S DAY Novena

All Souls Church will be leading a Mother's Day novena of Masses to honor the wonderful women who've nurtured our bodies as well as our faith. Our novena will consist of the 7:30 am daily Masses from May 12 to May 20, 2025.

Special donation envelopes will be placed in our pews. You may either return them via the collection basket or to our Pastoral Center by Friday, May 9, 2025.

