

# ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

May 02, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter



### 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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<b>Ministry of the Sick</b>	Larry Dumont	<b>Guadalupanos</b>	Marina Ramirez
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<b>Bereavement Ministry</b>	Diep Dinh	<b>Our Lord's Mission</b>	Gerber Bernal or Arturo Camargo
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Salvador Agudo	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	Pearl Martinez
<b>Cursillos in Christianity</b>	Aida Gonzalez	<b>Encuentro Matrimonial</b>	Victor Pla
<b>English Bible Study</b>	Sheila Henderson-Linan	<b>Amigos de Jesus</b>	Estela Murga
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<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Pablo Gutierrez	<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Leticia Urtecho

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Angelica Ruedas	Ethelyn Beltran
Matthew Perez	Karen Katsumura
Pilar Garza	Andrea Primicias
Gary Meraz	Cecilia Chow
David A. Jr. & Family	Erik Lifrak
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	Fernando Torres
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

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17  
or Jn 17:11b-19

**5th Sunday of Easter, Year "B"**

**"I AM the True Vine, You are the branches ...**

tree in the jungle" is an interesting one to read. It talks about a tree in a forest which used to give shelter to every bird that comes to it. In spring it bears lots of beautiful flowers the sight of which makes everyone happy. During the spring season some of its seeds fall on the earth, germinate and begin to grow. One day the seed fell to the ground and began to grow under its mother tree. It used to enjoy the wind, the sunlight, the moon light and all. It began to grow tall and one day one tiny bird came and sat on its branch. The tree suddenly shook its branch. The mother tree told him, "Son, you have to give shelter to the birds that want to make a nest on your branch."

"But mumma, I don't like them. They will make lots of noises around me and make my branches untidy." Replied the tree "But son, did you hear their sweet voices, you have to give shelter to others whether they hurt you or not. You can bear lots of fruits in you, but it is in vain if you don't give them to others." Suddenly a squirrel came towards it. The tree said "Mumma, I don't like it. It is tickling me." "Son, you have to help others even though they hurt you. Then, God will give you your reward."

One stormy night, a thunder struck the mumma tree and it fell down. The little tree wept all the day. Months and years passed. The little tree grew older and older. It became the biggest tree in the jungle. Every animal in the jungle would come towards it for its shadow and food. There were lots of nests on its branches and squirrels would happily play on it. Every evening all the animals in the jungle would come under its branches for shelter.

As the days went by, one day 2 men came into the jungle and took measurement of the tree and went away. At once the tree was startled why these men came and took its measurement and not the others. All the animals had their suspicions too. After a week the men came again with more men and with axes and cutting swords. At the sight of which every bird flew away and the tree was left alone. They began to cut it.

The tree begins to cry, thinking "What have I done? I have given shelter to all animals and birds. I thought God will come and give me reward but instead He is destroying me." The men cut the tree into logs and took it to another place where it met an old man. Next day lots of people came towards it and began to cut and pierce it with nails. These were the painful days of its life. At last they made a big ark using the woods of the tree. He saw the old man asking everyone to come into it. But nobody came in, instead they were making fun of him. They called it 'NOAH'S ARK!'

One day, he saw all the animals coming towards him. Those were his friends. He became so happy. They all went inside the ark, animals, birds and different species of the world. At last the old man with his family came inside the ark. He was surprised what was happening there? Then he saw a great light coming towards him. It came towards him and said. "This is your reward my son. You are going to

rescue all the species of this world from the great flood" and he closed his door. That was God. He became so happy to save the world from the flood....

The fig tree, the olive tree and the vine tree are very symbolic trees in Israel. Others were the oak and the cedar trees. Scripture refers to Israel as the vine tree planted by God. Psalm 80 – "You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land."

It is interesting to note that in today's gospel, Jesus neither compared Himself to Pilate nor to Herod but the tree – the vine. In Jesus, God is creating and re-creating His people – Israel. In a limited (geopolitical) sense Israel could be understood as a nation in the Middle East, but in a wider (theological/spiritual) sense, Israel means the people of God. Christians are the present day Israel – people of the new dispensation.

In today's gospel taken from Jn 15:1-8, Jesus did not say "I am the vine" but "I am the true vine" which implies that not all vines are the true vine. Jesus is not simply Israel, but the true Israel. In Jesus, the true vine, true Israel is established. Those who profess Jesus as Lord and God are the branches of the true vine (Israel – People of God).

A true vine is taken care of by God who "takes away every branch in it that does not bear fruit and every one that does, He prunes so that it bears more fruit." It goes to mean that it is not enough to exist in the world or to become a member of a church, true faith in God demands that we bear fruit – believers have a moral and spiritual obligation to contribute to the civilization of love in the world through their service.

Believers who serve are a blessing in the world. They reflect the true image of God. Believers who are neither willing to serve nor have their hearts for God, shall be cut off and thrown away. At any time or place, and in all circumstances, a productive tree is a beauty and a joy to behold, while an unproductive tree is good for nothing. It is my prayer that God's gift may not lie dormant in us but may be used for the greater glory of God and the sanctification of the world.

It is God's plan that His children should bear fruit in abundance through a life of prayer, dedication and service. Since every good deed is inspired by the grace of God, all human effort aimed at working for peace, justice and the good of all sentient beings in the world becomes the best and most visible expression of our fidelity to Jesus, the true vine.

However, like every tree growing in the world, what God is doing in our lives and what God wants to do with us may not always be obvious to us. However, working to remain an integral part of Jesus, the true vine, is a blessed assurance that even now, we have been called and chosen as instruments in the hand of God for the salvation of the world.

## All Souls Catholic Church

### FINANCIAL REPORT

*Thank you for your generosity and support .*

#### 3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

COLLECTION 4-18-2021

Total: \$6,453.00

#### 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

COLLECTION 4-25-2021

Total: \$6,335.00



## Did You Know?

Parents everywhere are struggling to be parents, teachers, and friends for their children in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are likely and understandably relying on screens to help them through these seemingly endless days. Many children are also online for school, which only increases their screen exposure. The American Pediatric Association warns parents that too much screen time can lead to sleep problems, lower grades, mood and weight problems, and can keep children from learning how to relax and have fun without a screen present. Try to make time for reading, playing games, and other screen-free activities that will help break the cycle of screen addiction and talk to your children's teachers about how screen time for school can be managed.

### 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.**



#### **MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY \* MAY 8 \* 2:30PM**

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Catholic Cemeteries & Mortuaries invite you to a special prayer of thanksgiving for Mother's Day weekend.

We want to honor all our mothers this **Saturday before Mother's Day**, and we invite you to join us in praying a Rosary.

**Please note that this is a virtual event only.** However, you can view and **join LIVE** at [facebook.com/lacatholics](https://facebook.com/lacatholics) and [catholiccm.org](https://catholiccm.org) at 2 PM PST.

### Cardinal McIntyre Fund

Next weekend, we would like to invite you to help us raise funds for a special fund. The goal of the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity is service to the "neediest of the needy," those for whom no other resources exist. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

**May 2, 2021**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**

5:30pm	Relatives & Friends in Purgatory	Sp. Int.
	Joseph Dang Kim Can	Dec.

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**

7:30am	All Souls in Purgatory	Sp. Int.
	Rufina Arguello	Sp. Int.
	Marjorie A. Henderson	Dec.
9:00am	Michael Travis	Dec.
10:30am	Jorge & Maria Asturias	Dec.
	Robert & Dinah Stivenson	Dec.
	Marcelino Guardado	Dec.
5:30pm	Mercedes Formaran	Healing
	Vivian Mary Rull	Dec.

**MONDAY, MAY 3**

7:30am	Hugo and Ana Muñoz	Healing
	Jun & Christine Pascual & Fam.	Sp. Int.
	Divina Montenegro & Fam.	Sp. Int.

**TUESDAY, MAY 4**

7:30am	Mary Lee & Souls in Purgatory	Sp. Int.
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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**

7:30am	All Souls in Purgatory	
	Hugo and Ana Muñoz	Healing

**THURSDAY, MAY 6**

7:30am	The Holy Father's Intentions	
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**FRIDAY, MAY 7**

7:30am	An End to Senseless Violence	

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

7:30am	Lin Chih Yeh Ou	Dec.
	Jack Scott	Birthday

Let us keep our brothers & sisters in prayer

# Remembering Our Loved Ones



All Souls Church would like to dedicate a special Mass in remembrance of all of our brothers and sisters who passed away as a result of Covid 19.

In preparation for this special service, we ask that if you have the name of a loved one whom you would like to include in the intentions of this Mass, to please call our Pastoral Center .

Be sure to leave your name and contact number as well so that we may share further details. Thank you.



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.



## DEN FRUTOS

Pocos de nosotros, incluso cuando meditamos sobre la imagen de la vid y los sarmientos, nos detenemos a pensar realmente acerca de cómo Dios nos “poda”. Para algunos, existe el peligro de pensar que ya estamos produciendo frutos para el reino, de verdad y con hechos como dice Juan, tal vez criando una familia, siendo activos en nuestra parroquia y así. Pero incluso aquellas ramas que están dando sus frutos, nos dice el Evangelio, se pueden podar para producir aún más. Hoy Saulo, recién “podado” por su conversión, llega a Jerusalén y encuentra resistencia. Ya que había estado persiguiendo a los cristianos, esto era natural. Pero incluso después de que lo aceptan y comienza a dar frutos, se encuentra con más adversidad, y sus cartas están llenas de muchos relatos de cómo sus pruebas eran “podas” para que produjera más frutos para el Reino. Al igual que él, siempre y cuando permanezcamos en Cristo, vamos a seguir dando frutos y, cuando la voluntad del Padre, determine que es hora de que nos pode, la fuerza de la vid verdadera deberá permitirnos soportarlo.

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Bernabé explica a los discípulos en Jerusalén la conversión de Pablo (Hechos 9:26-31).

**Salmo** — Bendito sea el Señor. Aleluya (Salmo 22 [21]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios nos ordena que creamos en el nombre de Jesucristo y que nos amemos como él nos ama (1 Juan 3:18-24).

**Evangelio** — Los que viven en Jesús y Jesús vive en ellos producen mucho fruto (Juan 15:1-8).

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Jueves: Hch 15:7-21; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57 (56):8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Domingo: Hch 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Sal 98 (97):1-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10 o 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17  
o Jn 17:11b-19

## ¿SABIA USTED?



Los padres de familia en todas partes están luchando por ser padres, maestros y amigos de sus hijos en medio de la pandemia de COVID-19, y es probable y comprensible que muchos confíen en las pantallas para ayudarlos en estos días aparentemente interminables. Muchos niños también están en línea por la escuela, lo que solo aumenta su exposición a la pantalla. La Asociación Estadounidense de Pediatría advierte a los padres de familia que pasar demasiado tiempo frente a una pantalla puede provocar problemas para dormir, calificaciones más bajas, problemas de estado de ánimo y de peso, y puede impedir que los niños aprendan a relajarse y divertirse sin una pantalla presente. Trate de hacer tiempo para leer, jugar y otras actividades lejos de la pantalla que ayudarán a romper el ciclo de adicción a la pantalla y hable con los maestros de sus hijos sobre cómo se puede administrar el tiempo de pantalla en la escuela.

Misa en Honor a Nuestros  
Fieles Difuntos

All Souls Church desea dedicar una misa especial en memoria de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que fallecieron como resultado del Covid 19.

En preparación para este servicio especial, le pedimos que si tiene el nombre de un ser querido a quien le gustaría incluir en las intenciones de esta Misa, por favor llame a nuestro Centro Pastoral.

Favor de dejar también su nombre y número de contacto para que podamos compartir más detalles.

Gracias

## ROSARIO EN HONOR AL DIA DE LAS MADRES

Acompañe a otros feligreses en un Rosario Virtual en honor a todas a la madres. El Rosario será el día 8 de Mayo a los 2:30pm a través de la pagina de la Arquidiócesis en



ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE

*Merci Arguello &  
Jesus Gutierrez*

for their 13 and 15 years of service  
to our parish, respectively.

We are blessed to have you as  
part of our Parish family.

May our Lord continue to keep  
you in good health.

Please receive our most sincere  
gratitude.



ALL SOULS  
PARKING

Dear Parishioners,

We kindly ask to please park vehicles only in designated parking spots. Please avoid stationing a vehicle in the areas along the parking entrance as it is considered a fire hazard.

Thank you so much for your understanding.



Estimados Feligreses;

Pedimos amablemente que por favor se estacionen los vehículos solo en áreas designadas. Pedimos, especialmente, que se evite estacionar en las áreas laterales a la entrada del estacionamiento, ya que es considerado un riesgo de incendio.

Muchísimas gracias por su comprensión.



CHANGE IS COMING...

Dear Parishioners,

Please note that because of the recent changes in the COVID-19 regulations, the Sunday 5:30 pm Mass will be moved back into the church beginning this coming Sunday, May 8, 2021.

We pray that the Good Lord continues to keep us safe and move us toward healing from this pandemic.

*Congratulations*

ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Alvarez-Kim, Aydin      | Estrada, Gabriella    | Marenco, Bryan         | Quintana, Victoria |
| Andrade, Alyssa Lizbeth | Flores, Jasmine       | Mendez, Paolo          | Robles, Michael    |
| Carmona, Ezequiel       | Flores, Diana Citlali | Mendoza, Jacob Luke    | Saldivar, Cesar    |
| Castro, Juan Carlos     | Gomez, Steven         | Mendoza, Sarah Rae     | Sanchez, Christian |
| David, Madison          | Huerta, Yailin        | Murguia, Mia           | Sanchez, Olivia    |
| Duclan, Jayzer Edric    | Ibarra, Andrea        | Perez, Anthony         | Vallejo, Melody    |
| Duenas, Crystal         | Ibarra, Isabel        | Plancarte, Miranda Mia | Vera, Zayda        |



RCIA

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Castro, Amanda    | Gutierrez, Vanessa |
| Flores, Rene      | Rios, Allison      |
| Gazzola, Angeline | Vazquez, Jorge     |
|                   | Vazquez, Miguel    |

*Lord, open the hearts of our newly confirmed to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. Deepen their faith in the Gospel and help them to pass it on by example. Amen*