



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)

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

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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Rosario de Misericordia	Angelina Farias
Our Lord's Mission	Josephine Espinosa
St. Vincent de Paul	Pearl Martinez
Encuentro Matrimonial	Victor Pla
Amigos de Jesus	Estela Murga
Filipino Ministry	Rose Pichon
Youth Ministry	Leticia Urtecho
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 51)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,

“Father, the hour has come.

Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you.” (Jn 17:1)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

7th Sunday of Easter, Year "A" The Ascension of the Lord: Jesus ascends into heaven

Ascending into heaven is a common historical phenomenon both in the Jewish, Greek and Christian religion. To ascend into heaven entails that one has done his job well and is now opportune to enter the realm of the gods and by so doing achieve immortality.

In Greek mythology, there is a story about Hercules, the son of the god Zeus and Princess Alcmene, who was also the wife of the King of Thebes, Amphitryon. Hercules was one of the most famous ancient Greek demi-gods to ascend into the realm of the gods.

Hercules was worshipped in many temples throughout Greece and Italy in ancient times and he is well known for the 12 Labors assigned to him by Eurystheus, King of the Mycenaean stronghold of Tiryns – as ordered by Zeus' wife, goddess Hera, who wanted Hercules dead.

In one of Hercules adventures, Hercules killed the centaur Nessus for trying to assault his wife Deianira. But just before he died, Nessus set up his revenge by telling Deianira that his blood could be used as a love potion, when in reality it was poisonous and deadly.

Deianira, believing the blood would deepen her love with Hercules, made him clothing from the blood of Nessus. When Hercules put on the clothing, his flesh began to burn as a result of the poisonous blood of Nessus. Knowing that his death was approaching, he asked to be taken to the highest peak of the mount Oiti to be burnt in a fire to escape his torture.

The event was said to have taken place on a hill over mount Oiti, just above the ancient city of Delphi. Hercules was thrown into the fire and, as this happened, a large dark cloud producing noisy thunder descended over them. After a while the cloud ascended again and to their surprise Hercules' friends realized that Hercules had disappeared.

From then on stories had it that Hercules ascended to Mount Olympus to be among the gods. According to Greek mythology, Hercules got married to Ivi, daughter of Zeus, and remained on mount Olympus forever as an immortal being (John Black - Greek Mythology).

The Sumerian mythology has the story of Adapa or Adamu, son of the god Ea (Enki) who also ascended to Anu's abode.

The Jewish and Christian sacred books have the stories of Enoch (the grandfather of Noah and the father of Methuselah) in the book of Genesis 5:24, Heb 11:5 and the story of the prophet Elijah in the second book of Kings (2 Kings 2:11) who were taken body and soul into heaven.

The New Testament account of the ascension of the Lord as recorded in Mk 16:19-20, Lk 24:36-53, Acts 1:6-12 and 1 Tim 3:16 have one thing in common. It marks the last day we saw Jesus in His human nature with flesh and blood. It marks the day our relationship with Jesus assumed a spiritual character.

The ascension of the Lord is a foundational doctrine of our faith. The Apostles' creed, the Nicene creed and the Athanasian creed all confess that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the father, and in the fullness of time Jesus shall come back to judge both the living and the dead, and He shall reward people according to their deeds.

The ascension of the Lord affirms the true identity and mission of Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God and the messiah of the world whose kingdom is not governed by the love of power but by the power of love. How sad that the apostles who were expecting Jesus to restore the Davidic kingdom to Israel kept looking up in vain in expectation of a material kingdom to come.

It was necessary that the ascension of the Lord should be an eyewitness event so that the apostles could testify that it is the same Jesus they know, who **died** and **resurrected** that also **ascended** into heaven. By virtue of His ascension into heaven in His power as God, Jesus becomes the cosmocrator and the pantocrator of the world. He has the whole world in His hands.

The ascension of the Lord is nothing but a mystical experience. Being fully human and divine, Jesus did not depart from the presence of God the father even while He was on earth. Now He is in heaven, Jesus did not abandon humanity but remains with us in and through the Holy Spirit.

By virtue of His ascension into heaven, Jesus becomes a present but absent or absent but present God. Physically Jesus may not be with us in the world, but spiritually Jesus is still with us in the world here and now. By being absent but present, Jesus assumes a transcendental nature. Jesus can longer be bound by space and time. At any place or time, people who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ shall receive the same favor like those who met Jesus in His human nature with flesh and blood.

By virtue of the ascension of the Lord, our relationship with God assumes a new and radical dimension. It is no longer a bodily relationship that counts but our spiritual connection with God. We no longer need to become Jewish or be circumcised before we could be counted among the chosen children of God. Jesus is everywhere. Jesus is in you and Jesus is in me. All we need is to believe, be baptized and freely profess Jesus Christ as the Lord and savior of our lives in order to be entitled to the inheritance that belongs to the children of God.

The ascension of the Lord marks the handing over of the baton to the children of God. We are now empowered to carry on the work of evangelization in the world. We are commanded to go out to the whole world to proclaim the good news of salvation, knowing that God is with us.

The ascension of the Lord is also a reminder that we are pilgrims on earth. This world is not our home. We are merely passing through. Our true home is in heaven where Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the father (Rom 8:34, 1 Jn 2:1, Heb 7:25).

Jesus completed His work well and He is now sitting at the right hand of God as our advocate and intercessor. It is for this reason that Christians have a second chance in life. Where Jesus is today, we hope to be after our life's journey on earth. God shall transform these wretched bodies of ours into copies of His own in glory. This is thanks to the death, resurrection and ascension into heaven of Jesus Christ, the savior of the world.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

COLLECTION	TOTAL
May 14, 2023	\$ 5,307.00

Did you know?

Many adult predators “groom” their victims, creating an emotional and psychological connection with a child to lay the groundwork for future sexual abuse. Some basic signs of child grooming can include taking an undue interest in someone else’s child, or calling a child a “special friend.” Groomers may give money or gifts for no reason, or invite a potential victim on isolated day trips or outings without the child’s parents. For more signs of grooming behavior, read the VIR-TUS® article “The Sometimes Hostile Community Response Regarding the Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Our 2023 Book of Intentions is now available. Please stop by our Pastoral Center to make a request for a love one. Let us elevate our intentions together and pray as a community of brothers and sisters to our Lord.



SATURDAY	MAY	20-2023
5:30pm	Graciela Martinez	Dec.
	Susana Alvarez	Dec.
SUNDAY	MAY	21-2023
7:30am	Thomas Cortez	Dec.
	Mama Sara Sirri Azoh-Mbi	Dec.
9:00am	Harry Boghosian	Dec.
	Michael Tankeh Ngante	Dec.
	Dioscano & Dionesia Fuentes	Dec.
	Loida Rodriguez Family	Healing
	Raymundo & Socorro Fuentes	Dec.
10:30am	Jorge Mendiola	Dec.
	Jorge Mendiola, Jr.	Dec.
	Feliz Maria Aguilar	Dec.
	Marcelino Guardado	Dec.
	Christina Gonzalez	Dec.
5:30pm	Hector Alatorre	Healing
MONDAY	MAY	22-2023
7:30am	For the Health of Our Seniors	
TUESDAY	MAY	23-2023
7:30am	Cancer Patients	
WEDNESDAY	MAY	24-2023
7:30am	Hugh & Michelle Wong	Health
	Anatolia & Fernando Ty	Dec.
THURSDAY	MAY	25-2023
7:30am	Vicente Ty	Dec.
FRIDAY	MAY	26-2023
7:30am	Winefreda Ty	Dec.
	Lagrimas Reyes	Dec.
SATURDAY	MAY	27-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Dec.
	Rosario Ty	Dec.

PREGUNTAS PARA REFLEXIONAR

Primera Lectura:

Escuchamos cómo los once apóstoles y la familia y los amigos de Jesús se reunieron en oraciones “unánimes” inmediatamente después de la resurrección y ascensión de Jesús. ¿Cómo te acerca tu fe en Jesús a los demás?

Segunda Lectura:

Pedro reconoce que puedes sufrir insultos y burlas por ser cristiano. ¿Te ha sucedido esto a ti?

Evangelio:

Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que la “vida eterna” pertenece a aquellos que conocen al único Dios verdadero y a Jesucristo. ¿La idea de la “vida eterna” está afectando la forma en que vives tu vida aquí en la tierra?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Muchos depredadores adultos “preparan” a sus víctimas creando una conexión emocional y psicológica con un niño para abrir el camino para futuros abusos sexuales. Algunas señales básicas de acoso sexual de menores puede incluir mostrar un interés desmedido en el hijo de alguien más o llamar a un niño su “amigo especial”. Los acosadores pueden dar dinero o regalos sin motive alguno, o invitar a su víctima potencial a excursiones aisladas o a salidas sin la presencia de los padres de familia del niño. Para conocer sobre más señales de comportamiento de los acosadores sexuales, lea el artículo de Virtus® en inglés, “The Sometimes Hostile Community Response Regarding the Allegation of Child Sexual Abuse” (La respuesta a veces hostil de la comunidad con respecto a la acusación de abuso sexual infantil) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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.



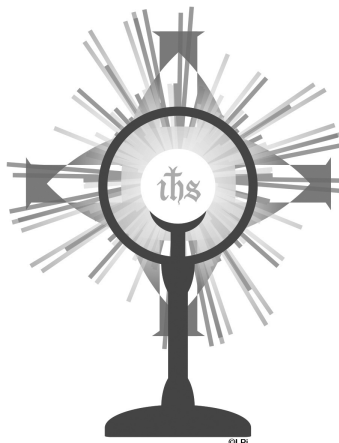
VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómame un descanso de las preocupaciones del

mundo y ven a pasar un tiempo con Él en meditación silenciosa.

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración está abierta en el mismo horario que nuestro Centro Pastoral.

Ven a visitar a nuestro Señor y comienza este año con sus bendiciones.



EL SEÑOR SUBE A SU TRONO ENTRE GRITOS DE ALEGRÍA.

SALMO 47

"Con su Ascensión el Señor Resucitado atrae nuestra mirada al Cielo, para mostrarnos que la meta de nuestro camino es el Padre". ~Vatican News



ENGLISH BIBLE CLASS

Join Father Patrick and fellow parishioners every Friday at 7 pm in the parish hall. Together, you'll be fellow parishioners in exploring the Holy Scriptures in depth. If you've always wanted to gain new insight into the inspired Word of God, this is one way to answer that call. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

CAPTAL CAMPAIGN

Archbishop Gomez is calling each of us to renewal. To renew our families, our parishes, and our community. We will begin this process of renewal through the *Called to Renew* campaign. Our own parish goal is \$425,000. We have a timeline of five years to reach this goal. Many parishes have already reached their goals. It is now All Souls' turn.

Upon assessing the needs of our parish, we have focused on two areas that we would like to address: a new sound system for the church and the establishment of a Young Adult Ministry to serve our young people. Half of the money will go to the Archdiocese for special services. The other half will come back to our parish to fund our two special projects. When we have reached our goal, 100 percent of any donations above that goal will go directly to All Souls.

Please prayerfully consider contributing.



CONFIRMATION

**Congratulations to our newly confirmed!
May the fire of the Holy Spirit burn lovingly
in your hearts, that you may pass it onto others.**

Confirmation Mass: Friday, May 12, 2023
at St. Stephen Martyr Church
in Monterey Park, CA
celebrated by Bishop Elias Zaidan

- Isaiah Dominguez
- Andrew Daniel Paredes
- Karen Castro
- Alondra Tamara Valera Torres
- Briyith Ramirez
- Miguel-Angelo Martinez
- Jocelyn Zepeda
- Abigail Celest Velazquez
- Stephanie Vega
- Jazzlyn Samantha Rodriguez
- Samantha Marie Quintanilla
- Natalie Michelle Prado
- Sofia Najarro
- Christina Hernandez
- Ruben Gamez
- Gavin Jack Escobedo
- Marley Brynn Martinez David
- Mathias Alexander Atencio
- Sofia Audelos



CALLING FOR HELP

This weekend, nuns from the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries will be holding a sale at our All Souls Parish in the patio area. Please consider supporting their effort.

Proceeds will help sustain rehabilitation and education programs developed by the sisters in support of young, impoverished girls who have been victims of trafficking in the Philippines. We thank you kindly for your consideration.