



**June 01, 2025**

*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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# All Souls Catholic Church



## • PASTOR •

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*Rev. Anselm Amandikwa*

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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

Ministry of the Sick	Larry Dumont
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Filipino Ministry	Rose Pichon
Young Adult Mtry.	Leticia Urtecho
Youth Ministry	Vivian Vasquez
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# Readings & Prayers for the Sick

## First Reading:

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God. (Acts 7:55)

## Psalm:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97)

Or: Alleluia.

## Second Reading:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end." (Rv 22:13)

## Gospel:

"Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,  
that they may see my glory that you gave me,

because you loved me before the foundation of the world." (Jn 17:24)

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Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/  
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,  
11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20

Esperanza Canale  
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Sylvia Mae Thomas  
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Gloria Moore  
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Matthew Perez  
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Lucy Tsang  
Rosa Martinez  
Ramirez Family  
Wally & Becky Puente  
Cynthia Manriquez  
William Gonzalez  
Joel Lopez  
Guadalupe Nevarez  
Evelyn De Guzman  
Hortencia Palafox  
Francis Araiza  
Rafael Garcia  
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Cecilia Chow  
Erik Lifrak  
Ray Argueta & Family  
Jose Crespo  
Joe Negrete  
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Reyes Family  
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# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year “C” The Ascension of Lord into heaven

Fourth Ascendant Alarak was wandering the planet Slain, when he encountered a surge of terrazine that pushed him closer to Amon's will. He saw that the day of ascension was close at hand, and that Amon would soon destroy the cursed Infinite Cycle. He was interrupted by Fifth Ascendant Ji'nara, who informed him that First Ascendant Nuroka had just declared Rak'Shir, ritualistic combat that allowed one to advance in the Chain of Ascension, against Highlord Ma'lash. Alarak, who had manipulated his way to get as high as he did in the chain, sought a way to use this to make him rise higher.

Alarak was called later in the day to the corridors of First Ascendant Nuroka, where he was found bleeding. Alarak assumed he has been hit by assassins, but Nuroka revealed he did it to himself to remove the words of Amon he had carved into himself. He told Alarak that he had gone out and used terrazine to feel the will of Amon, and pushed beyond further than he had before. Amon, overconfident in his impending ascension, accidentally revealed to him his true will: there was no ascension, only oblivion. He mocked the Tal'darim and sought to use them only as tools.

Alarak viewed this as heresy initially, but could not attack an Ascendant of a higher rank. He entertained the question of how he would kill Amon, which Alarak answered by saying that one would have to enter the Void. Nuroka then told Alarak to declare for him in the Rak'Shir next day, and to find a way to eliminate the two ascendants above him, Third Ascendant Zenish and Second Ascendant Guraj, who would undoubtedly declare for Ma'lash.

The next day, Alarak and Ji'nara arrived at the Pits of Ascension, where Rak'Shir was to commence. Alarak ordered Ji'nara to not enter the fight, and he too only watched. Nuroka was surprised, until Alarak showed his hand; by not declaring, Zenish would declare for Nuroka in an attempt to take Guraj's spot. The two fought, but Zenish was slain. It was then Alarak entered, not declaring for anybody, but killing Guraj and lending his power to Nuroka.

After this, Alarak announced he was declaring for Ma'lash, and switched his psionic focus to aid Ma'lash. The two combined killed Nuroka. Ma'lash threatened Alarak, who had just risen to First Ascendant, but Alarak knew he would not kill him. Alarak stated that he would serve Ma'lash and Amon, but secretly was plotting a way to overthrow Ma'lash at the right time. He just would need the right allies (Brooks, Robert – “Ascension” 2015).

The biblical story of the ascension of the Lord has inspired some songs, dramas, Starcraft movies etc. but unlike the epic Starcraft movies, Jesus did not enter the void. Jesus ascended into heaven in His power as God. Jesus did not ascend into heaven to obtain a higher power. The ascension is for Jesus, a sign of work well done.

The ascension of the Lord into heaven is neither a demonstration of magical powers nor an attempt to impress a doubtful mind. The ascension like the resurrection is a foundational event that further explains the reality of an unseen God whose nature has been made visible in the person of Jesus who died and rose from death in order to restore creation to God.

The ascension of Jesus into heaven is a mystery. Even though it occurred within space and time with the apostles watching, yet, we believe that the physical presence of Jesus on earth did not in any way diminish His spiritual presence with God the Father in heaven. And Jesus ascension into heaven does not in any way diminish His presence with God's children on earth.

Jesus remains an absent but ever present God. The ascension marks the point of our transition from physical to spiritual relationship with God. Thus, the ascension elevates and transforms our relationship with Jesus in an exponential way. While physical presence is limited, bound by space and time, spiritual presence is unlimited and boundless. Hence, by virtue of the ascension our access to Jesus becomes limitless and boundless.

Having come to the end of His mission on earth, Jesus ascends into heaven in order to create a new and higher path for humanity. Jesus ascension into heaven is a reminder that this world is not our home. Our stay on earth is temporal. We are merely passing through. Our permanent home is with God in heaven. Where Jesus is today, there we hope to be after our life's journey on earth.

In the words of St. Paul, after our life's journey on earth, God will transform these wretched bodies of ours into copies of His own in glory. Unlike the apostles who were looking up to heaven, not knowing what the ascension is all about. The ascension becomes for us the day Jesus hands on the baton to all the baptized to continue the work of Jesus on earth until Jesus comes again in glory and majesty to judge the world.

This belief is attested to and justified by the message of the angel to the apostles – “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” It goes to mean that we have work to do in building the kingdom of God on earth.

By His ascension into heaven, Jesus opens the door of impossibilities to human beings. On this day, all baptized children of God are called to renew their faith in trust in God who makes all things possible. We are created for higher values. We came from God and we are going back to God. We should stop at nothing from realizing our divine calling which culminates in eternal union with God in everlasting glory in heaven.

Therefore, the ascension of Jesus into heaven becomes a sure sign of our future ascension into heaven. We are matching on to glory. We should stop at nothing but heaven. Where Jesus reigns in power and glory, there we hope to be at the end of our life's journey on earth.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

## COLLECTION

May 25, 2025

## TOTAL

\$

*Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

Some concerning behaviors that go beyond natural curiosity, could be signs of sexual abuse. These behaviors include asking a peer or adult to engage in a specific act, inserting objects into private areas, explicit imitation of intercourse, and behaviors that are persistent and resistant to distraction. Any of these signs could indicate that a child is being abused or exposed to sexually inappropriate behavior. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



### 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	MAY	31-2025
5:30pm	Pedro Olague	Dec.
	Angie Katigbak	Dec.
SUNDAY	JUNE	01-2025
7:30am	Ariana Serna	Special Int.
	Martha	Healing
9:00am	Cathy Dorsey	Healing
	David Piineda	Sp. Int.
10:30am	Maria Izabel Murga	Dec.
	Luciano Sanchez	Dec.
5:30pm	Josefa Mejia Valencia	Dec.
MONDAY	JUNE	02-2025
7:30am	Lucila Rodriguez	Special Int.
TUESDAY	JUNE	03-2025
7:30am	Ed Palmquist	Special Int.
WEDNESDAY	JUNE	04-2025
7:30am		
THURSDAY	JUNE	05-2025
7:30am		
FRIDAY	JUNE	06-2025
7:30am		
SATURDAY	JUNE	07-2025
7:30am	Elentenia & Ismael Flora	Dec.

## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Mientras Esteban era martirizado, escuchamos cómo perdonó a quienes lo apedreaban hasta la muerte. ¿Cuándo te ha sido difícil perdonar a alguien?

### Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

El Libro del Apocalipsis (y toda la Biblia) concluye con la oración de petición de Juan: “¡Ven, Señor Jesús!” ¿Hay algo que realmente necesitas del Señor?

### Evangelio:

Jesús habla de los creyentes como una bendición de Dios para él. ¿Qué regalo ofrecerías esta semana a un familiar o amigo?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Hch 7, 55-60/Ap 22, 12-14. 16-17. 20/Jn 17, 20-26

Ascensión: Hch 1, 1-11/ Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 (6)/

Ef 1, 17-23 o Heb 9, 24-28; 10, 19-23/Lc 24, 46-53

Lunes: Hch 19, 1-8/Sal 67, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 16, 29-33

Martes: Hch 20, 17-27/Sal 67, 10-11. 20-21/Jn 17, 1-11

Miércoles: Hch 20, 28-38/Sal 67, 29-30. 33-35. 35-36/Jn 17, 11-19

Jueves: Hch 22, 30; 23, 6-11/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/Jn 17, 20-26

Viernes: Hch 25, 13-21/Sal 102, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20/Jn 21, 15-19

Sábado: Mañana: Hch 28, 16-20. 30-31/Sal 10, 4. 5 y 7/Jn 21, 20-25

Algunos comportamientos preocupantes que van más allá de la curiosidad natural, podrían ser signos de abuso sexual. Estos comportamientos incluyen pedir a un compañero o adulto que realice un acto específico, introducir objetos en zonas privadas, imitación explícita de relaciones sexuales y comportamientos persistentes y resistentes a la distracción. Cualquiera de estos signos podría indicar que un niño está sufriendo abuso o está expuesto a conducta sexualmente inapropiada. Para más información, lea el artículo de VIR-TUS® “Saber la diferencia entre la curiosidad apropiada para la edad de la conducta sexual peligrosa” (Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior) en <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

### 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

## Oración por la unidad de los cristianos

Señor,

Ayúdanos a ser uno, Señor Jesús, como oraste al Padre.

Reúnenos a todos frente a Ti, diversos en cultura, don, llamado, forma de vida y perspectiva.

Que el amor que tenemos por ti se rebose en el amor que nos tenemos los unos a los otros. Amén.

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## Ministry Fair

On Sunday, June 8th, the Feast of Pentecost, all of our parish ministries will come together to share with parishioners about their activities and service practices. This is the perfect time to join a group of brothers and sisters and find joy in working together for our community and our Lord.

Booths will be out in the patio area. Please stop by and ask them questions. Often we hear the call to help others, but we don't know how. That is exactly the purpose of this fair! All ministries will be ready to converse with you.

Give yourself the time to explore and find the perfect fit for your God-given gifts! Our community needs you. Our new generations need you. Let us unite and edify our Church.

## Coordinator Position OPPORTUNITY

All Souls is saddened to announce that our First Communion Coordinator, Mikayla Medina, will be leaving her position before the start of the coming school year. We wish her the best in all her endeavors and pray that God continues to watch over her and her loved ones. Of course, our parish will continue with the catechesis of the little ones the Lord has entrusted to us.

We are looking for a practicing Catholic who would be willing to take on the responsibility of educating our young ones and preparing them to receive their First Communion. If you are interested, please call or stop by our Pastoral Center and ask for our Office Manager.



## Join Us in the 2000 Hail Mary Devotion

The Filipino Ministry warmly invites everyone to the powerful intercessory devotion of the 2000 Hail Mary's taking place every first Saturday of the month. Together, we turn to our Blessed Mother, asking for her grace and intercession as we offer our special intentions to her, so that she may present them to her son, Jesus.

Join us and bring your petitions to the loving heart of Our Lady this coming: **June 7, 2025 at 8:00AM in the Parish Hall**

## 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.

**June 6, 2025 @ 7PM**



## SPECIAL COLLECTION

On the weekend of May 31-June 1, we will hold a special collection in support of retired priests. The Priest Retirement Fund offers a way for us to give back to our Catholic priests who have served us so faithfully. Your contribution will help archdiocesan priests live modestly and peacefully in retirement. Help us offer thanks for their years of devotion to God and our communities.

Your gift to the Priest Retirement Fund helps provide a monthly stipend to retired priests of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. For most priests, this assistance is their only means of support. This helps many senior priests stay well and active in our communities. We thank you in advance for your donations.

### PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

HELP US TO BE ONE, LORD JESUS, AS YOU PRAYED TO THE FATHER.  
GATHER US ALL TO YOU, DIVERSE IN CULTURE, GIFT, CALL, WAY OF LIFE, AND PERSPECTIVE. MAY THE LOVE WE HAVE FOR YOU OVERFLOW INTO THE LOVE WE HAVE FOR EACH OTHER. AMEN.

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## 2025 BOOK OF MASS INTENTIONS



Our 2025 book of Mass Intentions is ready.

If interested in offering a Mass for a loved one, please visit our Pastoral Center as soon as possible to ensure that your date and time are available.