



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.

Unión 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)

July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Legion of Mary	Salvador Agudo
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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:

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

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Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/ Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18



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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Parable of the Sower

Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Mtt 13:1-23

A philosopher once went home to visit his people and to show how educated he has become. One common trait of philosophers is the tendency to engage people in a discussion, even when the topic does not make sense at all. This young academia is not an exception.

While taking a boat ride to visit his maternal uncle he asks the boat driver how many minutes it will take to get to their destination, the boat driver answered, "I don't know."

Looking for a reason to engage the driver in a discussion, the learned philosopher asked the boat driver if he knows the name of the president of America, the name of the pope, the name of the prime minister of England, the day's date, etc. The boat driver in all honesty answered, "I don't know" to all the questions.

The philosopher concluded that the boat driver is a fool and hence decided to keep quiet. Shortly after the philosopher had stopped talking, the boat driver looked up and down, and looking straight into the eyes of the philosopher, asked him "young man, do you know how to swim?"

The learned philosopher answered, "I don't know."

The supposedly uneducated boat driver said, "Young man if you don't know how to swim, you are dead."

This is because the boat driver had seen a fast-approaching storm that could capsize their boat. Suddenly, the boat was capsized. The uneducated boat driver held on to swim ashore while the educated philosopher drowned and died.

The story ends by saying that "TRUE knowledge is only the knowledge that can save you."

The learned philosopher had good knowledge of science, geography, politics, religion, etc. but lacked the knowledge that could save him – swimming..., and he died.

In the parable of the Sower, we are reminded that we are planted like seeds in this world to bear fruit. Another way to say it is that you and I have a VOCATION and a MISSION. It is not enough to exist in the world, we need to live a purpose-driven life – a life that bears fruit in abundance for the greater glory of God and the sanctification of the world. We read from the Catechism of the Catholic Church thus - What is the purpose of life on earth? Why did God create us? The Catechism goes on to say that God created us to know Him, love Him, serve Him, be with Him in this world and in the world to come.

This means that creation is not an accident. We are created for a purpose. We are not created to be mere spectators in the world. We are not here to sap the earth. A human being is the only animal created with intellect and will. By virtue of this, we are co-creators with God. We are in this world to share in the glory and beauty of the creator. We are in this world to build, protect and sanctify it.

Since mother earth protects us, we ought to have a meaningful relationship with the earth. The call to preserve and conserve the earth is not a mere political statement. It is both a moral and a religious mandate. It is a mandate to live authentic, meaningful, and productive lives.

The Word of God is the seed and the Human Heart is the land in The seeds that fell along the path/road refer to those who shut their mind to the word of God, those who do not want God to have any place in their life. We some-

times say of such a person "You might as well talk to a brick wall as to talk to him/her." Such a person has his/her mind shut and the truth cannot gain entry into it. Some people shut their minds due to **mental laziness** – they are so lazy as to refuse to think. In Hosea 4:17 – the prophet said "Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone." The human mind is made to think but there comes a stage in mental laziness where a person's mind is shut. Not to think is to shut the mind from the truth and this attitude does not give glory to God.

Mental arrogance is also an obstacle to spiritual growth. This is the attitude of one who thinks that he knows it all and has nothing to learn. This was the attitude of the Pharisees to Jesus. Many ways lead to God and no one should shut his mind or think that his own way is the only way. No one can do it alone. We need the cooperation of all to build a healthy society.

Mental fear or wishful thinking could also lead a person to shut his mind. We do this whenever we consciously or unconsciously shut our minds to whatever we do not wish to be true. **Ps 53:1** – "The fool says in his heart, there is no God." The fool referred to here is not one with a lack of intellectual knowledge but rather one who denies the existence of God not because he is intellectually convinced that God does not exist, but because he does not want God to exist (Barkeley).

The seeds that fell on **Rocky ground** refer to a Christian whose faith is shallow. Alexander Findley said, "**it is not easy to become a Christian but it is easy to start.**" Most times our Christian life stops at the starting point. It is often easy to be deeply moved by the words of Jesus and to be attracted to Jesus. Allowing the word of God to influence our life is a challenge. It is only in difficult moments that one could truly say if one truly believes in God as claimed. The aim of the church in any generation is the formation of the human conscience. Christian faith must be deeply rooted in order to withstand the storms of life.

The seeds that fell on **Thorny ground** refer to those who hear and accept the word of God but are distracted by worldly interests. These are those whose lifestyles are crowded by other things such that Christ gets kicked out. **1Kgs 20:38-40** – "As your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." The second best is the greatest enemy of the best. It is possible to be so busy living that we forget to think about how we are living. We could be too busy to pray, meditate or have time for devotion. Our life must not be so full of other interests that the main interest or goal in life is neglected i.e. eternal life, truth, beauty, goodness, justice, etc.

The Good-news is that some seeds fell on Good ground (fertile soil). This refers to those who hear, understand, accept and act accordingly (**James 1:21-27, Matt 7:21-29**). The seeds that fell on the good soil are those who understand Matt 13:23, those who accept the word (**Mk 4:4-20**). We often say of a bad listener that he lets things go in through one ear and out through the other.

To accept things into our minds means that we really possess them and it really becomes part and parcel of our life. They are the good listeners who **HOLD** fast to the word of God – this is to accept the word of God and to obey it under all circumstances. It is not something upon which one accepts when it is convenient and discards when it is inconvenient.

The world may be full of thorns, dry and rocky grounds, yet, there is a fertile ground that makes it possible for children of God to bear fruit. The unconditional love of God is the only knowledge that can save us from the radical storms of life. It is when we cultivate this TRUE knowledge that we are empowered to produce the fruits that will make the world a better place for all.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

COLLECTION	TOTAL
July 2, 2023	\$ 5,608.00
July 9, 2023	\$6,268.00

Did you know?

Nearly 46 million adults and children are victims of human trafficking. But even one person can make a difference if he speaks up when he sees something wrong. If you see something concerning or suspicious, be a good witness. Take pictures or video with your cell phone if you can, and call 911 or local law enforcement. Try to remember the details of what you saw. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Human Trafficking: What Would You Do in These Scenarios?” at iacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

**National Needs Combined Collection
Happening This Weekend**

This appeal supports Black and Indian Missions, Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC), and Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). With your help and that of others, we can make a difference in the lives of many of our brothers and sisters within the U.S.

SATURDAY	JULY	15-2023
5:30pm	Romeo G. Ramos	Dec.
	Wally Puente	Healing
	Jonathan Almendarez	Birthday
SUNDAY	JULY	16-2023
7:30am	Jimmy & Tony Boy Yrastorza	Dec.
	Fam. Castellanos	Sp. Intention
9:00am	Ruth Hall	Dec.
10:30am	Isidoro Gonzalez	Dec.
	Graciela Martinez	Dec.
	Victor & Margarita Ramirez	29th Wedd. Anniv.
	Teresa Gomez Antunes	Dec.
5:30pm	Wally Puente	Healing
	Rafael Ortiz	Dec.
MONDAY	JULY	17-2023
7:30am	Wally Puente	Healing
	Emma Mena	Dec.
TUESDAY	JULY	18-2023
7:30am	Maria De Jesus Vivaldo	Dec.
	Wally Puente	Healing
WEDNESDAY	JULY	19-2023
7:30am	Wally and Becky Puente	Wedd. Anniv.
	Leo Huerta	Dec.
	Gloria Bautista	Dec.
THURSDAY	JULY	20-2023
7:30am	Wally Puente	Healing
	Leo Huerta	Dec.
FRIDAY	JULY	21-2023
7:30am	Wally Puente	Healing
	Monica Perez	Sp. Int.
SATURDAY	JULY	22-2023
7:30am	Jack & Azucena Scott	Wedd. Anniv.
	Leo Huerta	Dec.

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

El profeta Isaías aseguró a los israelitas que estaban exiliados en Babilonia que la palabra de Dios es confiable y útil. ¿Cómo podrías ayudar a tus amigos o familiares a confiar más en Dios?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo ve a la creación misma compartiendo la redención y la gloria futura que les espera a todos los creyentes: "Porque la creación aguarda con ansiosa expectativa la revelación de los hijos de Dios." ¿Cómo imaginas que se vería la tierra llena de la gloria de Dios, sin ninguna "corrupción"?

Evangelio:

Durante los próximos domingos, estaremos escuchando muchas parábolas de Jesús. La parábola de hoy del sembrador y las semillas habla de cómo las personas reaccionan de manera diferente a las Buenas Nuevas del reino de los cielos. ¿Cómo describirías tu reacción a las parábolas de Jesús sobre el reino?

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Casi 46 millones de adultos y niños son víctimas de la trata de personas. Pero una sola persona puede hacer la diferencia si habla cuando ve algo mal. Si usted ve algo preocupante o sospechoso, sea un buen testigo. Si puede, tome fotografías o videos con su teléfono celular si tiene uno a mano, y llame al 911 o a las autoridades policiales locales. Trate de recordar los detalles de lo que vio. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "Human Trafficking: What Would You Do in These Scenarios?" (Trata de personas: ¿Qué haría usted en estos escenarios?) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 64, 1. 11. 12-13. 14 (Lucas 8, 8)/Rom 8, 18-23/ Mt 13, 1-23 o 13, 1-9

Lunes: Ex 1, 8-14. 22/Sal 123, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8/Mt 10, 34-11, 1

Martes: Ex 2, 1-15/Sal 68, 3. 14. 30-31. 33-34/Mt 11, 20-24

Miércoles: Ex 3, 1-6. 9-12/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7/Mt 11, 25-27

Jueves: Ex 3, 13-20/Sal 104, 1 y 5. 8-9. 24-25. 26-27/Mt 11, 28-30

Viernes: Ex 11, 10-12, 14/Sal 115, 12-13. 15 y 16. 17-18/Mt 12, 1-8

Sábado: Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Co 5, 14-17/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18

Retiro de Bautismo en el Espíritu

"Lámame y te responderé; te mostraré cosas grandes y secretas que tú ignoras."

Jeremías 33:3

Julio 29-30 2023

Sábado 8am-6pm

Domingo 8am-2pm

Graphic for St. Charles Lwanga featuring a drawing of the saint, a quote: "PUEDEN QUEMAR NUESTROS CUERPOS PERO NO PUEDEN DAÑAR NUESTRAS ALMAS." and the text "MÁRTIR UGANDÉS" and "SAN CARLOS LWANGA".

Graphic for the Spirit Baptism Retreat featuring a white dove, contact information for Estela Murga and Mauricio Murga, and a note: "Donación de \$20 Incluye comida".

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

Thank You

Dear Parishioners,

Brunie would like to extend her heartfelt gratitude for your generous support in her latest sale. Thanks to your participation, the sale was able to raise a total of \$360.00, which will go towards assisting various countries. It is your generous involvement in efforts like this one that allows us to make an impact in the lives of those who are less fortunate. God bless you all.

DO YOU...

- ◆ want to be baptized in the Catholic Church?
- ◆ know of someone interested in becoming Catholic?
- ◆ need the sacrament of Confirmation?
- ◆ need to make your First Eucharist (Communion)?
- ◆ want to refresh/increase your knowledge of your faith?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for you.

Please stop by the Pastoral Center and fill out a registration form and return it. Weekly classes begin mid-September and culminate in late May.



ATTENTION:

Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation

will be available this coming week at the

Pastoral Center. If your child is currently in

or will be enrolled in high school, please pick

up a registration form.

In Loving MEMORY OF Ruth Hall

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to a cherished member of our church community. Mrs. Ruth Hall, a devoted member of our parish, has been called into the arms of our Lord. We invite you to join us as we gather to honor her life and pray for the eternal repose of her soul at her funeral Mass on:

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

10:00 am

All Souls Church

MISSION CO-OP 2023

Next weekend, All Souls will be hosting Fr. Jozef Kudla, CM, from the Slovak community of missionaries of the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul who are serving the parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Sangrelaya, Honduras. The community they serve has no drinking water, no hot water, no asphalt roads, no electricity, a poor education system, a lack of employment opportunities, a weak infrastructure, and an abundance of crime, violence, and corruption.

The community, though rich in love and beauty, is poor spiritually and economically in that it has been challenging for the two priests and one brother in the parish to minister to the people's spiritual as well as physical needs. Your generosity is very much desired and needed to help this poor community try to overcome the obstacles brought on by their impoverished lifestyle and lack of supplies needed to sustain daily activities.