

July 23, 2023 16th 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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> 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 sabado 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)

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Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19) Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86) Second Reading: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26) Gospel: "Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." (Mt 13:30) ©LPi Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/ Mt 13:1-9 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17 Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23 Friday: Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

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FROM THE FASTOR'S CORNER

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A" "The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds"

Once upon a time, a man who regularly attended Community meetings suddenly without any reason stopped participating.

After a few weeks, one very cold night, the leader of the Group decided to visit him.

He found the man at home, alone, sitting in front of a fireplace where a bright fire burned.

The man welcomed the Leader. There was a great silence. The two men only watched the dancing flames around the logs that crackled in the fireplace.

After a few minutes the leader, without saying a word, examined the woods that formed the fire and selected one of them, glowing most brightly of all, removing it to the side with a pair of tongs. Then, he sat down again.

The host was paying attention to everything, fascinated. Before long, the lone ember flame subsided, until there was only a momentary glow and the fire soon went out.

In a short time what was previously bright light and heat had become nothing more than a black and dead piece of wood.

Very few words had been spoken since the greeting.

Before preparing to leave, the leader with the tongs picked up the useless piece of wood and placed it again in the middle of the fire. Immediately, the ember of the piece of wood was rekindled, fueled by the light & heat of the burning coals around it.

When the leader reached the door to leave, the host said: Thank you for your visit and for your beautiful lesson. I'll return to the group soon (Author unknown).

From the parable of the wheat and the weeds we learn that we do not live in a perfect world. Our world is a mixture of good and evil. Our effort should not be to destroy evil in the world but to work hard to avoid allowing evil to take away the good in us.

If evil could be destroyed, then, we are already in heaven, but we are not there yet. Evil thrives when good people do nothing. Even though things may not be perfect, yet, we do have what it takes to produce good fruits in the world. All we need is to pray for wisdom and the spirit of discernment to be able to navigate the challenges we encounter in life.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds calls for **patience**. If the farmer could be patient enough to wait for the wheat and the weeds to grow until harvest time, we are reminded today that while we should always work hard as if everything depends on the work we do, we should also have a confident faith and trust in God since everything depends on God. God's time is always the best.

The parable also reminds us the importance of **humility**. Being the children of God does not imply that we have a monopoly of truth and knowledge. When the wheat and the weeds (darnel) are growing, they look alike and difficult to distinguish. In uprooting the weeds we may mistakenly uproot the wheat. To save the life of a wheat, the master allowed the weeds grow.

Every human life is valuable and precious in the eyes of God. We should not be quick to judge, condemn or destroy other people's life even when their lifestyle is different from ours. We should be humble to accept that we may not fully understand and appreciate what they are going through or the purpose for which they were created.

The harvest time in the parable serves as a reminder that God's judgment is real and not an empty promise. Like the farmer who asked his servants not to uproot the weeds to avoid killing the wheat, children of God should be careful not to make hasty judgment about others whose belief may be different from theirs.

Our spiritual life is meant to grow. Like the farmer who takes time to nurture the wheat to maturity, we need to work hard to nurture our spiritual life to be strong enough to resist and overcome the forces of evil in the world. When we focus on producing good fruits we are better placed to contribute to the civilization of love on earth.

From the parable of the wheat and weeds we learn that within us is the **power of choice**. The good we do in the world becomes much more valuable because in spite of the options to do evil, we make a conscious decision to do good deeds. We have been planted like wheat in the world and God expects us to produce good fruits at the time of harvest. It is by remaining true to our values and mission that we do not allow ourselves to be choked by the weeds.

Children of God may not always know without doubt why bad things happen to good people, but they do certainly have enough knowledge to understand from divine revelation and history that at the end of time, truth shall triumph over lies. God's promises are trustworthy and shall come to pass. With that in mind, while it is within our limit, we should be good.

Finally, we are reminded today that **heaven is real**. Hell is real. Staying within the Christian fold is a good way of keeping real our faith and our hope in the final triumph of good over evil. And whenever we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we gather to keep hope alive and to draw the strength we need to be able to navigate through the forces of the evils that are prowling round like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Like our enemy the devil who never stops in its effort to destroy the children of God in the world, Christians should always be steadfast in faith, hope and charity in the knowledge that life on earth is a battle. We are fighting principalities and powers in higher places. It is through prayer and good works that we shall overcome the forces of evil in the world.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds becomes a reminder that although we are living in a complex world where oftentimes certain things do not really make any sense, we should never lose sight of our **vocation** and **mission**. We are called to live our lives for the greater glory of God and the sanctification of our lives. We should be patient as we go about our daily activities, with the knowledge that God is still on the throne and in the fullness of time all shall be well again, Amen.

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Finance Report

Mass Intentions

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

COLLECTION

TOTAL

July 23, 2023

\$ 5,030.00

Did you Know?

"It's all about the behavior" is a common reminder for safe adults to be aware that abuse can happen anywhere, and to anyone. Parents and caregivers must be vigilant to any warning signs of inappropriate behavior, even if a suspected abuser does not fit a stereotypical profile. The same is true of abuse victims — there is no demographic "failsafe," such as age, race, gender, background, income, etc., that prevents a certain person from being abused. For more information, read the VIRTUS[®] article "It's All About the Behavior" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Join Father Patrick and fellow parishioners every Tuesday 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!

SATURDAY	JULY	22-2023
5:30pm	Wally Puente	Healing
	Juana Suetos Bucaneg	Dec.
SUNDAY	JULY	23-2023
7:30am	Maura Castellanos	Dec.
	Souls in Purgatory	
	Alma Llanillo	Birthday
9:00am	Mary Treat	Dec.
10:30am	Carmen Murga	Birthday
	Maria de Jesus Barbosa	Birthday
	Fausto Murga	Dec.
5:30pm	Wally Puente	Healing
	Catalina Navar	Healing
MONDAY	JULY	24-2023
7:30am	Wally Puente	Healing
	Meng Chi Lee	Dec.
TUESDAY	JULY	25-2023
7:30am	Wally Puente	Healing
	Rudy Barba	Healing
WEDNESDAY	JULY	26-2023
7:30am	Vicente Ibarra	Birthday
	Wally Puente	Healing
THURSDAY	JULY	27-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Dec.
	Juaquin Ramos	Dec.
	Wally Puente	Healing
FRIDAY	JULY	28-2023
7:30am	Carmen Ramos	Birthday
	Wally Puente	Healing
	Elizabeth & John Gaston	Wedd. Anniv.
SATURDAY	JULY	29-2023
7:30am	Ruth Marie Hall	Dec.
	Maria Martin	Healing

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PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

Nuestro escritor de sabiduría judía describe a Dios como indulgente, poderoso y bondadoso. ¿Qué palabras usarías para describir a Dios?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo anima a los creyentes en Roma que el Espíritu intercede por nosotros y nos enseña por qué orar. ¿Por qué podrías orar esta semana?

Evangelio:

En la parábola de la cizaña entre el trigo, Jesús habla en privado a sus discípulos de la presencia del maligno, el diablo en este mundo. ¿Cómo podemos defender mejor a nuestra familia y seres queridos del mal?

¿Sabla usted?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo:	Sab 12, 13. 16-19/Sal 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16 (5)/
	Rom 8, 26-27/
	Mt 13, 24-43 o 13, 24-30
Lunes:	Ex 14, 5-18/Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 12, 38-42
Martes:	2 Co 4, 7-15/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/Mt 20, 20-28
Miércoles:	Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15/Sal 77, 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28/
	Mt 13, 1-9
Jueves:	Ex 19, 1-2. 9-11. 16-20/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/
	Mt 13, 10-17
Viernes: Ex 20, 1-2	17/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Mt 13, 18-23
Sábado: Ex 24, 3-8	3/Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/Jn 11, 19-27 o Lc 10, 38-42

REGISTRACIONES ABIERTAS

Estimados miembros de nuestra parroquia,

Les informamos que los formularios para registrarse a los cursos para los sacramentos de Comunion, Confirmacion, asi como RICA, ya estan disponibles. Si usted o su hijo/a necesita alguno de estos sacramentos, favor de visitar nuestro Centro Pastoral.

Retiro de Bautismo en el Espíritu

"Llámame 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

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PARISH NEWS



Confirmation Regristrations

Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now available at the Pastoral Center. If your teen is currently in, or will be enrolled in, high school please pick up a registration form.



First Communion Registrations

It's that time of the year! Registrations are now open for the Sacrament of First Communion, first through seventh grade. If your child is ready to prepare for this Sacrament, please stop by to pick up a form at our Pastoral Center.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Dear parishioners, we are excited to reach out to our dedicated community members with a unique volunteering opportunity. We are currently looking for volunteers to help us count our offertory money once a week. Your involvement will play a pivotal role in ensuring timely accountability.

If interested, please visit or give us a call at the Pastoral Center, and ask to speak to our office manager. Thank you!

MISSION GO-OP 2023

This weekend, All Souls is hosting Fr. Jozef Kudla, CM, from the Slovak community of missionaries of the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul 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 and physical needs. Your generosity is very much desired 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.

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.

