



July 27, 2025

Seventeenth 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 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)

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Legion of Mary	Salvador Agudo
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English Bible Study	Sheila Henderson-Linan
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Guadalupanos	Carmen Ramirez
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St. Vincent de Paul	Rosemary Gramajo
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Filipino Ministry	Rose Pichon
Young Adult Mtry.	Leticia Urtecho
Youth Ministry	Vivian Vasquez
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

Far be it from you to do such a thing,
to make the innocent die with the guilty
so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike!
Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" (Gn 18:25)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God. (Col 2:12)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)

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Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Esperanza Canale
Marcella Guerra
Sylvia Mae Thomas
Palma Jones
Gloria Moore
Loan Le
Angelica Ruedas
Matthew Perez
Gary Meraz
David A. Jr. & Family
Lucy Tsang
Rosa Martinez
Ramirez Family
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Jose Crespo
Joe Negrete
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Mercedes Tarrazona
Fernando Torres
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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "C"

Prayer: "Ask and you will receive"

It is hard to imagine now, but for most of his young life, Michael was tormented by deep-seated hatred and anger inherited from his father.

His father was tortured for 42 months as a prisoner of war in a Japanese war camp during World War II. That traumatic experience left him with immense anger and pain that transferred to his 8 children. Hate, anger, and rage took over Michael's life, but God found a way to break through.

In 1972, Michael had a girlfriend whose parents were devoted Christians, and they began to pray for him. Two years later, in 1974, Michael married his girlfriend.

Since Michael's wife was brought up in a Christian family, she would always pray morning and night and at some important events like meal time and before driving. Michael would reluctantly join his wife to say something whenever she prayed.

Miracle still happens. And a year later, her prayers and the prayers of her parents were answered. God used the opening created by their prayers to bypass all the anger that cluttered Michael's mind and brought dramatic transformation.

Michael's once hateful heart was now full of light, love, and peace that could only come from God. He remembers stepping outside the following day and hearing the sound of birds singing for the first time in his life.

The transformation was so dramatic that his family noticed it almost immediately. His brother even asked him what drugs he was on because he wanted a taste! God gave Michael a hunger for The Word and a yearning to see his family transformed similarly.

Over time, God used Michael's life as a catalyst for change in his whole family. All 10 members of his family have found salvation and are free from the spirit of anger, and it all started with prayer (Ask about my faith – "Overcoming the spirit of anger").

There is no definition that could exhaust the meaning of prayer. The most common definition of prayer is "dialogue with God" but even at that, there have been many instances when we prayed and there was no response from God. Does it mean that God was either silent or not interested in our dialogue with Him?

In today's gospel Jesus shows the importance of prayer when He said, "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

My experience of Jesus is that our God is a faithful God and God's words are trustworthy. Is there something about prayer that I do not understand or is there something about me that God does not appreciate?

Come to think of it, God did not say that He will answer our prayers if and only if we are good and holy.

Jesus said, "Ask and you will receive, knock and the door will be opened to you." This invitation is inclusive and not exclusive.

I want to think that the problem is with our understanding of "answered prayer." As human beings, correct answers are limited. The correct answer to $2 + 2$ is 4, but not so with God. In God possibilities are endless. Hence, our prayer to win the super lotto could be answered by God by granting us the opportunity to secure a good job or by blessing us with good health.

What God does for us is in many ways more than what we could ever ask for. When we pray, we should not place limits on God. Prayer should be a love offering to God and the God who asked us today to "Pray and you shall receive" will answer our prayers in the way best known to God.

Prayer is not about the one who prays. Prayer is all about the one we pray to – God. It is good and noble that we should endeavor to live an upright life, a life that is pleasing to God, yet, God does not answer our prayers solely based on who we are. God is omnipotent and God's answer to our prayers is according to His plan for us, and God's plan is always good.

Prayer is our expression of a confident trust in God. Even when we may be thinking that God did not answer our prayers, it could also be possible that God answered our prayer not according to our wish but according to God's plan for the salvation of our souls and for the good of the world.

Whenever we become a Christian, it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us. True peace comes from aligning our will to the will of God. Like a car whose tires are out of alignment, whenever we are out of alignment with God either through sin or through a prayer-less lifestyle, we lose a good sense of direction and purpose. We begin to wobble like a car whose tires are out of alignment.

It goes to mean therefore, that, while our prayer does not add anything to God's goodness, it makes us to grow in grace and goodness. God has no need of our prayers because God is perfect and immutable – unchangeable. Prayer changes the one who prays and makes one capable of hearing the voice of God and able to do the will of God. Prayer restores our alignment with God.

Prayer may not make us immune to the problems of life but it does give us the grace to walk with Jesus even in the midst of problems, and like Jesus, victory becomes possible. Jesus on the cross is victorious and those who pray share in the victory of Jesus.

God answers our prayers. No prayer is said in vain and no prayer is ever ignored by God. It is always a win-win situation for anyone who prays. Even when we did not receive exactly what we asked for, we should be rest assured that God answers every prayer and God is blessing us in many more ways than we could ever imagine. Trust God and let God be God in your life.

It is therefore, a contradiction for one to be a Christian without having a strong prayer life. Prayer may be the easiest thing we could do, and yet, it is the best thing we could do. It is by praying that we establish and maintain a divine and immutable connection with our God. Hence, the one who prays is already on the path of eternal life. Amen.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

July 20, 2025

TOTAL

\$ 4,763.00

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

When an adult uses their authority to control or manipulate a situation, this puts children and vulnerable adults at risk for abuse. Manipulation can often occur through grooming behaviors, which can lead to boundary violations and ultimately abuse. It is always the responsibility of the adult to maintain appropriate, healthy boundaries with children in their care. For guidelines on how to interact with minors at our parishes, schools and ministries please visit <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/>, and for more tips read the VIR-TUS® article "Ministerial Boundaries, Power, and Authority" at 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	JULY	26-2025
5:30pm	Jesus & Maria Estrada	Dec.
	Leticia Estrada Segundo	Birthday Int.
SUNDAY	JULY	27-2025
7:30am	Peter Lee	Dec.
	Ezequiel Soberanes	Dec.
9:00am	Benny Ng	Dec.
	Cristina Jones	Sp. Int.
10:30am	Anselmo Morales	Dec.
	Mercedes Benitez	Dec.
5:30pm	Carlos Moreno Gonzalez	Healing
	Graciela Martinez	Dec.
MONDAY	JULY	28-2025
7:30am	Carmen Ramos	Birthday
	Juaquin Ramon	Dec.
TUESDAY	JULY	29-2025
7:30am	Jose Luis & Ma. Luz Garcia	Healing
	Garcia Hernandez Family	Sp. Int.
WEDNESDAY	JULY	30-2025
7:30am	Fr. Paul Lee	Dec.
	Souls in Purgatory	
THURSDAY	JULY	31-2025
7:30am	Rene De La Rosa	Sp. Int.
	Senen Luther Licardo	Birthday
FRIDAY	AUGUST	01-2025
7:30am	Peter Lee	Dec.
	Luis Pelayo	Birthday
SATURDAY	AUGUST	02-2025
7:30am	Joshua Sayles	Birthday
	Elizabeth Pelayo Boyle	Birthday

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Abraham le pregunta a Dios sobre cómo juzga a las personas. ¿Qué preguntas tienes para el Señor?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo enseña a los creyentes en Colosas que a través de su cruz y resurrección de entre los muertos, Jesús unió a judíos y gentiles por su fe compartida en él. ¿De qué manera tu fe en Jesús te acerca a los demás?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Jesús anima a sus discípulos a ser persistentes y audaces en la oración a Dios. ¿Puedes pensar en una ocasión en la que Dios respondió a una oración valiente de ti?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Gn 18, 20-32/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 6-7. 7-8 (3)/
Col 2, 12-14/Lc 11, 1-13

Lunes: Ex 32, 15-24. 30-34/Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23/Mt 13, 31-35

Martes: Ex 33, 7-11; 34, 5-9. 28/Sal 102, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. 12-13/
Jn 11, 19-27 o Lc 10, 38-42

Miércoles: Ex 34, 29-35/Sal 98, 5. 6. 7. 9/Mt 13, 44-46

Jueves: Ex 40, 16-21. 34-38/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6 y 8. 11/Mt 13, 47-53

Viernes: Lv 23, 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37/Sal 80, 3-4. 5-6. 10-11/
Mt 13, 54-58

Sábado: Lv 25, 1. 8-17/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 7-8/Mt 14, 1-12

"Señor, enséñanos a orar". Los discípulos preguntan cómo acercarse a Dios, cómo comunicarse con Él. ¿La respuesta de Jesús? No tengan miedo y no tengan vergüenza. Dios espera a la puerta. Llama. La conversación es tuya para comenzar.

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Cuando un adulto utiliza su autoridad para controlar o manipular una situación, pone a los niños y adultos vulnerables en peligro de sufrir abusos. La manipulación puede producirse a menudo a través de comportamientos de engaño que pueden llevar a la violación de los límites personales y en última instancia al abuso. Siempre es responsabilidad del adulto de mantener los límites personales adecuados y saludables con los niños a su cargo. Para obtener una guía sobre cómo interactuar con los menores en nuestras parroquias, escuelas y ministerios, por favor visite <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/> y lea el artículo de VIR-TUS® "Ministerial Boundaries, Power and Authority" ("Límites ministeriales, poder y autoridad") en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Confesiones:

Un llamado a la reconciliación



El Sacramento de la Reconciliación es una hermosa oportunidad para encontrarse con la infinita misericordia de Dios, recibir sanación y renovar nuestra relación con Él.

**Las confesiones en nuestra parroquia de All Souls son:
Todos los sábados a las 4:00 PM**

Antes de la confesión, tomen un momento para reflexionar en silencio:

¿He puesto a Dios en primer lugar en mi vida?
¿He rezado diariamente y asistido fielmente a la Misa?
¿He hablado con dureza o herido a otros con mis palabras o acciones?
¿He mentado, chismeado o guardado rencor?
¿He actuado con egoísmo o ignorado a alguien que necesita ayuda?

Acto de Contrición

Dios mío, me arrepiento de todo corazón de haberte ofendido. Detesto todos mis pecados porque temo la pérdida del cielo y los tormentos del infierno, pero sobre todo porque te ofenden a Ti, mi Dios, que eres todo bueno y digno de todo mi amor. Propongo firmemente, con la ayuda de tu gracia, confesar mis pecados, hacer penitencia y enmendar mi vida. Amén.

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 para mas detalles. Acompañenos!

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU!



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

We want to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to our incredible **Young Adult Ministry** for their dedication and hard work in serving both our church and the community!

Earlier this month, they volunteered tirelessly at our **Firework Stand**, selling fireworks to raise funds for our Youth Ministry. Their efforts will help support our youth programs and mission activities--thank you for making a difference!

Additionally, on **July 19th**, a team from Young Adult Ministry served at the **Los Angeles Food Bank**, helping prepare over **3,900 food boxes** for elderly neighbors in need. Their compassion and service reflect the love of Christ in action.

We are so grateful for your energy, generosity, and commitment to serving others. Keep shining your light!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace" 1 Peter 4:10



Archbishop Gomez is announcing an opportunity for all parishes in the Archdiocese to come together in support of immigrant families in need. As a community of faith, we are called to extend compassion and care to the most vulnerable among us.

If you would like to contribute to this important cause, monetary donations may be dropped off at the Pastoral Center or placed in the collection basket. If you choose the latter, please label your envelope "Immigrant Donation" or "Immigrant Collection." All donations will be directed to immigrant families in need.



Our Filipino Ministry is continuing the powerful intercessory devotion of the 2000 Hail Mary's. Everyone is invited to join and ask for Mother Mary's graces as special intentions are presented to her So, Jesus Christ.

August 2, 2025 @ 8:00am at the Parish Hall

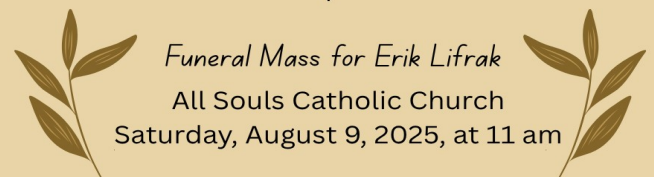


Rest in Peace



"Those we have held in our arms for a little while, we hold in our hearts forever"

We unite in prayer for our brother, Erik Lifrak, and our sister, Madeleine Doerning. Please see below the schedule of funeral Masses to pray for the eternal repose of their souls.



Funeral Mass for Erik Lifrak

All Souls Catholic Church
Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 11 am

Funeral Mass for Madeleine Doerning

All Souls Catholic Church
Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 11 am



Special Collection

MISSION CO-OP PLAN

Every year, our parish is privileged to welcome a different missionary community to speak about the good work that they do and to ask for your generosity to help them further their missionary work.

This weekend, July 26th and 27th, we warmly welcome Fr. Fernando Garcia to our parish. Fr. Fernando belongs to the Piarist Fathers of California. These holy men are dedicated to the education and spiritual development of youth, with a special focus on serving underprivileged communities. They operate schools and educational programs that promote academic excellence, faith formation, and social responsibility. Continuing the mission of St. Joseph Calasanz, their holistic, values-based approach reaches children, youth, and families in socially disadvantaged areas such as East Los Angeles, Mexicali, Tijuana, and Ensenada. Fr. Fernando will help us celebrate our Masses this weekend. We ask that you please prayerfully consider donating to the missionary work of the Piarist Fathers.