

# ALL SOULS

CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, at All Souls Church, are a multicultural Catholic Community called to share our gifts and

AUGUST 16, 2020

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Pastoral Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Closed for Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

(We are currently only receiving calls)

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### PARISH 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)

# OFFICE OF LITURGY

<b>Funeral Services</b>	Diep Dinh	Ext. 219	<b>Sacristan</b>	Librado Mercado	(626)281-0466
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SCHOOL OFFICE (626) 282-5695 \* [www.allsoulsia.org](http://www.allsoulsia.org)

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Angelica Ruedas	Ethelyn Beltran
Matthew Perez	Karen Katsumura
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Gary Meraz	Cecilia Chow
David A. Jr. & Family	Mary Anne Aarset
Lucy Tsang	Erik Lifrak
Eleanor Ciechoski	Ray Argueta & Family
Rosa Martinez	Jose Crespo
Ramirez Family	Joe Negrete
Wally & Becky Puente	Bernardina Castañeda
Cynthia Manriquez	Reyes Family
Cecille Saguid	Mercedes Tarrazona
William Gonzalez	Delia Vargas
Joel Lopez	William Cardona
Guadalupe Nevarez	Gerardo Duran
Evelyn De Guzman	Cidronio Abelar
Hortencia Palafox	Yessenia Alvarez
Jerry Lopez	Juanita Madrigal
Francis Araiza	Mark Venegas
Marco de la Garza	

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalms** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Monday:</b>	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
<b>Friday:</b>	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A"  
"O Woman, Great is your Faith"**

"I'm Mexican but was adopted by an all-white family in a white community. I don't speak any Spanish and nobody would know I was Mexican unless they looked carefully. When I married I never talked about my heritage with my in-laws, so they may have assumed I was just a very tan white person.

One day driving home with my sister-in-laws, we saw a black woman being pulled over. Immediately the race jokes began. My husband looked his sister in the eye and asked, "Are you a racist? Why would you say that?" She responded that she was and hated all people of color. It was her right to be racist.

I remember my husband yelling at her. I remember feeling my body shake as I realized the family I married into hated me.

I remember saying that if she ever spoke like that in the future I wouldn't give her the opportunity again. But most of all I remember feeling sick.

My whole life people assumed I was white but I wasn't. I'd been living a lie. And now my in-laws knew I wasn't white. I knew they wouldn't like me now. It's troubling, to say the least. Now at family gatherings I can't help but feel insecure. I know nobody will forget that day in the car—the day they realized I wasn't one of them.

But today ... I'm proud. I'm proud to be Mexican. Sometimes I'm thankful for that night. I'm thankful because it allowed me to come out and be proud of who I am regardless of what some might think" (Unknown Author at helo@theatlantic.com).

Today's Gospel story of the Canaanite woman is a story of racism par excellence. The apostles of Jesus know quite well the mission of Jesus as stated in His magna carta – "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to proclaim Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free" Lk 4:18.

The apostles abandoned everything to follow Jesus, an itinerant preacher who goes about proclaiming the good news and healing the sick but today when the opportunity presents itself for Jesus to perform His ministry, the apostles tried to prevent Him - "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." Why did the apostles do this?

Like the Mexican of our story, why would people hate you simply because of your race, even when have never offended them in any way? This is similar to what goes on in the mind of the racist:

Whites/Blacks/Browns are bad people.

He is white/black/brown.

Therefore, he is a bad person. (This is the problem of generalization and hasty conclusion).

The woman in the gospel is a Canaanite woman. Remember that the land which was believed to be given to Israel by God is the land of Canaan. It is normal for a conquering nation to give the dog a bad name and hang it. The Canaanites were treated like dogs (not like the pet dogs of today but like the watch dogs of 2000 years ago). They were to be used and not to be loved.

The case of the protagonist of the gospel story becomes more hopeless since she was a woman who is merely seen and not heard in the company of men – the apostles of Jesus were men. Here comes the woman with her request for the Jewish prophet Jesus to heal her daughter tormented by a demon. How will this make a racist to feel? – Utter rejection!!

Jesus, knowing the mindset of His apostles, seizes this opportunity to teach them an important lesson about God. The silence of Jesus at the woman's request is not an ordinary silence. It is a divine silence and should not be interpreted to mean that Jesus was not interested in helping the woman. Jesus uses divine silence to attract the attention of His apostles and get them fully committed to the case at hand.

When Jesus says "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," Jesus is speaking not His own mind but the mind of the apostles whose initial reaction was to send the woman away because she was not a Jew. To the apostles, God's mercy and goodness should be reserved for the Jews.

This woman who is not deterred by racism, bigotry or clannish thinking, takes advantage of a clause in the Messianic tradition which has a soft spot for those who love Israel – that after the Jewish people are saved, then those who love Israel may benefit from God's mercy and generosity. Hence, she says "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

By saying this, the die is cast. Like Julius Caesar in 49 BCE, the woman has crossed the Rubicon River and already embroiled in the civil war of faith. In spite of their racist mindset, the apostles could no longer deny the truth that God's benevolence and generosity, like the sun, should shine for all.

When Jesus says in reply, "O Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." There is no further objection from anyone and at that hour, the woman's daughter was healed. And the story becomes a story with a happy ending for all.

No one can honestly underestimate the power of racism. But racism, strong though it may be is nothing when challenged by the power of love. Faith in God is the strongest recipe to overcoming the power of racism in our lives. However, the problem of our time is having preachers who do not want to talk about racism because they don't want to offend their parishioners. They would rather maintain the status quo because of the favors gained through systemic racism. We also have lip service/career racists who make a living talking about or fighting racism even when they don't mean it.

The faith of the apostles notwithstanding, tribal sentiments/racism still had a strong hold on them. The same is true of present day Christians. We are all racist to some extent because we still have blind spots. Racism grows when it is denied. Constant vigilance and openness to the truth of the Gospel is needed to build a world where the lion and the lamb shall live in peace.

Racism is evil, make no mistake about it. It blinds the mind and hardens the human heart. No one would want a loved one (not even a pet) to die the same way we see George Floyd die at the hands of the police in Minneapolis, but some people may care less if that is what it takes to sustain their advantage over others.

I don't mean to opine that people are doing well in life because of racism. Hard work pays. However, it is difficult for people to give up whatever gives them greater advantage over others until we are willing to humble ourselves before God and begin to see, judge and act the way God does. Mere tolerance is not good enough. As we go about our lives this week, let us be conscious of the racist elements in our lives and society, and do our best to live lives that objectify God's love, lives that do not prevent others from enjoying the fruits of God's bountiful gifts in the world.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

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### PRAYING FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI!

This coming Friday, August 21st, our Confirmandi, both teens and adults, will be celebrating their Confirmation, with Bishop David O'Connell presiding. We pray that the Holy Spirit be with them during this time so that they may be strengthened with the gifts He will bestow on them. We ask that our loving Father continue to guide them along the spiritual path to Heaven.

## Did You Know?



In August, families are usually preparing to start a new school year, with all the excitement and anxiety that brings. But this year, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, no one knows what lies ahead for school children. Talk to your children about how they're feeling and what they're worried about. Many people, including young children, are struggling with anxiety and depression during this pandemic, so be sure to check in frequently, and provide a safe space where children can talk about their concerns. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

## We are celebrating the Sacraments!

Our Parish is doing everything to follow the safety protocols of the current times. **Sacraments are currently being celebrated in the patio.** If you are interested, please call our Pastoral Center.

If you had previously arranged a date with us, we will celebrate in the patio, or, there is the option to reschedule to another time.

Thank you

**AUGUST 9, 2020**  
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020**

<b>5:30PM</b>	Parishioners of All Souls	

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020**

<b>7:30AM</b>	Anthony & Andrew Blasi	Sp. Int.
	All Souls in Purgatory	
<b>9:00AM</b>	Basconcillo Family	Dec.
	Directo Family	Dec.
<b>10:30AM</b>	Ruben Quintana	Dec.
	Minta Power	Sp. Int.
<b>5:30PM</b>	Ong Family	Dec.
	Allison Francesca Lazo	Birthday

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020**

<b>7:30AM</b>	Ellen Scott	Dec.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020**

<b>7:30AM</b>	Lilliana Magdaleno	Healing

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020**

<b>7:30AM</b>	Jack Scott	Dec.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

<b>7:30AM</b>	Those Who Have Died from	
	COVID-19	

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020**

<b>7:30AM</b>	Peace in our Nation	
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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020**

<b>7:30AM</b>	The Holy Father's Intentions	

LET US KEEP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
IN OUR PRAYERS.

**PARISH GROUPS**  
**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Is RCIA for YOU?**

Do you or someone you know want to be baptized into the Catholic Church? Are you missing your sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion? Did you receive all your sacraments when you were an infant and feel the need to learn more about your faith as an adult?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, RCIA is for you. Call the Pastoral Center at (626) 282-0466 to set a time to pick up a registration form. Classes begin mid-September, so please have registration forms in by early September so that interviews may be held and supplies purchased.



**Our Mass Intention Book**

is available for Mass dedications.

This is a beautiful way to pray for our loved ones or intercede for a special cause.

*Please call our Pastoral Center to place your Mass In-*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Confessions are taking place in the  
Patio on Saturdays from 4-5pm.  
Please wear a mask. Safety  
protocols will be followed.**



¿POR QUÉ REZAR?

Los “extranjeros” que Isaías menciona, los “gentiles” de que habla Pablo, o los “cananeos” que cita Mateo son llamados a adorar en oración al verdadero Dios. Al escuchar las lecturas de hoy, tal vez nos sintamos tentados a preguntarnos: ¿Por qué rezar? Es una pregunta retórica; se equipara a preguntar por qué han de hablarse los amigos o los enamorados besarse. Rezar es una manera de relacionarnos con Dios, una manera de hablarle. Los apóstoles tuvieron la oportunidad de conversar en persona con Jesús encarnado. Nosotros tenemos la oportunidad de hablar con Dios en la oración. Nuestra relación con él debe ser entusiasta; no puede ser pusilánime. John Donne, un poeta y sacerdote inglés del siglo XV, supo cuáles eran la cualidades de una buena oración. Donne le pide a Dios que lo trate de manera diferente que a la mayoría de los cristianos. El poeta no quiere que Dios meramente “golpee, aliente, brille y repare”, sino que también “rompa, sople, que me y me haga nuevo” (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

Se requiere una fe dinámica de nuestra parte para venir a Dios en oración. Como dijo Jesús una vez: “Toca a la puerta y se te abrirá” (Mateo 7:7). Tal vez requiera golpear la puerta hasta tumbarla, pero si perseveramos al igual que la mujer del Evangelio de hoy, veremos los resultados. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Mi salvación se viene acercando; mi justicia está a punto de aparecer (Isaías 56:1, 6-7).

**Salmo** — Que te alaben, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 67 [66]).

**Segunda lectura** — Los dones y la llamada de Dios son irrevocables (Romanos 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Evangelio** — Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! (Mateo 15: 21-28).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
- Martes: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
- Miércoles: Ez 34:1-11; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 20:1-16
- Jueves: Ez 36:23-28; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
- Viernes: Ez 37:1-14; Sal 107 (106):2-9; Mt 22:34-40
- Sábado: Ez 43:1-7ab; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
- Domingo: Is 22:19-23; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

¿SABIA USTED?



**Preparativos para el regreso a clases durante una pandemia**

En agosto, las familias generalmente se están preparando para comenzar un nuevo año escolar, con toda la emoción y ansiedad que esto trae. Pero este año, en medio de la pandemia del coronavirus, nadie sabe qué les espera a los estudiantes. Platique con sus hijos acerca de cómo se sienten y qué les preocupa. Muchas personas, incluidos los niños pequeños, luchan contra la ansiedad y la depresión durante esta pandemia, así que asegúrese de platicar con ellos con frecuencia y proporcione un espacio seguro donde los niños puedan hablar sobre sus preocupaciones. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Estamos Celebrando los Sacramentos

Nuestra Parroquia esta tomando todas las medidas de seguridad necesarias en estos tiempos. Por tal razón, los sacramentos serán celebrados en el patio. Si usted esta interesado, favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral.

Si usted ya tenia una fecha agendada con nosotros, la celebración será en el patio, o, tiene la opción de contactarnos para agendar una nueva fecha.

Muchas Gracias



## MASS CELEBRATIONS IN THE PATIO

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED FRONT BULLETIN PAGE FOR TIMES. SEATING ARRANGEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE. IF YOU PREFER, YOU ARE ALSO WELCOMED TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR. JOIN US!

*Thank You*

OUR PARISH WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE TOWARDS VINCENT & LUPE VALENCIA FOR THEIR DONATION OF A CANOPY THAT WILL PROVIDE COMFORT TO OUR PARISHIONERS.

MAY GOD BLESS AND REWARD THEM ABUNDANTLY.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

# JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Visit this link:

<https://forms.gle/ncSgJ48f1Powek3j6>

Or, you may send a direct email to:  
[dieppy74@yahoo.com](mailto:dieppy74@yahoo.com)



The Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship.

All Souls is happy to celebrate the baptism of children in our community. Please consider the following when preparing your child for this sacra-

- Your child must be six years old or younger
- Parents must submit an application a month prior to the desired date
- Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal meeting in accordance with the baptism calendar.
- A donation of \$50 is requested when filling out application
- One godparent is sufficient
- The godparents should be practicing Catholics
- The godparents must be at least 16 & have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion
- If not single, the godparents must be married through the Catholic Church.