



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.
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)

August 17, 2025

Twentieth 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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Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us

and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year “C” “I have come to set the earth on fire.”

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. “Daughter, what do you see?”

“Potatoes, eggs, and coffee,” she hastily replied.

“Look closer,” he said, “and touch the potatoes.” She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

“Father, what does this mean?” she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity— the boiling water.

However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

“Which are you,” he asked his daughter. “When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?” (Billy Fag – “Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans”).

In today's gospel message, Jesus said “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already burning.” The contemporaries of Jesus viewed the kingdom movement which was championed by Jesus as a revolutionary movement unlike any movement they had seen.

The revolutionary message of Jesus was like a fire that has come to consume the earth and set it ablaze with the fire of God's love. For one to identify with Jesus and His revolutionary message was like taking a leap of faith. It was a radical step into the unknown, which requires a lot of courage to undertake.

People who opted to follow Jesus became the crucified of the earth because Jesus message was so radical such that the Sanhedrin and the powers that be were out to kill Jesus with the hope that killing Jesus will bring an end to the kingdom movement.

There are three different ways we could understand today's message of Jesus - “fire that consumes the earth.” Fire in this context could refer to the end of the world – the eschatology, the parousia, the day of judgment, which will come unexpectedly. Fire could also refer to the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day when the church was born or as a symbol of purification, which will separate the wheat from the weed.

The presence of Jesus on earth and the word preached by Jesus becomes a judgment call on the world. With Jesus, the earth becomes an incarnated world and the word of God establishes the parameter for judging what is right or wrong. Hence, in Jesus, people who used to “sit in darkness have seen a great light.” They can no longer walk in darkness because Jesus is the way, the truth and the light.

As St. Augustine said, “If you want peace, prepare for war.” The message of Jesus is a message of peace and love but it comes across in people's heart like fire burning on earth. People can no longer be neutral before the truth. Opting for the truth keeps us on the path of eternal life and the fate of Jesus becomes the fate of the disciples of Jesus.

Those who decided to follow Jesus were ridiculed, abused and discriminated against. The disciples of Jesus experienced great opposition even from their family members. Following Jesus becomes a radical choice and a sacrifice. The climax of this sacrifice is demonstrated by Jesus on the cross for the salvation of the world.

The suffering of the prophet Jeremiah is a foretaste of the sufferings of the disciples of Jesus. By calling Israel to return to the worship of the true God, to practice justice and stand for what is right, Jeremiah was unjustly condemned to die in a waterless pit. Thanks to the intervention of Ebed-melech, a court official, and the merciful heart of Zedekiah, a God-fearing king, the life of Jeremiah was spared.

Like Jeremiah, God will not fail to save the life of those who listen and follow the word of God preached by Jesus. The word of God which burns like fire shall purify His chosen ones and God will save them not only from temporal punishment on earth but also from eternal damnation.

Therefore, in spite of the suffering that goes with discipleship on earth, there is a reward for making the radical choice to become a disciple of Jesus. Following Jesus will make us to become members of the “cloud of witnesses” who will be rewarded because they “persevered in running the race and keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader of and perfecter of faith” (Heb 12:1-4).



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

August 10, 2025

TOTAL

\$ 6,161.00

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Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

As your children head back to school, parents should begin laying the groundwork (if they haven't already) for open communication about the school's safety guidelines and policies. Talk to children about safe adults and keep lines of communication open about who they see and interact with, how they feel about their school days, and what they are learning. Remind children regularly that they should find a safe adult if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation. For more tips, read "Talking to Kids About Safety and Boundaries for Back to School" by visiting <https://parequirements.com/blog/talking-to-kids-about-safety-and-boundaries-for-back-to-school>.



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	AUGUST	16-2025
5:30pm	Tek Pin and Pilar Dee	Dec.
SUNDAY	AUGUST	17-2025
7:30am	Ying Kang Hua	Dec.
	Marciana Wong	Dec.
9:00am	Eleuteria & Chrisporo Bacaltos	Dec.
	Samantha Jones	Thanksgiving
10:30am	Francisco Hernandez	Dec.
	Rafael Hernandez	Dec.
5:30pm	Carlos Moreno Gonzalez	Healing
	Casilda Silva	Dec.
MONDAY	AUGUST	18-2025
7:30am	Ying Kang Hua	Dec.
	Enzo Arman Bagunas	Birthday
TUESDAY	AUGUST	19-2025
7:30am	Gonzalo Mendoza Tellez	Dec.
	Gerardo & Andrea Domantay	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST	20-2025
7:30am	Matthew R. Jones	Birthday
	Eva Lavarda	Dec.
THURSDAY	AUGUST	21-2025
7:30am	Roderick Russell	Dec.
	Eva Lavarda	Dec.
FRIDAY	AUGUST	22-2025
7:30am	Francisco Hernandez Mejia	Dec.
SATURDAY	AUGUST	23-2025
7:30am	John & Ann Artale	Sp. Int.

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Uno de los funcionarios de la corte, Ebed-Melech, suplicó que Jeremías fuera rescatado de una cisterna fangosa. ¿Cómo podrías ayudar a un amigo o colega esta semana?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

El autor de Hebreos anima a su comunidad a centrarse en Jesús como una forma de mantenerse fuertes y esperanzados.

¿Puedes pensar en un momento en el que tu fe en Jesús te ayudó a superar una circunstancia difícil?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Jesús advierte a sus discípulos que incluso las familias se dividirán a causa de sus palabras. Al crecer, ¿cómo lidió tu familia con la tensión y el conflicto?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Jr 38, 4-6. 8-10/Sal 39, 2. 3. 4. 18 (14)/Heb 12, 1-4/
Lc 12, 49-53

Lunes: Jue 2, 11-19/Sal 105, 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43 y 44/
Mt 19, 16-22

Martes: Jue 6, 11-24/Sal 84, 9. 11-12. 13-14/Mt 19, 23-30

Miércoles: Jue 9, 6-15/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mt 20, 1-16

Jueves: Jue 11, 29-39/Sal 39, 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10/Mt 22, 1-14

Viernes: Rut 1, 1. 3-6. 14-16. 22/Sal 145, 5-6. 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/
Mt 22, 34-40

Sábado: Rut 2, 1-3. 8-11; 4, 13-17/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Mt 23, 1-12

Oración por la Valentía

Dios mío,

En los momentos en que mi fe se encuentra con el desdén o el ridículo de los demás, dame la gracia de centrarme en Ti. Recuérdame que Tu misión es importante, y que solo Tú traes consuelo, sanación y salvación.

Amén.

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Ahora que sus hijos vuelven a clases, los padres deben empezar a sentar las bases (si aún no lo han hecho) para mantener una comunicación abierta sobre las directrices y políticas de seguridad de su escuela. Hable con los niños sobre los adultos seguros y mantenga abiertas las líneas de comunicación sobre con quiénes se relacionan, cómo se sientan durante el día escolar y qué están aprendiendo. Recuérdeles regularmente que deben buscar a un adulto seguro si se sienten inseguros o incómodos en cualquier situación. Para más consejos, lea "Cómo hablar con los niños sobre la seguridad y los límites para la vuelta a clases" en <https://parequirements.com/blog/talking-to-kids-about-safety-and-boundaries-for-back-to-school>.

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!

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Open Enrollment



Dear Parishioners,

It's that time of year again! Registration forms for all Sacraments of Initiation are now available at the Pastoral Center.

Who is Eligible?

First Communion

Children currently enrolled in grades 1 through 7.

Confirmation

Teens who are presently attending high school.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Adults who wish to:

- Be baptized in the Catholic Church
- Become Catholic
- Deepen their understanding of the faith
- Receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion



All Souls Church invites all those who are eligible to begin this meaningful journey of faith. Our office is open Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 7:00pm

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful opportunity to encounter God's infinite mercy, receive healing, and renew our relationship with Him.



Confessions at All Souls Catholic Church are available every Saturday at 4:00PM

Before confession, take a moment to reflect silently:

- Have I put God first in my life?
- Have I prayed daily and attended Mass faithfully?
- Have I spoken unkindly or hurt others through my words or actions?
- Have I lied, gossiped, or held grudges?
- Have I acted selfishly or ignored someone in need?

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

National Needs Combined Collection



On the weekend of August 16-17, we will hold the National Needs Collection. The bishops of the United States created the national collections so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Donations will support the Catholic University of America, Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic home Missions. Each of these important collections is worthy of your support. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives.



Support Opportunity



Archbishop Gomez has announced an opportunity, starting this weekend, for all parishes in the archdiocese to come together in support of immigrants 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 envelopes: "Immigrant Needs" or "Immigration Donation."

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.