



AUGUST 22, 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastoral Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-7pm

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

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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.

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.

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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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Angelica Ruedas	Ethelyn Beltran
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David A. Jr. & Family	Erik Lifrak
Lucy Tsang	Ray Argueta & Family
Eleanor Ciechoski	Jose Crespo
Rosa Martinez	Joe Negrete
Ramirez Family	Bernardina Castañeda
Wally & Becky Puente	Reyes Family
Cynthia Manriquez	Mercedes Tarazona
Cecille Saguid	Delia Vargas
William Gonzalez	Fernando Torres
Joel Lopez	Gerardo Duran
Guadalupe Nevarez	Cidronio Abelar
Evelyn De Guzman	Yessenia Alvarez
Hortencia Palafox	Juanita Madrigal
Jerry Lopez	Mark Venegas
Francis Araiza	Marco de la Garza
Rafael Garcia	Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other
(Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "B" – "Decide today whom you will serve"

Once upon a time, a 12-year-old girl named Lianna lay on the side of the road barely clinging to life. Two men brutally raped the poor girl and left her for dead. Her face and neck were mutilated in the attack, the scars of which would remain for a lifetime. She thought for sure her life was over — that she never again would feel happiness or peace or any semblance of normality.

Then Lianna learned that she was pregnant as a result of the attack. Her doctor saw this as just another scar from the incident. But one that he suggested could be easily remedied with a simple procedure — an abortion.

The doctor encouraged Lianna to have the procedure, telling her it was the right thing to do so she wouldn't be haunted by a constant reminder of the attack.

But even as a traumatized 12-year-old who had experienced some of the worst this world had to offer, Lianna understood just how precious life is. She knew that ending this baby's life would not heal her scars or erase the horrific events she had endured.

So this young girl asked her doctor one important question: Would an abortion ease her pain and help her forget about her rape?

Her doctor said, "No."

Lianna knew that she would keep the baby. And so, instead, she heartily rejects abortion despite the doctor's suggestions.

"If abortion wasn't going to heal anything, I didn't see the point," she said. "I just knew that I had somebody inside my body. I never thought about who her biological father was. She was my kid. She was inside of me. Just knowing that she needed me, and I needed her...it made me want to work, to get a job [to support her]."

After the violent attack that left Lianna so close to death, Lianna battled post-traumatic stress disorder. The memories of that day were so bad that her mind couldn't help but drift to thoughts of suicide from time to time. But what kept her from acting upon those suicidal impulses was the knowledge that she wouldn't be killing just herself, but that she would also be taking the life of the baby growing inside of her. God knew just what this woman needed in order to be saved.

"In my situation, two lives were saved. I saved my daughter's life, but she saved my life."

Lianna would agree. Her daughter gave her life new meaning. She soon found each precious smile from her baby girl replacing her pain with something much stronger — love. And her daughter seemed to somehow be aware of her purpose as well.

When Lianna's daughter was just 4 years old, she turned to her and said, "Mommy, thanks for giving me life." This tiny gift from God provided Lianna with all of the healing she needed.

"When she said that. . . I realized that she was the one who gave me my life back."

Lianna's daughter is now 23, and the two have an incredible bond. One that was worth all of the pain and suffering as far as Lianna is concerned... (Story by Mel Johnson, June 25, 2015).

It may not be as traumatic as the experience of Lianna, however, at some point in our lives we have faced critical moments of decision making — decisions that could determine our future and shape our lives in some significant ways. There are people who find it difficult to make a decision — from what to wear to go to a party to making up their mind on the car to buy. There are also people who are happy with having other people make decisions for them, and still there are people whose decisions are final — it is either what they want or nothing at all.

Joshua is a good example of someone who has and knows what it takes to make a good decision and he was willing to make the sacrifice it entails in order to get it. Joshua says to the people of Israel — "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

The attitude of Joshua's audience is similar to the attitude of Jesus audience in today's gospel. Jesus is preaching to an audience who did not accept the fundamental truth about His teaching on the bread of life. Those who could not make up their mind to accept the teachings of Jesus decided to "return to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Jesus."

Of interest here is to examine the attitude of those who are good at decision making. Suffice it to say that it is not simply about decision making but more about making the right decision. Some people are of the opinion that knowledge, stress, time constraints and fear can affect our ability to make a good decision. Some people are also of the opinion that financial constraint and our mental health conditions are vital to making the right decisions.

Again, we live in the information age. With all the materials available to us on television, radio, newspaper and social media, determining which information is important and reliable, could sometimes pose a challenge. In our honest effort to process the alternatives, it is easy for us to become overwhelmed with information that is either unreliable or not relevant to the decision we are trying to make. However, a good decision demands that we use the reliable, relevant and available information and still be open to the uncertainties of life.

While these factors may not be ignored, yet, from Jesus, Joshua and Lianna we learn that the key to making a good decision at any moment in life is to be "God-Centered" at all times. If all we say and do could aim at pleasing God, we shall always be on the right side of history.

We are often worried about what people may think of us, yet, in the end it is not what people think but what God thinks of us that matters. This eternal truth is echoed by Peter in today's gospel "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy one of God."

It is given the confidence and conviction they find in both Joshua and Jesus that some people will decide to stand bold to live their lives for God. Like Jesus, Joshua and Lianna, we need at all times to stand bold and tall for God and it is this conviction that will empower people to accept Jesus as their Lord and savior. Hence, the saying "be mindful how you live your life because your life may become the only Bible that some people may be opportune to read."

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your generosity and support.

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

COLLECTION 8-15-2021

TOTAL: \$4,447.00



Our Next Food Distribution will
take place on Thursday,
September 16, 2021 from
12 noon to 1 pm.
Location: Parish Hall



Did You Know?

No parent sets out to raise a bully, but children grow and develop into their own people as they go out into the world — and it starts at home. One way to help your child foster healthy, kind relationships is to work on building good habits at home. Reward kindness and empathy when you see it. Comment on instances of sharing, of kindness, of pride. Help your child understand what it means to empathize with someone else, or to be kind in different situations. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “Parents: how not to raise a bully, the ten things you must know. Part Two,” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Many Peoples, One Mother

On **Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** a Votive Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. This Mass will honor Our Lady of Angel, patroness of the city and our archdiocese)



The schedule is as follows:

- 2:30 p.m. Entrance Procession
- 3:00 p.m. Votive Mass with Archbishop Jose H. Gomez followed by Rosary Procession on the Cathedral Plaza

Join representatives of the many cultures, papal orders (Order of Malta, Order of the Holy Sepulcher, Order of St. Lazarus, Order of St. Gregory) and fraternal service orders (Knights of Columbus, Knights of Peter Claver) from across the Archdiocese of pray for unity among all people.



MASS INTENTIONS

Our Book of Mass Intentions is available. If you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one or a special cause, please call our Pastoral Center.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

5:30pm	Alba Maria Narvaez	Dec.

SUNDAY , AUGUST 22

7:30am	Ubaldo Lopez	Dec.
	Jar Lee Kao	Healing
9:00am	Helen B. Montes	Dec.
10:30am	Camila Gonzalez	Dec.
	Lucas Moreno Plata	Dec.
	Rafael Bueno	Dec.
5:30pm	Maria Gonzalez	Dec.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

7:30am	Monica Perez	Birthday

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30am	Gloria San Lucas	Dec.
	Reagan Ilaw	Dec.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30am	Dianne Quilala	Dec.
	Electeria & Chrisporo Bacaltos	Dec.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30am	Adela Dominguez	Birthday

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30am	Aida & Edgar Bacaltos	Dec.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

7:30am	Moises Farias	Dec.
	Dianne Quilala	Dec.

Let us keep our brothers & sisters in prayer



All Souls Church would like to dedicate a special Mass in remembrance of all of our brothers and sisters who passed away as a result of Covid 19.

In preparation for this special service, we ask that if you have the name of a loved one whom you would like to include in the intentions of this Mass, to please call our Pastoral Center .

Be sure to leave your name and contact number as well so that we may share further details.

Thank You

*Community
Service*



All Souls Church knows that within our Parish family we have a wealth of treasure in God given talents. We would love to provide an opportunity for you to celebrate these gifts in service to our community. As we cautiously return to everyday life, and plan ahead for events and festivities, we would like to create a list of volunteers for future collaboration. The invitation is open in an as needed basis. If you feel that this call appeals to you and would love to be of support during these special events, please give us a call at the Pastoral Center and leave your name and number. Thank you.



All Souls Church sabe que dentro de nuestra familia de feligreses tenemos un tesoro de talentos. A nosotros nos encantaría poder darles la oportunidad de poner esos dones al servicio de nuestra comunidad. A medida que volvemos cautelosamente a la vida cotidiana y empezamos a planear eventos y festividades, quisiéramos crear una lista de voluntarios para colaborar en el futuro. Es por esta razón que hacemos la invitación a todos aquellos que sientan el llamado. Si este es usted, favor de llamar a nuestros Centro Pastoral y dejar su nombre y teléfono.

LA TOMA DE DECISIONES

Hay un axioma que dice “No decidir es decidir”. Este dicho fue muy popular en los turbulentos tiempos de la Guerra de Vietnam. Nos instaba a no permitir que otros respondieran a las cuestiones morales planteadas por la participación de nuestro país en ese conflicto terrible, sino decidir por nosotros mismos. Esa clase de decisiones nunca es fácil. Evitarla es común. Jesús, por su parte, no solo era un valiente arriesgado, sino un claro tomador de decisiones. Al buscar cumplir la misión a la que el Padre lo había llamado, continuamente tomó decisiones por nosotros y por el Padre. Trabajó duro para establecer condiciones que permitieran a los demás tomar decisiones similares. Nunca tomó decisiones por los demás ni forzó a nadie a tomarlas, incluso las decisiones que tenían ramificaciones para la eternidad. Jesús nos invita a tomar estas decisiones hoy día. No estamos absolutamente seguros. Lo que es cierto, sin embargo, es el mandato que sale de la Palabra de Dios: arriésgate. ¡Decide!

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Evangelio — Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. (Juan 6:60-69).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	1 Tes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Martes:	Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Miércoles:	1 Tes 2:9-13; Sal 139 (138):7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Jueves:	1 Tes 3:7-13; Sal 90 (89):3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Viernes:	1 Tes 4:1-8; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Sábado:	1 Tes 4:9-11; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Domingo:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Sant 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mc 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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¿SABIA USTED?

Ningún padre de familia se propone criar a un acosador, pero los niños crecen y se convierten en su propia persona a medida que salen al mundo, y todo comienza en casa. Una forma de ayudar a su hijo o hija a fomentar relaciones saludables y amables es esforzarse por desarrollar buenos hábitos en el hogar. Premie la bondad y la empatía cuando las vea. Comente sobre casos de cómo compartir, de bondad, de orgullo. Ayude a su hijo a comprender lo que significa tener empatía por otra persona o ser amable en diferentes situaciones. Para más información, solicite una copia del artículo de VIRTUS en inglés, “Parents: how not to raise a bully, the ten things you must know. Part Two” (Padres: cómo no criar a un acosador, las diez cosas que debe saber. Parte Dos) en <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



R.I.C.A. RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS

Las inscripciones se cierran el 8 de Septiembre

¿Sabe usted de alguien que busca ser bautizado en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Necita usted o algún conocido los sacramentos de Confirmación o Primera Comunión? ¿Siente la necesidad de aprender más sobre su fe como adulto?

Si respondió “Sí” a cualquiera de estas preguntas, RICA es para usted. Llame al Centro Pastoral al (626) 282-0466 para fijar una hora para recoger un formulario de registro. Las clases comienzan a mediados de septiembre, así que tenga los formularios de inscripción a más tardar a principios de septiembre para que se puedan realizar las entrevistas y se puedan comprar los materiales necesarios.

A yellow sticky note pinned to a corkboard reads "REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING". To its right is a digital calendar showing "SEPTEMBER 1" with a green checkmark. Below the sticky note, two red pushpins hold up a teal card that says "Sacrament of Confirmation". The teal card contains text about the sacrament and enrollment information.

The Sacrament of Confirmation reminds us of our union with the Church and strengthens our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Enrollment is now open for our youth. If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please call our Pastoral Center. The last day to submit an application will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to the special collection in support of Fr. Jayaraju Bollikonda's work.

Your generosity is a seed that will surely give good fruit. Please continue to remember his life changing mission in your prayers.



Prayer For Teachers and Students

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have committed to Your holy Church the care and nurture of Your children. Enlighten with Your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of Your truth, they may worship You and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Is RCIA for you?

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

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.