

September 07, 2025 Twenty-Third 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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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 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)

Office of Liturgy

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Ministry of the Sick Larry Dumont

Safeguard the Children Irene Oaxaca

Bereavement Ministry Diep Dinh

Legion of Mary Salvador Agudo

Cursillos in Christianity Aida Gonzalez

English Bible Study Sheila Henderson-Linan

Spanish Bible Study Maria de Jesus Martinez

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Rosario de Misericordia — Angelina Farias

Our Lord's Mission Josephine Espinosa

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Amigos de Jesus Estela Murga

Filipino Ministry Rose Pichon

Young Adult Mtry. Leticia Urtecho

Youth Ministry Vivian Vasquez

Catholic Women's Ma Grace N. Tima

Association

Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

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Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/

Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/

Lk 6:43-49

Esperanza Canale Annette Lopez

Marcella Guerra Norma Ferriols

Sylvia Mae Thomas Carlos Moreno Gonzalez

Palma Jones Victor Ramirez Salazar

Gloria Moore Ethelyn Beltran

Loan Le Karen Katsumura

Angelica Ruedas Andrea Primicias
Matthew Perez Cecilia Chow
Gary Meraz Ray Argueta & Fa

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David A. Jr. & Family Jose Crespo Lucy Tsang Joe Negrete

Rosa Martinez Bernardina Castañeda

Ramirez Family Reyes Family

Wally & Becky Puente Mercedes Tarrazona Fernando Torres Cynthia Manriquez William Gonzalez Gerardo Duran Cidronio Abelar Joel Lopez Guadalupe Nevarez Yessenia Alvarez Evelyn De Guzman Juanita Madrigal Hortencia Palafox Mark Venegas Francis Araiza Marco de la Garza

Rafael Garcia Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu

Sonia Gorope Elizabeth Pham

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "C" "Whoever does not carry his cross"

In 1941, during World War II, a Polish Catholic priest named Maximilian Kolbe was a prisoner in the Auschwitz concentration camp. After a prisoner escaped, the guards ordered ten men to be killed by starvation as a punishment. One of the men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, "My poor wife! My poor children!"

Hearing this, Father Kolbe volunteered to take his place. He told the guards, "I am a Catholic priest. Let me take the place of that man. He has a wife and children." The guards agreed, and Kolbe was sent to the starvation chamber. He led the other condemned prisoners in prayer and song until he was the last survivor. Then, he was killed by an injection of carbolic acid. The man he saved, Franciszek Gajowniczek, survived the war and lived to be 94 years old (The sacrifice of a Polish priest).

An anonymous story from Ireland recounts the hardships of the Great Potato Famine in 1847. A mine worker would eat his lunch alone, hiding from his coworkers. His coworkers grew curious and assumed he was hoarding delicious food. One day, a man opened the worker's lunch pail and discovered that it was filled with nothing but potato peels.

The worker's children received the potatoes for their lunch, while he ate the peels. Unbeknownst to him, he was getting most of the vitamins and minerals that are contained in the peels. His selfless act of giving his children the better part of his food remains a powerful testament to a parent's sacrifice (The potato sacrifice).

In 16th-century India, Panna Dai was the nursemaid to Udai Singh, the young prince of the Mewar kingdom. When the king died, his distant cousin Banvir was appointed regent, but he secretly plotted to kill Udai Singh to seize power for himself.

A servant alerted Panna Dai of the plan, and she quickly devised a daring escape. She placed the young prince in a basket and instructed the servant to take him to safety. To deceive the murderer, Panna Dai put her own sleeping son, Chandan, on the prince's bed. When Banvir arrived, he ruthlessly killed Chandan, believing he had murdered the prince. Panna Dai silently watched her own son die to save her prince, ensuring the royal lineage would continue (The nursemaid who saved a prince).

These three inspirational stories about great sacrifices made by our fellow human beings have a lot to teach us about what Jesus means when He said "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

Jesus is a law abiding Son of God. Jesus taught us that to love God and love our fellow human being is the fullness of the law. Jesus knows that "Honor your father and your mother" is the fourth commandment of the law and a law that goes with blessings – "If you want to live a long life and if you want God to bless you." Jesus loved His parents and was obedient to them, and will detest any action that hurts another person.

When Jesus asks us to hate our wives and children, Jesus knows and teaches that "God them male and female ... For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate" (Mtt 19:4-6).

The Holy Bible says "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For, whoever does not love their brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen (1Jn 4:20).

Again, Jesus knows that life is sacred because it is a gift from God. Jesus came that we may have life and have it in abundance (Jn 10:10), then, there is no logical way we could take what Jesus said in today's gospel literally. Jesus is not asking us to hate anyone. If there is anything that we need to hate, it is sin, violence, oppression and division.

The mandate to "hate" father and mother, wife and children, brother and sister... etc. is a Semitic way of making Jesus' audience to understand and appreciate the radical nature of the call to repentance and to embrace the values of the kingdom of God. To the Semitic people and culture, love for parents, family and life is the greatest in their hierarchy of values, but when it comes to the sacrifices we need to make in order to enter the kingdom of God, even what our culture considers great comes secondary.

Discipleship requires a total commitment and seeking the kingdom of God and its righteousness should become the greatest desire of a human being. Option for God is not one out of many. It is the only credible option available to a child of God.

As a person who wishes to construct a house or tower needs to calculate and budget the cost of undertaking such a project, discipleship entails a radical and lifelong commitment. While the challenges may be enormous yet, the reward is worth the sacrifice.

In this gospel therefore, Jesus extols the value of sacrifice. History has accounts and records of people who have made some heroic sacrifices. The Christian faith which we hold dear today is the fruit of the many sacrifices that were made by some great women and men who were willing to stand strong for what they believe even to the extent of dying for the faith.

Whenever we gather to worship God, we gather as a people of faith who love God and want to go to heaven after our life's journey on earth. However, the fundamental question is – are we still a people who are willing to make big sacrifices for what we believe?

It can never be overemphasized that no value could be maintained and handed over to the next generation unless we become a people who are willing to defend and stand strong for peace, justice and the integrity of all sentient beings. The more the threats we face holding on to family values, life, justice and peace in the world, the more is the need for us to welcome and embrace the sacrifices necessary to sustain and hand on the life giving values of Christian life to others.





Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

TOTAL

August 31, 2025

\$ 4,752.00

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Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you Know?

Having a "healthy caution" about adults in your life does not mean treating all adults as potential perpetrators. It is important to increase awareness about the dangers and the signs of abuse without creating paranoia. Safe adults should not be vigilante protectors, but should have a perspective of caution and should not ignore warning signs of inappropriate behavior. To learn more, read the VIRTUS article "Why Should We Have a 'Healthy Caution' Toward Adults" 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	SEPTEMBER	06-2025
5:30pm	Esperanza Suqui Canale	Birthday
	Gerardo & Alfredo Barreto	Dec.
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER	07-2025
7:30am	Ying Kang Hua	Dec.
	Terry C. Ramirez	Healing
	Rodolfo Barbosa Jimenez	Dec.
9:00am	Jesse Fuentes Dayaganon	Dec.
	Thomas & Maria Jones	Wedd. Anniv.
10:30am	Judith & Jose Quiroz	Dec.
	Victoria & Levon Dadikozian	Dec.
5:30pm	Carlos Moreno Gonzalez	Healing
	Ruth Walter Alvarado	Dec.
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER	08-2025
7:30am	Exuperio Tejero	Dec.
	Rodolfo Barbosa Jimenez	Dec.
	Socorro Fuentes	Dec.
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER	09-2025
7:30am	Ying Kang Hua	Dec.
	Rodolfo Barbosa Jimenez	Dec.
	Consuelo Ortega	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER	10-2025
7:30am	Agustin Adelfo Rodriguez	Dec.
	Dzung Ton	Healing
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER	11-2025
7:30am	Magdalena Llanillo	Dec.
	Sylvia Lechuga	Dec.
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER	12-2025
7:30am	Isidoro Gonzalez	Dec.
	Dzung Ton	Healing
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER	13-2025
7:30am	Dzung Ton	Healing

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¿Sabla usted?

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

El autor de la Sabiduría nos enseña que nuestro entendimiento limitado puede ser superado por el don de la sabiduría del Espíritu Santo de Dios. ¿Alguna vez has orado por el don de sabiduría para discernir un curso de acción difícil?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo le pide a Filemón que le dé la bienvenida a su esclavo fugitivo, Onésimo, como hermano en Cristo. ¿A quién consultas cuando tomas decisiones difíciles en la vida?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Jesús desafía a las multitudes a sopesar cuidadosamente el alto costo del discipulado. ¿A qué has renunciado al seguir a Jesús?

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo:Sab 9, 13-19/Sal 89, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14-17 (1)/

Flm 9-10. 12-17/Lc 14, 25-33

Lunes: Miq 5, 1-4 o Rom 8, 28-30/Sal 12, 6. 6/

Mt 1, 1-16. 18-23 o 1, 18-23

Martes: Col 2, 6-15/Sal 61, 6-7. 9/Lc 6, 12-19

Miércoles:Col 3, 1-11/Sal 144, 2-3. 10-11. 12-13/Lc 6, 20-26 Jueves: Col 3, 12-17/Sal 150, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 6, 27-38 Viernes: 1 Tim 1, 1-2. 12-14/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 11/Lc 6, 39-42 Sábado: 1 Tim 1, 15-17/Sal 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6-7/Lc 6, 43-49

Oración por la Humildad

Dios mío,

Moldea mi corazón según el tuyo. Ayúdame a verme a mí misma como Tú me ves: rodeada de Tu amor. Ayúdame a ver a los demás como Tú también los ves. Dame conocimiento de tus caminos, hoy y siempre.

Amén.

Tener "precaución saludable" con respecto a los adultos en tu vida no significa tratar a todos los adultos como perpetradores potenciales. Es importante saber sobre los peligros y las señales de abuso sin crear paranoia. Los adultos seguros no deben ser vigilantes protectores, sino tener una perspectiva de precaución y no ignorar las señales de advertencia de comportamiento inadecuado. Para saber más, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "¿Por qué debemos tener una 'precaución saludable' hacia los adultos?" (Why Should We Have a 'Healthy Caution' Toward Adults) 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 mentido, 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

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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



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?

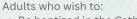
First Communion

Children currently enrolled in grades 1 through 7.

Confirmation

Teens who are presently attending high school.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)



- 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.

HOLY MASS

PREPARATION AND ARRIVAL



Arrive Early

Allow time for prayer and reflection before Mass begns,



Dress Modestly

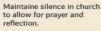
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Fasting

Catholies are typically required to fast from food and onx (except water) for one hour before receiving Holy Comm.

Silence





Ensure all electronic -devices are silenced or turned ofr to avoid distractions.

SPECIFIC POINTS



Holy Water

Bless youred wih holy water upon entering and leaving the church as a reminder of your



Tabernacle Genuflect towards tabernacle

before sitting and after leaving your pew.

Eucharistic Prayer
Maintain silence and reverece.

DURING MASS



Sign of the Cross

Bless yourself with holy water upon entering and leaving the church.



Genuflect

Before sitting in your pew. genuflect (knee) brieffy) towards the Eucharist (s reserved).



Participate Engage actively bby singing,

responding, and praying with the community.



Respectful Silence

Refrain from talking, chewing gum, or engaging in any disruptive behavior.



Receive Holy Communion with Reverence

If receiving, aproars with a bow. and consume the host immediately.



Do Not Leave Early

Stay until the Mass comcludes with the final blessing and recessional.

AFTER MASS



Consider staying

for a few minutes of quiet prayer and thanksgiving after Mass.



Recessional

Remain in your pew until the priest and ministers have processed out



Please fill in the form with your prayer intentions Por favor llenue el forumulario con sus peticiones

We will include them in our next rosary.



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.