

ALL SOULS

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

24TH 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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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)

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Angelica Ruedas	Ethelyn Beltran
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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 — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5;

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A"

"How often must I forgive?"

"You don't know me, but I am no longer dating your husband...I'm sorry for any pain I caused your family." Christy recalls the exact moment she read that sentence, in an e-mail sent to her last March. "My heart just stopped," says the mother of four (to stepson AJ, 26; and Skye, 9; Blaze, 8; and Hayes, 6). "I felt paralyzed."

Until that point, Christy, a relationship coach, believed that she and Adrian, 46, her husband of 10 years, were happily married. Certainly things weren't perfect: Business was slow for Adrian, a car salesman, and their bank balance had taken a hit. "Adrian and I were feeling pressure about money," says Christy. But she had seen no other warning signs. "We still had date nights and did things as a family. I never dreamed he would betray me."

After reading and rereading that e-mail, Christy called her husband at work. Voice shaking, she demanded an explanation. "Adrian was defensive at first, said it never happened, and even hung up on me," she remembers. "But a minute later he called back, crying, admitted it was true, and begged me to forgive him."

The story unfolded: Adrian and a customer had flirted. A one-night stand had turned into a four-month affair. In February 2012, when the woman asked Adrian if he would ever leave his family, he broke off the relationship. "I was furious," says Christy. "It was hard for me not to tell Adrian that we were over and make him hurt as badly as I did." Instead the pair talked and wept together all night.

"Once the initial shock passed, I was faced with a choice," she says. "I could either fight for my marriage or let this event change everytChristy made a conscious decision to forgive. It didn't happen instantly. For the next six months, she struggled with resentment and the fear that Adrian would not be committed to making the marriage work. "There were many times I asked him, 'How could you live with yourself? How could you look me in the eye and lie for months?' And to get closure, I needed to know every last detail of the affair. It was extremely painful for Adrian to answer my questions, but he did so with humility," she says.

"Forgiving him was the hardest thing I've ever had to do," says Christy, "but his honesty made it easier." So did the fact that Adrian confided his wrongdoing to two friends from their church. The three of them began meeting each week to pray together and discuss their faith and the importance of marriage. "I appreciated that he wanted other people to hold him accountable," says Christy.

While on vacation in Virginia last May, Christy and Adrian spontaneously renewed their wedding vows. "We continue to work on trust issues," she admits. "But our marriage is stronger for it. I have no regrets" (Story told by C. L. Jones).

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

To some people, Jesus is saying that we should forgive 77 times and only to revenge if we are offended for the 78th time, to some others Jesus is saying 490 times. But Peter and the apostles understand Jesus saying that we should never revenge. For vengeance is mine, says the Lord (Deut 32:35, Rom 12:17).

Christy had every reason to divorce Adrian but she gave him a second chance, and by so doing was able to save their marriage.

Forgiving those who offend us is not easy because forgiveness does not come naturally to us. Revenge is our most common feeling whenever we are offended or challenged by the unknown. In Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart" Okonkwo, responding to the challenges facing the land of Umuofia, says "If a man comes into my house and defecates on the floor, what do I do? Do I shut my eyes? No! I take a stick and break his head. That is what a man does."

The life of Okonkwo is a good lesson on forgiveness. He regarded his father Unoka as effeminate because he was not revengeful. Governed by the principle of revenge, Okonkwo, thou a hero in the land of Umuofia, lives his life always at war with both his chi and the culture which was undergoing some changes due to the presence of the White man and the Christian religion.

The question that comes to mind here is – if forgiveness is not an inborn sentiment, why do we need to forgive those who offend us? Okonkwo detested forgiveness because it makes a man to appear weak to others, as if there is something wrong with appearing weak before others. In Okonkwo, we see a clear lack to humility and this will end up undoing him and his legacy. At the end of the story Okonkwo commits suicide, and this is the fate of those who do not forgive others – self destruction (Un-Forgiveness shuts the door of change and leaves us with no option).

Forgiveness is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of strength to forgive someone who offends us 7 or 77 or 490 times. We forgive others because when it comes to God we can never run out of second chances for the blood of Christ shed on the cross for our salvation pleads insistently for us. Hence, even with Israel, Jonah or Sampson's disobedience, God still gave them a second chance to make things right.

However, make no mistake about it, God does not condone bad behavior. God rewards every good deed and punishes every evil deed. But unlike human beings who revenge to punish others and hence appease themselves, God does not punish us for His own honor or to satisfy His wrath. God disciplines us in order to heal us. God destroyed the land of Sodom and Gomorrah to discipline them for their iniquity but withheld vengeance from Nineveh because when Jonah preached, they repented.

That punishment belongs to God means that God's punishment aims at repentance and healing, and not for self aggrandizement. "For there is no one righteous, not even one" (Rom 3:10). God is love. If love is the supreme commandment, when we forgive, we love and the spirit of God abides in us. We have to love something for us to desire it. It is God's desire that we forgive those who offend us because God loves us and wants the best for us. As children of God, we should love what God loves, hence the need for us to forgive again and again and again. Amen

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Offertory Collection.

FIRST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER

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2ND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER

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VOCATIONS

ANSWERING THE CALL

Every life is a calling, a vocation. Trying times, teach us of the need for leadership in our faith.

“I ask parish communities, associations and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest. May he give us priests enamoured of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God’s merciful love. Dear brothers and sisters, today too, we can regain fervour in preaching the Gospel and we can encourage young people in particular to take up the path of Christian discipleship. Despite a widespread sense that the faith is listless or reduced to mere “duties to discharge”, our young people desire to discover the perennial attraction of Jesus, to be challenged by his words and actions, and to cherish the ideal that he holds out of a life that is fully human, happy to spend itself in love. Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God’s hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, “Here I am”, to the Lord’s call ...” ~Pope Francis

Did You Know?



The start of a new school year is a great time to review your family’s rules and to go over safety plans for emergencies. Make sure all your children know what to do and who to contact if something is wrong. Go over the phone numbers they can call and what order to call them — 911, a parent’s office or cell phone, a trusted neighbor or a family friend. Discuss where to find these numbers if they forget them. Create a code word that all family members will recognize to mean something is wrong or someone is in an uncomfortable or dangerous situation. For more ideas, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



We are sad to announce the passing of our long-time parishioner, lector, volunteer, and sister in Christ:

Mary Anne Aarset

Services are still pending at the moment, but we ask that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

May she rest in the arms and light of our Lord.



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FOOD DISTRIBUTION



The next food distribution will take place on **September 17, 2020.**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

5:30PM	Lani & Souvenir Picardal	Sp. Int.
	First Responders	Sp. Int.
	Vivian Rull	Sp. Int.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

7:30AM	Franklin & Francisca Gen-Kuong	Dec.
	Rodrigue T.	Sp. Int.
9:00AM	Rodrigue T.	Sp. Int.
	Leonarda de Guzman	Dec.
10:30AM	Mario Montiel Solis	Dec.
5:30PM	Jun Cabaccang	Dec.
	Jon Cunningham	Dec.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

7:30AM	Beatrice Frease	Dec.
	Elsa Rosales	Healing
	Margaret & Alice Rosario	Dec.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

7:30AM	Cameron Dutton	Dec.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

7:30AM	The Holy Father's Intentions	

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

7:30AM	Elsa Rosales	Healing

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

7:30AM	Bryan Buckley	Dec.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

7:30AM	Peace in our Nation	
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LET US KEEP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

IN OUR PRAYERS.

REPENTANCE

In Trying Times

Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a gift for the remission of sins and to unite the faithful with the loving mercy of God. This sacrament is not simply an enumeration of various sins, but the genuine acknowledgement that we are in need of His grace and seek a closer relationship with God.

Confession brings us Peace

All Souls Church is taking all the necessary



precautions to ensure that you are safe during confession time. You can take part in this important sacrament every Saturday from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at the patio. Please remember to wear a mask.

The White Mass has been a tradition in the United States since the late 1800s. We invite you to this year's Mass to celebrate the work done by doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals. Join us to recognize them for all their dedication and service at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on October 11.

<https://lacatholics.org/event/white-mass/>



PERDÓN

Unos diez años antes, un padre e hijo se distanciaron cuando el negocio en el que eran socios se fue a bancarrota. El hijo culpó al padre. No se hablaron más.

Entonces el padre se puso gravemente enfermo. La madre llamó al hijo y le dijo que viniera a verlo pronto. El hijo entró con vergüenza a su habitación en el hospital. El padre hizo un gesto para que se acercara y susurró: “¿Acaso pensaste que podrías hacer algo que me hiciera dejar de amarte?”

El rencor y la cólera son abominables, nos dice la primera lectura de Sirácide. Piensa en tu fin. Deja de odiar. Vive conforme a los mandamientos. Como escribe san Pablo en Romanos, para el Señor vivimos y para el Señor morimos.

Sin embargo, la parábola de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda la compasión de Dios. El inmenso pecado de la humanidad ha sido perdonado y borrado del libro. Tenemos que perdonar a otros de igual manera.

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¿SABIA USTED?



El inicio del nuevo año escolar es un gran momento para revisar las reglas establecidas en su familia y para repasar los planes de seguridad en caso de emergencias. Asegúrese que todos sus hijos sepan qué hacer y a quién contactar si algo anda mal. Repase los números de teléfono a los que pueden llamar y en qué orden llamar: 911, a la oficina o al celular de uno de los padres de familia, a un vecino de confianza o a una amistad de la familia. Discuta dónde encontrar esos números si se les olvidan. Cree una palabra en código para que todos los miembros de la familia la usen cuando algo está mal o cuando alguien esté en una situación incómoda o peligrosa. *Para más ideas, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No podemos fomentar el rencor y esperar que se nos perdonen nuestros pecados

(Eclesiástico 27:30 — 28:7).

Salmo — El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso, lento a la ira y rico en compasión (Salmo 103(102)).

Segunda lectura — Ya sea que vivamos o muramos, lo hacemos en Cristo (Romanos 14:7-9).

Evangelio — Jesús dice que debemos perdonar no sólo siete veces sino setenta veces siete veces (Mateo 18:21-35).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1-2, 34-38; Flm 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Martes: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 o Lc 2:33-35
- Miércoles: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Sal 33 (32):2-5, 12, 22; Lc 7:31-35
- Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118 (117):1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lc 7:36-50
- Viernes: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lc 8:1-3
- Sábado: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Sal 56 (55):10c-14; Lc 8:4-15
- Domingo: Is 55:6-9; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Flm 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



Gracias por estar siempre a mi lado

FELIZ DÍA DE LOS ABUELOS

Padre celestial,

Que los santos Joaquín y Ana, abuelos de tu Hijo Jesús, sean un modelo eterno para los abuelos. Tu Sabiduría y Tu Palabra son eternas para todas las generaciones. Ayuda a los abuelos, te oramos, mientras transmiten las ricas tradiciones de la fe a sus amados familiares, especialmente a sus nietos. ..



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Sirs, ye are brethren. - Acts. 7:26

PRAYER IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11



God of Mercy, today we want to take a moment to acknowledge that even in our worst moments, you take care of us. This weekend, we want to especially remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others years ago on 9/11. We want to remember all those who suffered and died. We grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends.

But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our most ancient and most holy desire, peace among all God's children. Lord, grant us peace. Amen.

Prayer from Catholic Charities

National Grandparents' Day



Heavenly Father,

May saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of your Son, Jesus, be an everlasting model for grandparents. Your Wisdom and Word are eternal meant for all generations. Help grandparents, we pray, as they pass on the rich traditions of the faith to their beloved family members, especially their grandchildren. ...

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