



# 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)

**September 17, 2023**

*24th 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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St. Vincent de Paul	Pearl Martinez
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Amigos de Jesus	Estela Murga
Filipino Ministry	Rose Pichon
Youth Ministry	Leticia Urtecho
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



# Readings & Prayers for the Sick

## First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

## Psalm:

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

## Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7-8)

## Gospel:

"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." (Mt 18:21-22)

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Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/  
Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year "A"

### How Many Times Must I Forgive ...?

Sirach 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mtt 18:21-35

Our Gospel story for this Sunday is motivated by a question asked by Peter – if my brother sins against me and I forgive him seven times, isn't that good enough? As a Jew who is well-grounded in the Mosaic Law, the Torah demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth as the basis of justice in the land (Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21), it is a no brainer that forgiving anyone up to seven times is good enough if not perfect (given that seven is a perfect number to the Jews – a definite but not specified number).

Peter's position is justified by a Rabbinic saying "if a man transgresses once, forgive him; if a second time, forgive him; if a third time, forgive him; **if a fourth time, do not forgive him.**" What Peter did was to take the Rabbinic **limit of forgiveness**, multiply it by two, add one and then sit back and say "Am I not a wonderful person to be willing to forgive like that?"

By his response "*not seven times but seventy, seven times,*" Jesus uses another symbolic significance of the number to make the number indefinite. **No definite number could make forgiveness perfect.** This phrase echoes the passage in Gen 4:24 in which a limit is denied to the satisfaction of blood revenge. This parable comes to dismiss this Old Testament practice – in the new dispensation, we ought to forgive seventy, times seven - meaning not to revenge at all.

The servant who owes 10,000 talents is not just a slave but a high officer of the state, a viceroy, but you and I who hear the word of God. The value of talents may not be easily reckoned in terms of modern coinage with any degree of accuracy. The unforgiving servant owed his master 10,000 talents. A talent approximates to about \$250, therefore, he owed about \$2,500,000.

At this time the total annual tax of the provinces of Judea, Idumea, and Samaria was 600 talents; Galilee and Perea were 200 talents. His debt was more than the income of several provinces put together. The sum of 10,000 talents is intended to represent an incredibly large sum, something like the national debt of a State falling upon a single citizen. A day's wage was one denarius or about 5p, and 100 denarii would amount to about \$5.

Selling the unforgiving debtor and his family may not be enough to pay his debt, yet, he promises to pay his debt. The king not only accepts the promise but goes further to forgive the whole debt. It bothers any right-thinking mind why such a servant could not find a place in his heart to forgive a fellow servant who owes him only \$5 a mere 100 denarii, which could easily be paid off in a few months.

Now the question is - **How come that someone who was forgiven \$2.5m was unable to let go of \$5 owed to him?** Isn't this what we do whenever we refuse to forgive others?

The message of this parable challenges us to reflect on human **Double standards** – "An honest person pays his/her debt." The unforgiving servant demanded from his fellow servant a standard which he was not prepared to fulfill himself. Of all human faults, this is very common – we are often very critical of others but very easy on ourselves. We open our eyes to the fault of others while we are quite unwilling to see our own faults (**Matt 7:3**). What we see as meanness in others is regarded as mere thrift in ourselves. We often have "genuine" reasons for our failures and regard those of others as feeble excuses. Hence, all the gossip that goes around.

**Golden Rule** – we should always keep in mind Jesus' mandate to do to others as we would have them do to us **Matt 7:12**. If we could treat others with the same understanding charity with which we usually treat ourselves, ours would be a happier world and there would be less violence/hatred between brothers and sisters, families, and nations.

**To err is human, to forgive is divine** – this parable teaches us that we cannot receive the forgiveness of God until we have shown forgiveness to our fellow human beings.

This truth re-echoes the "**Lord's Prayer** – forgive us our trespasses as we..." (Matt 6:12) and **the Beatitude** – "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt 5:7). Ecclesiasticus 28:2-4 – "Forgive thy neighbor the hurt..." We are sometimes unfit to pray the "Our Father" for whenever we say it with bitterness in our hearts; we are deliberately asking God not to forgive us because we have not forgiven others.

**The Four Categories of human beings** – the Rabbis identify four kinds of people on earth:

1. One who is easily provoked and easily pacified; his loss is canceled by his gain.
2. One who is hard to provoke and hard to pacify; his gain is canceled by his loss.
3. One who is hard to provoke and easily pacified; **is a good person.**
4. One who is easily provoked and hard to pacify; is a wicked person (Barkeley).

**What we know versus what we do** – we know that forgiveness is a lovely thing, yet, in actual practice, it is not forgiveness that sways us but rather our bitter heart's desire for revenge move us into action. Deep within our hearts, we know what is good, yet, we do what is evil. Harmony in thought and action becomes the sign of spiritual greatness.

**God's forgiveness and ours** - The attitude of the master does not truly reflect the unconditional love of God. God's forgiveness knows no limit and is not swayed by human ingratitude. Any wrong done to us is nothing compared to the wrong we have done to God. Our sins break not just God's law but God's heart. We can pay for crimes against the law but no one can pay or atone for a broken heart. Therefore, the debt we owe to God is infinitely greater than any debt anyone can owe to us. Yet, God forgives us.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

COLLECTION	TOTAL
September 10, 2023	\$ 5,534.00

*Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

Child abuse victims are often scared and anxious to tell a trusted adult about the abuse they have suffered. These fears prevent a majority of victims from telling their parents, teachers, or other trusted adults about abuse, which, sadly, perpetuates the cycle. Victims may be afraid that they will get in trouble, or will not be believed, or will be ashamed or criticized. For information on how to overcome or counteract these fears, read the VIRTUS® article “Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**MASS IN RECOGNITION OF ALL IMMIGRANTS**

**The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Immigration Affairs invites our community of faith to the annual Mass in Recognition of All Immigrants on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.**

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER	16-2023
5:30pm	Pam Risinger	Healing
	Janice Board	Dec.
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER	17-2023
7:30am	Francisca & Frnaklin Genkuong	Dec.
	Kremin Lee	Dec.
	Erlinda Suatengco Yson	Dec.
9:00am	Quinta Ngwa Nche	Healing
	Mama Therese Mbe	Healing
	Eliana & Emmanuel Nsoh	Healing
10:30am	Amelia Cobian	Dec.
	Josefina de los Santos	Dec.
	Rosa Almira Ortiz	Dec.
5:30pm	Graciela Martinez	Dec.
	Charlie M. De Leon	Dec.
	Graciela Mercado	Dec.
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER	18-2023
7:30am	Nathaniel Sauz	Dec.
	Victims of Moroccan Earthquake	Special Int.
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER	19-2023
7:30am	Paul Lee	Dec.
	Miguel Angel Farias	Birthday
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER	20-2023
7:30am	Peter Lee	Dec.
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER	21-2023
7:30am	Sara Farias	Special Int.
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER	22-2023
7:30am	Frank Mayer	Special Int.
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER	23-2023
7:30am	Dewey Tong	Healing
	Angela Cheng	Dec.

## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Primera Lectura:

Sirácides enseña que el Señor desea que seamos compasivos y misericordiosos unos con otros. Al hacerlo, el Señor nos mostrará misericordia y perdón a cambio. ¿A quién podrías mostrar misericordia y perdón esta semana?

### Segunda Lectura:

Pablo instruyó a los romanos que Jesús era el Señor de todos, tanto de los vivos como de los muertos. ¿Cómo debería impactar esta realidad a nuestro diario vivir?

### Evangelio:

Jesús cuenta la parábola del siervo que no perdona para enseñar a los discípulos la importancia de la compasión y el perdón, especialmente hacia aquellos que pecan contra ti. ¿Cómo lidias con amigos o compañeros de trabajo que te han hecho daño?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Eclo 27, 33—28, 9/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12 (8)/  
Rom 14, 7-9/Mt 18, 21-35

Lunes: 1 Tim 2, 1-8/Sal 27, 2. 7. 8-9/Lc 7, 1-10

Martes: 1 Tim 3, 1-13/Sal 100, 1-2. 2-3. 5. 6/Lc 7, 11-17

Miércoles: 1 Tim 3, 14-16/Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 7, 31-35

Jueves: Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Mt 9, 9-13

Viernes: 1 Tim 6, 2-12/Sal 48, 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20/Lc 8, 1-3

Sábado: 1 Tim 6, 13-16/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Lc 8, 4-15

**Este domingo 17 de septiembre del 2023 a las 3:30pm, la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles será el anfitrión de la Misa del “Día en Reconocimiento de todos los inmigrantes.”**

**El arzobispo José H. Gómez presidirá la Misa en Reconocimiento a Todos los Inmigrantes. La misa será en persona.**

Las víctimas de abuso a menudo tienen miedo y están ansiosas por contarle a un adulto de confianza sobre el abuso que han sufrido. Estos temores impiden que la mayoría de las víctimas le cuenten a sus padres, a sus profesores o a otros adultos de confianza sobre el abuso, lo que, lamentablemente, perpetúa el ciclo. Las víctimas pueden temer involucrarse en problemas, que no les crean, que los avergüencen o que les critiquen. Para obtener información sobre cómo superar o contrarrestar estos miedos, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse” (Barreras que enfrentan los menores para revelar el abuso sexual infantil) en [latholics.org/did-you-know/](http://latholics.org/did-you-know/).



QUERIDOS FELIGRESES,

NUESTRO FESTIVAL DEL DÍA DE FIESTA ESTÁ A LA VUELTA DE LA ESQUINA. RESERVEN LA FECHA PARA EL DOMINGO 5 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 8:30 A 15:00 HORAS. HABRÁ COMIDA DELICIOSA Y UNA RIFA EMOCIONANTE. ESTE DÍA SEGURAMENTE TRAERÁ ALEGRÍA A NUESTRA COMUNIDAD. COMUNÍQUESE CON NOSOTROS SI ESTÁ INTERESADO EN CONTRIBUIR A LA PLANIFICACIÓN, HACER UNA DONACIÓN O SERVIR DURANTE LAS FESTIVIDADES.

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## VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA



Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómate un descanso de las preocupaciones del mundo y ven a pasar un tiempo con Él en meditación silenciosa.

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración está abierta en el mismo horario que nuestro Centro Pastoral.

## PARISH NEWS

### RESUMING DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



According to a recent memo from the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, all parishes are free to resume distribution of the Precious Blood to the faithful at Masses.

Beginning the weekend of September 30th and October 1st, All Souls will once again offer the Precious Blood to those who will be receiving Communion at the Masses. As an act of charity to others, if you are currently experiencing flu-like symptoms, we ask that you refrain from taking the Precious Blood at this time.

### 18TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE SPECIAL BREAKFAST TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS.

THE PRAYER BREAKFAST IS A TRIBUTE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW ITS TEACHINGS. THE EVENT SCHEDULE IS:

- 6:30AM PRAYING OF THE ROSARY INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL
- 7:00AM MASS CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ H. GOMEZ
- BREAKFAST ON THE CATHEDRAL PLAZA AT 8 A.M., WHILE KEYNOTE SPEAKER JOE SIKORRA, GIVES AN INSPIRATIONAL SPEECH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO REGISTER AND TO RESERVE A TABLE OR SEAT, PLEASE EMAIL:

[INFO@LACATHOLICPRAYERBREAKFAST.ORG](mailto:INFO@LACATHOLICPRAYERBREAKFAST.ORG), OR CALL (626) 476-4888.



Make plans to attend our Festival on Sunday, November 5th, from 8:30am until 3:00pm. This will be our Parish's largest fundraising event of the year.

The Festival will be combined with the drawing of the winning tickets for our Parish Raffle.

This year's Festival will showcase our ministries' cultural foods. We will have entertainment and games.

Raffle tickets will be distributed beginning the weekend of September 9 and 10.

Please tell your family and friends and make plans to attend. Don't hesitate to contact our Pastoral Center if you would like to participate in planning or donating for this event.

### HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED!!!



All Souls is currently looking for a part-time housekeeper who will help us keep the church, rectory, and Pastoral Center in tip-top shape. The ideal candidate will be trustworthy, dedicated, dependable, and hardworking. Please inquire at or call the Pastoral Center at (626) 281-0466 if interested.