



# All Souls Catholic Church



• PASTOR •

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• DEACON •

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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 24, 2023**

*25th 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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# Apostolates & Organization

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 |
| Knights of Columbus          | Frank Bodeman           |
| Guadalupanos                 | Marina Ramirez          |
| Rosario de Misericordia      | Angelina Farias         |
| Our Lord's Mission           | Josephine Espinosa      |
| St. Vincent de Paul          | Pearl Martinez          |
| Encuentro Matrimonial        | Victor Pla              |
| 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:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

## Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

## Second Reading:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.  
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

## Gospel:

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?  
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?  
Are you envious because I am generous?” (Mt 20:14-15)

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Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45



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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Gloria Moore          | Victor Ramirez Salazar     |
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| Pilar Garza           | Cecilia Chow               |
| Gary Meraz            | Erik Lifrak                |
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| Lucy Tsang            | Jose Crespo                |
| Rosa Martinez         | Joe Negrete                |
| Ramirez Family        | Bernardina Castañeda       |
| Wally & Becky Puente  | Reyes Family               |
| Cynthia Manriquez     | Mercedes Tarrazona         |
| William Gonzalez      | Fernando Torres            |
| Joel Lopez            | Gerardo Duran              |
| Guadalupe Nevarez     | Cidronio Abelar            |
| Evelyn De Guzman      | Yessenia Alvarez           |
| Hortencia Palafox     | Juanita Madrigal           |
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| Rafael Garcia         | Marco de la Garza          |
| Sonia Gorope          | Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu |
|                       | Elizabeth Pham             |

# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

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

"Peter! Pick up your toys!" – said his **mom** for the fifth time. But Peter was so excited with his new **video game**, that he didn't **obey his mother**.

"Please, Peter, I'm not repeating myself, it's time to have a shower and then eat dinner".

Peter reluctantly stopped **playing** the last video game of a game saga he was collecting; "*Pirates from the cursed island*". It was super interesting.

After dinner, his mum asked Peter to help her clear the table, but Peter ran to his room to continue playing the video game, instead of picking up the dirty dishes.

– "This kid is such a disaster! Have you seen the bathroom? Peter, pick up your clothes! Peter! Peteeeeeeeer!!"

The next day, Peter woke up wondering why his **mom** hadn't called him at the same time as always to go to school. He went downstairs to the kitchen and what a surprise when there at the table sat was *One-eyed Captain!* the **pirate** from his video game!

"Bu...but...where is my mum? What are you doing here?"

"Your mum does not live here anymore; she got tired of you ignoring her every time she asks you to do something. Now, I will live in your house with my crew, and you will do everything we order you to do".

"Bu...bu...but..." "But nothing, I was waiting for you to wake up to prepare my **breakfast**. Hurry up, my crew is about to come."

Peter started working, preparing breakfast for the whole crew, and then had to clear the table, wash the dishes and tidy up the kitchen.

After many **adventures** through the **seven seas**, the Captain and his crew wanted to take a bath. After the bath, Peter had to pick up all the clothes and clean all the mess in the bathroom.

Peter spent the whole day following the pirates, picking up everything around. When night time arrived, Peter was very tired, and he asked the pirates to help him with the cleaning. The Captain looked at him and all of them started laughing. Then Peter woke up.

He then understood that it had all been just a dream, and thought: "My mum might be as tired as I was in my dream every night - From now on I'm going to help her, and I'm going to clean and tidy up."

That day, His mum could not believe what she was seeing. Peter helped her to clear the table and he picked up his clothes. She didn't understand what was going on. Only Peter knew every time he looked at his video game (Mendez R. G "PETER DOES NOT OBEY").

Today's gospel story is an interesting one. A first look at the parable of the laborers in the vineyard seems to emphasize more on the importance of hard-work but a second look at the parable seems to emphasize more on obedience and loyalty to God.

Of course, we know that the master of the vineyard is God and Israel is the vineyard of God. The first laborers called to work in the vineyard are the Jewish people through their father Abraham and the last hour laborers are the Gentiles who were regarded as sinners or commoners during the time of Jesus.

Like human masters, God did agree to pay the first laborers that were hired a fair wage approved by law at the time. Since the laborers that were hired at noon and afternoon knew that they were not entitled to a fair wage, they abandoned their fate to the generosity of the Master. By so doing we have two groups of laborers – those who feel entitled to a fair daily wage and those who did not feel entitled to a fair daily wage.

Surprising is that at the end of the day both those who "worked hard" - did a full day work and those who "did not work hard" - worked for few hours, received the same amount of money. Going by human standard, justice is done when those who worked more hours receive more money than those who worked for few hours, but, that was not the case in this parable.

Saying "YES" to God is all it takes to receive a fairly daily wage (become blessed). It does not matter whether one has been a Christian for one day or 100 years, all that counts is that we agree to work in the Lord's vineyard and that we do our work with all our heart, mind and strength. While human reward can be measured, God's blessings are immeasurable.

In a capitalistic society like ours, hard work is always romanticized as key to success. "In the business world, idioms about how sleep is for the weak or how no amount of talent can supersede hard work were doled out for decades. The underlying assumption was that if you worked hard enough for long enough, you would succeed. However, this advice misses one big point: Most people fail not because of a lack of effort but because their effort was misdirected or misaligned with their interests" (Utkarsh Amitabh).

This is not to say that hard work is not important. Hard work does matter for success, but while hard work and success are most certainly correlated, correlation is not causation. It is often said that it is not "who you are but who you know that counts." While it is reasonable to draw from this parable important lessons about God's generosity, equality of all human beings in the eyes of God, grace as an unmerited favor, etc. we need to learn that all that matters in life is to say an unconditional "YES" to God.

It does not matter whether we became a Christian as a child, adult or on our death bed. All that matters is to make a daily conscientious effort to work in the vineyard of God and to fine-tune our will to the will of God. And like the last hour laborers we should do so without any attitude of entitlement but with a spirit of abandonment, because we have come to know, understand and believe that whatever is done for God shall always be rewarded beyond human expectation.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

## COLLECTION

September 17, 2023

## TOTAL

\$ 4,486.00

*Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

A key part of creating a safe environment is being a trusted adult to the children in your care. Children who have been abused are more likely to confide in a trusted adult whom they know will listen to and believe them. For this reason, it is important to affirm a child's everyday emotions, including anger or fear. Far too often, adults tell children "you're fine," or "get over it," in response to what a child perceives as a true emotional problem, but an adult may see as an inconvenience or insignificant event. Affirming a child's feelings while still helping them work through their issue productively will help create a bond of trust. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Overcoming the confusing paradox we teach children about emotions and safety" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).



ADORATION

## HOLY HOUR

**Join us for an our of meditation in the presence of Jesus. Everyone is invited. The service is bilingual and will be held inside the church.**

**Friday, October 6, 2023 @ 7PM**

| SATURDAY  | SEPTEMBER                               | 23-2023      |
|-----------|---|--------------|
| 5:30pm    | Francisco & Francisca Rodriguez Salazar | Dec.         |
|           | Consuelo Perez                          | Dec.         |
|           | Helen Torres                            | Healing      |
| SUNDAY    | SEPTEMBER                               | 24-2023      |
| 7:30am    | Jesus & Maria Estrada                   | Dec.         |
|           | Sara Farias                             | Special Int. |
|           | Cecille Saguid                          | Dec.         |
| 9:00am    | Olive Llorando                          | Dec.         |
|           | Gloria Larrigan                         | Dec.         |
|           | Harry & Bertha Boghosian                | Special Int. |
| 10:30am   | Juan Ramon Duron                        | Special Int. |
|           | Bernardo & Angelina Munoz               | Wedd. Anniv. |
|           | Esteban & Ana Vargas                    | Birthday     |
|           | Ramon Juarez                            | Dec.         |
|           | Coralia Mojica                          | Birthday     |
| 5:30pm    | Becky Salcedo                           | Dec.         |
| MONDAY    | SEPTEMBER                               | 25-2023      |
| 7:30am    | Mary Yasoian                            | Dec.         |
| TUESDAY   | SEPTEMBER                               | 26-2023      |
| 7:30am    | Rosa Elena Vargas                       | Dec.         |
|           | Cecille Saguid                          | Dec.         |
| WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER                               | 27-2023      |
| 7:30am    | Holy Souls in Purgatory                 | Dec.         |
|           | Harry & Bertha Boghosian                | Special Int. |
| THURSDAY  | SEPTEMBER                               | 28-2023      |
| 7:30am    | Joachim Mbazuigwe                       | Dec.         |
|           | Becky Salcedo                           | Dec.         |
| FRIDAY    | SEPTEMBER                               | 29-2023      |
| 7:30am    | Jackie Vasquez                          | Birthday     |
|           | Joachim Mbazuigwe                       | Dec.         |
| SATURDAY  | SEPTEMBER                               | 30-2023      |
| 7:30am    | Joachim Mbazuigwe                       | Dec.         |
|           | Becky Salcedo                           | Dec.         |



## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Primera Lectura:

Isaías instó a sus compañeros israelitas que estaban en el exilio a buscar al Señor que está cerca, es misericordioso y compasivo. ¿Cuándo has buscado la presencia del Señor en períodos oscuros de tu vida?

### Segunda Lectura:

Pablo escribe la carta a los filipenses desde la prisión, enfrentando un dilema espiritual de sentirse “atrapado entre” la vida y la muerte. ¿Alguna vez has ayudado a alguien que está pasando por un problema espiritual?

### Evangelio:

La parábola de los trabajadores de la viña habla de la generosidad de Dios. ¿De qué manera crees que Dios ha sido generoso contigo y tu familia?

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Una parte clave de la creación de un entorno seguro es ser un adulto de confianza para los niños bajo su cuidado. Los niños que han sido abusados tienen más posibilidades de confiar en un adulto de confianza que saben que los escuchará y les creerá. Por esta razón, es importante afirmar las emociones cotidianas de un niño, incluido el enojo o el miedo. Con demasiada frecuencia, los les dicen a los niños “estarás bien” o “supéralo”, es respuesta a lo que un niño percibe como un verdadero problema emocional, pero un adulto puede verlo como un inconveniente o un evento insignificante. Afirmar los sentimientos de un niño y al mismo tiempo ayudarlo a resolver su problema de manera productiva ayudará a crear un vínculo de confianza. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Overcoming the confusing paradox we teach children about emotions and safety” (Superando la paradoja confusa que enseñamos a los niños sobre emociones y seguridad) 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. HABRA 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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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 55, 6-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 8-9. 17-18 (18)/

Flp 1, 20-24. 27/Mt 20, 1-16

Lunes: Esd 1, 1-6/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/Lc 8, 16-18

Martes: Esd 6, 7-8. 12. 14-20/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Lc 8, 19-21

Miércoles: Esd 9, 5-9/Tob 13, 2. 3-4. 4. 7-8/Lc 9, 1-6

Jueves: Ag 1, 1-8/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/Lc 9, 7-9

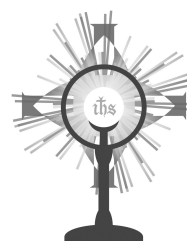
Viernes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5/ Jn 1, 47-51

Sábado: Zac 2, 5-9. 14-15/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Lc 9, 43-45



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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.



### HOUSE KEEPER NEEDED

All Souls is currently looking for a part-time housekeeper who will help us with keeping 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.



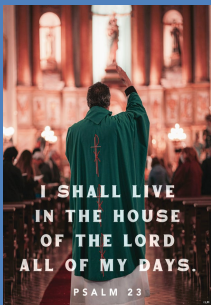
### Deepest Condolences

It is with great sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of Joachim Mbazuigwe, the eldest brother of our beloved pastor, Fr. Patrick. During this time of grieving, we would like to offer Fr. Patrick and his family our deepest condolences and our fervent prayers that Joachim will soon be with Our Father in heaven.

To support Father and his family with financial responsibilities associated with this sudden death, All Souls will be taking up a second collection next weekend, September 30th and October 1st, to help the family take care of funeral expenses. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this cause. May God bless you for your prayers and contributions.



### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Today, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday, where we pray for those men in our Church who, following the model of the priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, have given their lives to serving the spiritual needs of the people of God. Let us join together to pray for the continued dedication, health, and fortitude of our holy priests.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Dios misericordioso y amoroso, te damos gracias por el don de nuestros sacerdotes.

A través de ellos, experimentamos tu presencia en los sacramentos.

Ayuda a nuestros sacerdotes a ser fuertes en su vocación.

Enciende sus almas con llamas de amor por tu pueblo.

Concédeles la sabiduría, la comprensión y la fortaleza que necesitan para seguir los pasos de Jesús. Inspíralos con la visión de tu Reino.

Dales las palabras que necesitan para difundir el Evangelio.

Permíteles experimentar gozo en su ministerio.

Ayúdalos a convertirse en instrumentos de tu gracia divina.

Te lo pedimos a través de Jesucristo, que vive y reina como nuestro Sacerdote Eterno.

Amén.



**Make plans to attend our Festival on Sunday, November 5 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.**