



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)

October 1, 2023

26th 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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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:

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2:5)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

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Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

26TH Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A" The Parable of the Two Bad Sons Ezk 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Mtt 21:28-32

Our Sunday Gospel reading is one of the series of parables used by Jesus to challenge the foundational basis of Jewish belief. It is not by chance that Jesus tells this parable a few days before His death on the cross. Its message ties in with the core message of the cross. Jesus' death on the cross brings an end to the old order on which the Jewish belief was founded and opens up a new order that establishes a new and universal ground of relationship with God – the kingdom of God.

The parable of the two bad sons has both a universal and particular application. The Jews claim that they are the children of Abraham and as the children of Abraham they are the true children of God to whom the promise made by God to Abraham belongs.

Now we remember that in Genesis 12 – God called Abram who later became Abraham to leave his land of Ur and to go form a people for God. God promised to give Abraham the land of Canaan and with the many blessings that go with it. Jesus had no problem with that belief in God's promise to Abraham but using it to justify the claim that others are not true children of God is where the problem lies.

The primary reason for excluding others from the commonwealth of Israel stems from the erroneous belief that Gentiles are neither descendants of Abraham nor a covenant people. This exclusive view of the kingdom of God runs contrary to the true meaning of God's covenant with Abraham.

Abraham, we know was a good man. He had a strong faith in God. He listened to the voice of God and did the will of God. Even while barren in his old age Abraham BELIEVED in the impossible – that God will multiply his offspring to be as many as the stars in the sky. Even when he was blessed with an only son Isaac, Abraham was willing to sacrifice Isaac in order to please God.

The greatness of Abraham lies neither in the possession of a piece of land nor in the mere observance of the law; Abraham's greatness lies in his ability to recognize the hand of God at work in his life and in the world such that he was willing to leave his homeland to go to a foreign land to form a people for God. That is credited to him as faith. It is this strong FAITH of Abraham that made him a friend of God.

The Jews during the time of Jesus had divided the world into two namely the Jews and the Gentiles. In the parable of the two bad sons – The son that said NO to his father and later changed his mind to go work in his father's vineyard represents the Gentiles – idol worshippers, the prostitutes, sinners, tax collectors, etc. who did not keep the covenant but upon hearing the word of God preached by Jesus, repented and believed in John the Baptist as God's messenger and in Jesus as the Word of God incarnate.

The son that said YES to his father and later did not go to work in his father's vineyard represents the Jews who in Abraham said YES to God but these same children of Abraham refused to say YES to Jesus by rejecting the Good news of the kingdom of God preached by Jesus.

In its particular application, we see that the two bad sons are not two different people. They are simply the two sides of each and every one of us. There is that side of me that says YES to God and yet ends up doing nothing, and there is that side of me that says NO to God yet at the deepest and challenging moments of life, tries to do the will of God.

We need to avoid complacency in life. The church is full of good people who do nothing in the face of injustice in the world. People who protest against injustice, corruption, climate warming, etc. are often the unemployed and homeless people in our society. Where are the 'good' people?

The presence of Jesus in the world marks the visible presence of the kingdom of God. By rejecting Jesus and the Good news of salvation, the Jews who reject Him disqualify themselves from entering the kingdom of God. By their answer to Jesus question, the Jews condemn themselves while Jesus, in turn, establishes FAITH in His Person and the Good news as the new order for sharing in the commonwealth of the new Israel – the new people of God established neither on law nor on land but on the ground of FAITH in Jesus as God incarnate.

Becoming a member of God's family is no longer determined based on the ground of birth, location, or race but where-so-ever there are people who believe in Jesus, there are the people of the kingdom of God – there is the true commonwealth of Israel.

As people who live in a world where justification and condemnation are often based not so much on one's own merit as on one's status, race, political affiliation, family origin, etc., Jesus reminds us that human institutions, schemes, constructs, barriers, etc. cannot prevent us from being members of the kingdom of God. The only necessary condition is one's acceptance or rejection of Jesus as the Son of God, which is exemplified in a life of love (in Jesus we have what it takes to be free). And if the Son has set you free, you are free indeed.

Parents often praise their children for being obedient, and that is good. But wouldn't it be better to praise them for working hard to be obedient because it takes a lot of effort to become obedient?

Personal responsibility becomes a necessary trademark of the children of God. To love God and to have a relationship with God is something one must do for oneself. Our father Abraham cannot do it for you and your mother, friend or brother cannot do it for you. To become a friend of Jesus and a member of the kingdom is a personal decision – a YES that is accompanied by a corresponding action founded on love.

Jesus in this parable warns us not to get complacent, for faith without good work is dead. But besides the warning, Jesus gives us hope that CHANGE is possible. One may have been sensual like Mary Magdalene, greedy like Matthew and Zacchaeus, impetuous like Peter; rebellious like Paul, etc. we don't have to remain that way. It is possible to change for good and only faith in God gives us what we need to transform a wretched life into blessed kingdom life.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

September 24, 2023

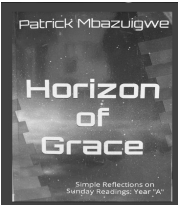
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Our beloved Father Patrick has released a compilation of his wonderful reflections in an effort to help us continue to grow in grace and understanding of God’s Word. We hope that you help us support this evangelization cause! The suggested donation is \$10 (cash or check).

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER	30-2023
5:30pm	Benjamin Gan	Dec.
	Joachim Mbazuigwe	Dec.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER	01-2023
7:30am	Joachim Mbazuigwe	Dec.
9:00am	Don R. Rodriguez	Dec.
	Che Simon Tima	Special Int.
	Augustine Ngante	Special Int.
10:30am	Dany Fernando Alonso Ortiz	Dec.
	Maria Dorotea Carcamo	Dec.
	Santos Talavera	Dec.
	Eric Calixto Chavez	Special Int.
5:30pm	Graciela Martinez	Dec.
	Joachim Mbazuigwe	Dec.
MONDAY	OCTOBER	02-2023
7:30am	Peter Lee	Dec.
	Naomi Muñoz	Special Int.
TUESDAY	OCTOBER	03-2023
7:30am	Paul Lee	Dec.
	Naomi Muñoz	Special Int.
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER	04-2023
7:30am	Mary Lee	Dec.
	Naomi Muñoz	Special Int.
THURSDAY	OCTOBER	05-2023
7:30am	Placido Cadena	Dec.
FRIDAY	OCTOBER	06-2023
7:30am	Josefa Hernandez	Dec.
SATURDAY	OCTOBER	07-2023
7:30am	Maria Salinas	Dec.
	Peter Licardo	Dec.

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

El profeta Ezequiel enseña que todas las personas (los justos y los malvados) son capaces de hacer el mal además de arrepentirse. ¿Qué crees que motiva a alguien a arrepentirse?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo anima a los creyentes de Filipo a tener la misma actitud de humildad que Jesús. ¿Es la humildad una de tus fortalezas?

Evangelio:

Jesús critica a los líderes religiosos de Jerusalén por su falta de autorreflexión. ¿Con qué frecuencia examinas tu propio comportamiento y elecciones?

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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: Ez 18, 25-28/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. (6)/
Flp 2, 1-11 o 2, 1-5/Mt 21, 28-32

Lunes: Zac 8, 1-8/Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23/
Mt 18, 1-5. 10

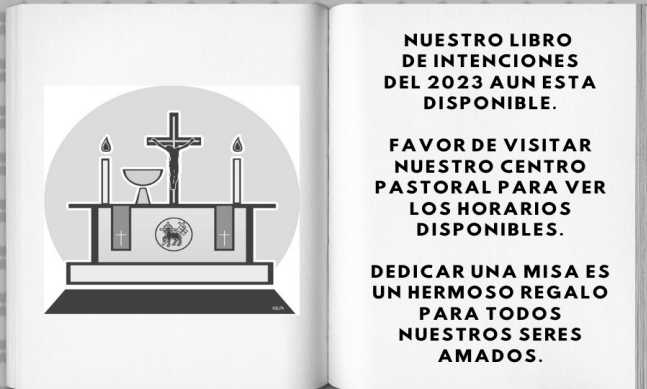
Martes: Zac 8, 20-23/Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/Lc 9, 51-56

Miércoles: Neh 2, 1-8/Sal 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6/
Lc 9, 57-62

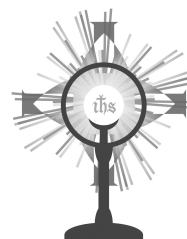
Jueves: Neh 8, 1-4. 5-6. 8-12/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/
Lc 10, 1-12

Viernes: Bar 1, 15-22/Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9/Lc 10, 13-16

Sábado: Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29/Sal 68, 33-35. 36-37/
Lc 10, 17-24



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.



COUNTING CATHOLICS

Every October, parishes are asked by the Archdiocese to give a head count of Mass attendees. This year we will hold our count on the weekends of October 15 and 29.

The average of the two weekends will be what we will send to the Archdiocese. We thank you for your cooperation in this very important activity. See you at Mass!

Remembering the faithful Departed

In preparation for All Souls Day, November 2nd, the Parish Environment Committee invites you to write the names of those loved ones that make up our **faithful departed** to be used as part of our Parish Liturgical Environment. Starting the weekend of October 7th, a basket containing colorful paper cut-outs in the shape of **FALL LEAVES** will be located at the entrance of the church. You are invited to take leaves to write multiple names of loved ones on one side of each leaf. A second basket will be available at the entrance of the church on October 21st-22nd for completed, filled-in leaves. Feel free to decorate! Every leaf will allow our parish to recall and pray for those who have gone before us and renew our faith in the promise of eternal life that is made ours by the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Also, remember to submit your parish envelope for "All Souls Day" as a novena will be prayed at daily Mass for the faithful departed beginning November 3rd.**

P.S. If you would like for the picture of your deceased loved one to be part of our Altar of the Dead, please feel free to drop it off at the Pastoral Center the week of October 23rd with your name and phone number on the reverse. You may reclaim them after, by the week of November 20th.

Recordemos a Nuestros fieles Difuntos

En preparación para la celebración del Día de Todas Las Almas, 2 de noviembre, el Comité de Ambiente Parroquial los invita que escriban los nombres de sus familiares que han fallecido y que son parte de nuestros **fieles difuntos**. Los nombres serán parte de nuestro ambiente litúrgico. A partir del 7 de octubre encontrara, en la entrada de la iglesia, una canasta que contiene papel de varios colores cortado en forma de **HOJAS de OTOÑO**. Los invitamos a que tomen unas hojitas y escriban los nombres de sus seres queridos que han fallecido. Si gusta decorar sus hojas, pueden hacerlo. Al llenar sus hojas con los nombres favor de ponerlas en la canasta disponible a partir del 21 de octubre. Utilice cada hojita para varios nombres de un solo lado. Las hojas nos permitirán orar y recordar todos quienes se han ido antes de nosotros, y también renovar nuestra fe en la promesa de la vida eterna que se nos ha dado por medio de la muerte y resurrección de nuestro Señor. ¡También, recuerden entregar su sobre parroquial para el "Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos" para la novena que se hará durante las misas para todos los fieles difuntos!

P.S. Si gusta que la fotografía de su ser querido difunto forme parte de nuestro Altar de Muertos, favor de traerla en la semana del 23 de octubre con su nombre y teléfono en el lado reverso. Las fotografías pueden ser recogidas despues hasta el 20 de noviembre.



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.

Please don't hesitate to contact our Pastoral Center if you would like to participate in planning or donating for this event.

Our parish ministries/groups will be available after each weekend Mass to distribute/sell raffle tickets. We are asking that you take two books of tickets to buy or to sell to others.



This weekend, 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.



SAVE THE DATE

All Souls will have a special blessing for the beloved pets in our life.

Date: Next Sunday, October 8, 2023

Time: After 10:30am Mass

Location: In the patio area

Please make sure your furry friends are in crates or on leashes!