

# ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, at All Souls Church, are a multicultural

Catholic Community called to share our gifts and

# OCTOBER 11, 2020

#### **28TH 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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#### PARISH 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)

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Legion of Mary	Salvador Agud	o	St. Vincent de Paul	Pearl Martinez	
Cursillos in Christiar	nity Aida Gonzalez		Encuentro Matrimonial	Victor Pla	
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# PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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Francis Araiza	Marco de la Garza

# **TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

**Psalm** — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

**Gospel** — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;
	Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48;
	Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13;
	Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	ls 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
	1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

# OCTOBER 11, 2020

# From the Pastor's Corner

#### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A" "The Beauty of the Lord's Banquet"

Since the lock-down I have not been going out a lot except for sick calls and grocery shopping. Last week, I was invited to bless the house of a parishioner who lives off Huntington Boulevard in Alhambra. On my way to the house, I was surprised to see so many homeless shelters along the street towards East LA and it bothers me seeing such a high level of disaster happening before our eyes.

Back home in Nigeria, we are mostly poor going by the standard of measuring poverty here in America but I can assure you that 99% of our people have a place to sleep at night even if it means 5 people sleeping in the same room. Here, we have many instances of one person living in a 3 bedroom house while many are out there in the street homeless.

Talking about the homeless, most of you have seen a homeless sleeping at the Electric Ave entrance to the rectory. (Some may say "why can't father give him a place to stay?" We know that the problem of the homeless is more than housing. It includes psychiatric care). However, I have had the opportunity to talk to him, see him sleeping, and observe him eat his food. His food and drinks are mainly junk food from the stores. The homeless do not eat cooked food and even when they eat, they eat alone and rarely eat on a table.

At this point you may begin to wonder why I am talking about the homeless – it is because today's gospel talks about the homeless and people at street corners invited to dine with the king at his son's wedding banquet. I live in Los Angeles, only 20 minutes away from Hollywood; I have never for once been invited to dine with kings, celebrities, wealthy politicians or millionaires. Although I do not long for such an experience but I do think that it will be interesting to see how the rich live, dine, celebrate, dress, dance, etc.

If such an experience will be interesting to me, imagine how exciting it will be for a homeless person to be invited to dine with kings and celebrities at a wedding banquet. The homeless seldom shower, comb or change their clothes. Like me, never in their wildest imagination would they ever think of dinning at the house of a king or celebrity. Such a surprise invitation will be to say the least, challenging, fascinating and empowering.

Of course, we know that in this parable, the king is God and His Son is Jesus Christ whose presence in the world is a visible celebration of God's love for humanity. The first people invited to the wedding are the Jewish beginning from the call of Abraham to the renewal of the covenants during which they promised to observe the mandates of God.

Throughout their history, the Jewish people had a high expectation of the coming of the messiah. When Jesus came, they rejected Him and by so doing failed to respond positively to God's invitation to them. The home-less were the gentiles, who instead accept Jesus, listen to His word and followed Him.

Since the Jews refused to accept Jesus, the gentiles were invited to take their place. This is not to say that the gentiles are an afterthought in God's plan of salvation. It goes to explain why and how the Christian religion that was born in the Jewish land was able to take root and spread among the Gentiles. Today Christianity is stronger in America, Europe, Africa, India, Asia, Australia, etc. than in the Middle East where it was founded.

As the homeless are excited and grateful for being invited to dine with the king, so should the present day Christians be excited and grateful for the freedom we enjoy worshiping God without coercion and obstacles. This parable gives us the picture of the God we serve – the grace of God makes it possible for the unworthy to approach the banquet of the Lord. We are not Christians because we deserve it – just as the homeless is unworthy to dine with the king, so are we unworthy to sit at the Lord's banquet. It is all possible due to the grace of God.

However, it is important to note that the things that prevent us from answering God's invitation are not necessarily bad things in themselves but good things that are not used in the proper way. In our search for the good life, there is the temptation to spend our time, talent and energy in working for material success, yet in the end, what counts are not material possessions but our service to God.

O happy fault .... Thanks to their rejection of Jesus, the kingdom of God is now open to all including the people at the street corners – the blind, the lame, prostitutes, beggars, lepers and even the foreigners – all of us. With this parable Jesus destroys the commonwealth of Israel which ordinarily would exclude sinners and anyone who is defiled in the flesh like the blind, lame, dumb, lepers, prostitutes, tax collectors, etc. from their banquet table. The banquet of the Lord is inclusive, not exclusive. All it takes to partake of the Lord's banquet is to say YES to the God's invitation by accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and savior.

Therefore, no human being should underestimate the power of God. Even when things appear impossible to humans, God will always find a way. With God, nothing is impossible. God's word shall come to pass whether we like it or not. Human beings are a necessary part of God's plan; yet, God's plan is bigger than what the human mind can comprehend.

Talking about the guests who were not dressed in their wedding garment, we are reminded that it is not enough to go to church. We need to be baptized for it is at our baptism that we are marked with the sign of the cross and clothed with the white garment. These symbolic gestures are also renewed on the day of our burial when we are blessed again with the Holy water of baptism and the casket is covered with the white garment, and in this way we are properly prepared to dine at the Lord's heavenly banquet.

It is foolhardy on our part to work against the kingdom of God. God's kingdom must be filled with God's people and at God's own time. True happiness comes from working in harmony with God in building up the kingdom of God where true love, true peace and true joy shall reign supreme. As we live our life today, let us aim at doing the things that make the world a better place for all. Amen

#### All Souls Catholic Church

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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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 enamored 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 fervor 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?**



Many families are stretched thin during this pandemic and may be relying on childcare from different places — family members, neighborhood swaps, or in-home care. Any time you leave your child in someone else's care, make sure you do your due diligence on the safety of the caregiver. Fundamentally, you must trust the caregiver is a safe person –ask for references, conduct interviews, survey the physical space(s) where your child will be playing, sleeping, eating. Discuss the level and kind of supervision your child needs to be sure the caregiver understands what you expect, given your child's age(s) and activity level(s). It may also be important to consider whether the caregiver is able to physically and emotionally care for your child? For example, older family members may not be able to chase energetic young children for a full day. Even if it feels like your options are limited, your child's safety is critical. For more information, visit https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

### PRAYER FOR EVERY BOSS

October 16—Bosses Day

Dear God of all,

I come to you today lifting up my boss or supervisor to you. I pray that you will develop in him/ her all of the skills and qualities needed to lead our work team well.

I pray that he/she will have the leadership skills of Moses, the bravery and vision of David, the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job and the perseverance of Paul. I pray that he/she will ask for and receive good advice as it says in Proverbs: "A wise man listens to advice." (Proverbs 12:15 NIV) and "Many advisors make victory sure." (Proverbs 11:14 NIV)

May my boss or supervisor value the hard work and efforts of the work team. Help him/her see the strengths of each worker and help them to encourage the development of new skills in areas where each worker may need help.

www.prayerideas.org



#### October 11, 2020 MASS INTENTIONS

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SATURDAY, OC	TOBER 10, 2020	
5:30PM	Vivian Rull	Dec.
	Tseng, Ke Chin & Zi Kit	Dec.
SUNDAY, OCTO	DBER 11, 2020	
7:30AM	Eduardo & Alicia Rua	Dec.
9:00AM	Sabie Cacananta	Healing
10:30AM	Pilar Mercado	Birthday
	Bertha Marrufo	Dec.
	Lilia Olguin	Healing
5:30PM	Mary "Rebecca" Lopez	Dec.
	Joel Lopez	B-Day
MONDAY, OCT	OBER 12, 2020	
7:30AM	Joel Francis Tiu	Dec.
TUESDAY, OCTO	DBER 13, 2020	
7:30AM	Meng Gordon	Sp. Int.
WEDNESDAY, (	OCTOBER 14, 2020	
7:30AM	Students and Teachers	
THURSDAY, OC	TOBER 15, 2020	
7:30AM	End to Violence	
FRIDAY, OCTO	BER 16, 2020	
7:30AM	Souls in Purgatory	
SATURDAY, OCI	TOBER 17, 2020	
7:30AM	Leonarda De Guzman	Dec.
LET US KEEP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS		





With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, 8 men were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate by Archbishop Gomez, yesterday, **October 10th at 9am,** at our Cathedral. Please keep each one of them in your prayers.



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S



The next food distribution will take place on

**OCTOBER 15, 2020** 

# 11 octubre del 2020

#### **ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

#### DIOS SE REVELA A LAS NACIONES

¡Qué maravillosas imágenes tenemos hoy del Reino de Dios! Isaías nos habla de un gran banquete –un banquete celestial– una fiesta con abundancia de platillos suculentos y vinos exquisitos. Es una celebración del mismo Señor, explica Isaías, cuando Dios unirá a todas las naciones, secará toda lágrima, y destruirá la muerte para siempre. Entonces, también, la tierra entera se regocijará en el Señor y se deleitará en la gracia salvadora de Dios.

Jesús, asimismo, habla del Cielo en términos de una fiesta. Aquí, el Reino de los cielos es como el banquete de bodas que el rey ofrece para su hijo. Es también un festín de abundancia, donde ofrece terneros gordos. Pero muchos de los invitados no quieren asistir, así que el rey invita a cualquiera que quiera honrar a su hijo con su presencia. Y Pablo nos dice que sea que vivamos en la abundancia o en circunstancias humildes, todo lo podemos en el Señor que nos fortalece.

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# LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — El Señor preparará un banquete y secará las lágrimas de todos los rostros (Isaías 25:6-10a).

**Salmo** — Viviré en la casa del Señor todos los días de mi vida (Salmo 23 [22]).

**Segunda lectura** — No importa las circunstancias en las que nos encontremos, nuestras necesidades se resolverán en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 4:12-14, 19-20).

**Evangelio** — La invitación se ha enviado; todo está listo; vengan a la fiesta (Mateo 22:1-14 [1-10]).

# LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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	Lunes:	s: Gál 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;	
		Sal 113 (112):1b-5a, 6-7; Lc 11:29-32	
	Martes:	Gál 5:1-6; Sal 119 (118):41, 43-45, 47-48;	
		Lc 11:37-41	
	Miércoles:	Gál 5:18-25; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 11:42-46	
	Jueves:	Ef 1:1-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Lc 11:47-54	
	Viernes:	Ef 1:11-14; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 12-13;	
		Lc 12:1-7	
	Sábado:	Ef 1:15-23; Sal 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lc 12:8-12	
	Domingo:	ls 45:1, 4-6; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 7-10;	

# ¿SABIA USTED?



Muchas familias se ven limitadas durante esta pandemia y pueden depender del cuidado de los niños en diferentes lugares y por distintas personas: miembros de la familia. intercambios de vecindarios o atención en el hogar. Cada vez que deje a su hijo al cuidado de otra persona, aseqúrese de hacer su debida diligencia sobre la seguridad del cuidador. Básicamente, debe confiar en que el cuidador es una persona segura: solicite referencias, realice entrevistas, inspeccione los espacios físicos donde su hijo jugará, dormirá y comerá. Hable sobre el nivel y el tipo de supervisión que su hijo necesita para asegurarse de que el cuidador comprenda lo que usted espera, según la edad y el nivel de actividad de su hijo. También puede ser importante considerar si el cuidador puede cuidar física y emocionalmente a su hijo. Por ejemplo, es posible que los miembros mayores de la familia no puedan seguir a niños pequeños enérgicos durante un día completo. Pese a que sienta que sus opciones son limitadas, la seguridad de su hijo es muy importante. Para obtener más información, visite https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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Nuestro libro de Misas esta disponible. Hoy mas que nunca, es bueno orar unos por otros y en comunidad. Para reservar una Misa, favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral.

#### PARISH NEWS



HOLY ROSARY, PRAY FOR US

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#### Our

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Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to its present formwith the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.



Are you or someone you know ready to receive a Sacrament? Registration forms are now available at the Pastoral Center. If you know of someone who needs to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, or who would like to join the R.I.C.A or R.C.I.A. program, please take note of the following deadline:

Last day to submit forms for First Communion:

Saturday, October 17, 2020

First Day of Class (Confirmation)

TBA