



All Souls Catholic Church



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• DEACON •

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October 15, 2023
28th 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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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)

Office of Liturgy

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Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find.” (Mt 22:9)

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Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

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Cecilia Chow

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

28TH Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A"

Our Wedding Garment Is Our Good Deed

Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mtt 22:1-14

The notion of the messianic era as a wedding banquet dates back to the time of the prophets (Is 25:6-9). As in marriage, we celebrate God's burning love for us and our love for each other. This is the celebration of a passionate love a young man has for his betrothed young wife. It is a pure and passionate love that is waiting to be consummated. The prophets use this pure desire for love to paint the picture of what a human desire for the kingdom of God should look like. This image of a soul's desire for the kingdom of God continues to appear in the teachings of Jesus especially in the Gospels of Matthew 9:15; 22:1-14, Luke 14:15-24, Jn 3:29.

In the Jewish world of Jesus, marriage occurred in three important stages:

The stage of Engagement - this was usually done by the parents or by professional match-makers (these are traditional men and women who were known for their proficiency and wisdom). At this stage, the couple who may still be minors might be meeting each other for the first time at the event. One may begin to wonder how this ancient practice was able to produce lasting and happy marriages.

The stage of Betrothal - this is in recognition that the couples have reached marriageable age. It is accompanied by feasting that is as elaborate as the marriage itself. This stage was binding and could only be broken by divorce hence if a partner happened to die at this stage, the other will be treated as a widow/widower.

The stage of Marriage - usually takes place one year after betrothal. The wedding day is a joyful day. Everyone joined in the celebration. The wedding ceremonies were usually held at night (bachelor's eve) and the bridal couple was accompanied with torches. There is a procession from the bride's house to the home of the bridegroom. "Even the rabbis left the studies to which they were so devoted because marriage was something given by God." During this week-long celebration, the newlywed couple was treated like king and queen by all.

For a king to prepare for the wedding of his son and the invited guests fail to honor the invitation is, to say the least embarrassing. In today's parable, God is the king that invites us to the kingdom established in His son Jesus the Christ. The Jews were the first to be invited to the wedding banquet but since they refused to honor it, the king decided to invite the Gentiles, not as an afterthought but as a reminder to all that the kingdom of God cannot be taken for granted.

By virtue of our baptism, Christians have become the priestly, kingly, and prophetic people chosen and invited to participate in the Eucharistic banquet of the Lord. The message of today's parable, therefore, does not aim at condemning the Jews but to serve as a lesson for us whom God continues to invite to serve in His vineyard.

1. This parable emphasizes the need for foresight (not necessarily vigilance) on the part of the children of God who live in the world (evil world). We need to set our priorities right.

2. Eschatology – this parable restates yet again the uncertainty of the time of the *parousia* – the Day of Judgment and recommends constant vigilance, not the calculation of the signs of the times. It is by doing good deeds that we prepare for the day of the Lord.

3. Relativity of values – the invited guests went to their farms and businesses. In this life, certain things that prevent us from growing in holiness, freedom, and truth are not necessarily bad in themselves but the use we make of them is what could make them bad. At the end of the day, anything that prevents us from saying YES to God's call to serve becomes unwholesome and sinful.

4. The necessity of being prepared - although God is a merciful God yet last-minute preparation may not always be good enough for admission into the kingdom of God. Students who do well in an examination always prepare beforehand. Noah built the ark almost a hundred years before the flood.

5. True knowledge is power in action - the guests who refused to honor the invitation knew how to do what they were asked to do but did not do it. Knowledge is good but doing the will of God is better. And ultimately that is what saves.

6. The lost opportunity - children of God should be as wise as the serpent and innocent as the dove. We must be ready to seize the opportunity when it comes and not wait for a second chance, which may not come.

7. The Day of Judgment - one day we shall stand before the judgment seat of God and there may not be a second chance or a last-minute effort. It is important to have ourselves always ready for the greatest event of all - judgment day.

8. Things that cannot be borrowed - there are certain things that cannot be borrowed. In this parable, it is the wedding garment but in our Christian life – faith cannot be borrowed (we pray for a better world but this is not possible unless there are women and men who are ever ready to do the will of God); character cannot be borrowed. A bad habit is like a flat tire, you cannot get to your destination unless you change it. We cannot depend on the good deeds of another. At the end of our life on earth, it is only our good deeds that go with us to the world beyond.

9. Do not let the door be shut on you - there is a Jewish proverb that says "A door that is shut is not so easily opened." We must be careful that we do not shut the door upon ourselves. Eternal vigilance is the price we pay for freedom. We must never miss out on the opportunity to achieve what we are supposed to achieve (holiness) or to become the people we are called to be – the children of God (Barkeley).

Finally, marriage is an important human institution that was not destroyed during Noah's flood. It is necessary for a healthy human society and for an ordered life. However, though marriage celebration is a very important ceremony, yet, for the children of God, there is something more important than marriage - that is the kingdom of God and the salvation of our soul.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

October 8, 2023

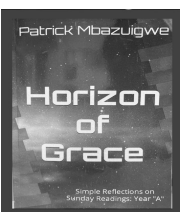
TOTAL

\$ 5,518.00

Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

While a primary focus of those in ministry is on protecting children from harm, protecting vulnerable adults is just as important. This includes adults living with mental, emotional, or physical disabilities, adults who have court-appointed guardians, elderly adults in vulnerable positions, and anyone else who may be unable to consent to or understand what is happening to them. Every year, nearly 500,000 reports of abuse against vulnerable adults are made to the Adult Protection Service, and even more go undetected. The same steps and processes outlined for protecting children can help vulnerable adults as well — know the warning signs, screen all employees and caregivers, and monitor environments for safe practices. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Protecting Vulnerable Adults” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



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	OCTOBER	14-2023
5:30pm	Lilian Obike	Dec.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER	15-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Special Int.
9:00am	Dominic Ndonui Nchinda Fobi	Dec.
	John Nchinda Fobi	Dec.
10:30am	Mercedes Benitez	Dec.
	Julio Morales	Dec.
	Mateo Alonzo Cruz	Dec.
	Ma. Guadalupe Salazar	Dec.
	J. Cruz Ramirez Cano	Dec.
5:30pm	Alba Narvaez Vanegas	Dec.
	Isabel Bauman Arguello	Birthday
MONDAY	OCTOBER	16-2023
7:30am	Margarita Perez	Dec.
	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
TUESDAY	OCTOBER	17-2023
7:30am	Souvenir Picardal	Birthday
	Eulogio De Guzman	Dec.
	Leonarda De Guzman	Dec.
	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER	18-2023
7:30am	Dianne Quilala	Birthday
	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
THURSDAY	OCTOBER	19-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER	20-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER	21-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

El profeta Isaías habla de un futuro en el que Dios estará completamente presente y experimentaremos un gozo completo. ¿Qué te da esperanza para el futuro?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo comparte con los filipenses que, independientemente de sus circunstancias, ha aprendido a sacar fuerza y gratitud de su fe en Jesús. ¿Cómo te sostiene tu fe en las buenas y en las malas?

Evangelio:

La parábola de Jesús sobre la fiesta de bodas ofrece una advertencia para estar abiertos a la invitación de Dios para responder a su llamado. ¿Cómo te mantienes abierto a la presencia de Dios en tu vida?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 25, 6-10/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (6)/Flp 4, 12-14. 19-20/Mt 22, 1-14 o 22, 1-10
Lunes: Rom 1, 1-7/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Lc 11, 29-32
Martes: Rom 1, 16-25/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Lc 11, 37-41
Miércoles: 2 Tim 4, 9-17/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/Lc 10, 1-9
Jueves: Rom 3, 21-30/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 11, 47-54
Viernes: Rom 4, 1-8/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 11/Lc 12, 1-7
Sábado: Rom 4, 13. 16-18/Sal 104, 6-7. 8-9. 42-43/Lc 12, 8-12

Si bien el enfoque principal de quienes están en el ministerio de protección a los niños del peligro, la protección de los adultos vulnerables es igualmente importante. Esto incluye adultos que viven con discapacidades mentales, emocionales o físicas, adultos que tienen tutores designados por el tribunal, adultos mayores en posiciones vulnerables y cualquier otra persona que no pueda dar su consentimiento o comprender lo que les está sucediendo. Cada año, se presentan al Servicio de Protección de Adultos casi 500 mil denuncias de abuso contra adultos vulnerables, y muchas más pasan desapercibidas. Los mismos pasos y procesos descritos para proteger a los niños también pueden ayudar a los adultos vulnerables a conocer las señales de advertencia, evaluar a todos los empleados y cuidadores y monitorear los entornos para detectar prácticas seguras. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIR-TUS[®] "Protecting Vulnerable Adults" (Protección de adultos vulnerables) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

AMIGOS DE JESUS

El grupo de oración, Amigos de Jesús, les invita a unirse a una noche de reflexión, alabanza y oración en comunidad. Las reuniones son a las 7pm cada miércoles. Si gusta unirse, favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para mas detalles.



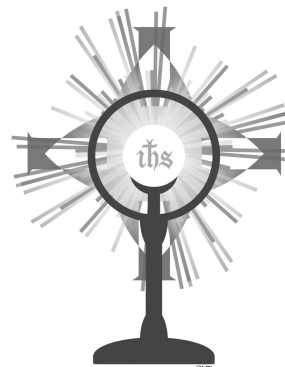
VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

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.

Ven a visitar a nuestro Señor y continua este año con sus bendiciones.



PARISH NEWS



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 in 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 on the weekend of October 7th, a basket containing colorful paper cutouts 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 on 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Next weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you!



Make plans to attend our festival on Sunday, November 5th, from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. This is our parish's largest fundraising event of the year, together with the parish raffle.

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

Please help by buying or selling raffle tickets, by donating your time setting up for the festival, and/or by donating baked goods and desserts, water, paper plates, plastic utensils, and/or napkins. Please bring your donations to the Pastoral Center.

We thank you for your help, and we look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, November 5th!!!

Pet Blessings



A heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who joined us for the blessing of the animals. Your presence, along with that of your beloved pets, brought us much joy. May the blessing bestowed upon your furry, feathered, finned friends bring you continued happiness.



Dear Ministry Leaders:

There will be a very important Ministry Meeting this Monday, October 16th, at 7 pm in the parish hall. This will be the last meeting before our Parish Festival.