

November 5th, 2023 31st 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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## All Souls Catholic Church



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Deacon, Eudoro Benalcazar

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 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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### Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction. (Mal 2:8) Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131) Second Reading: With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8) Gospel: "Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3) ©LPi Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

Friday:	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8	
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Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9,	16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3	3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A" "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted"

"Selling a comb to a bald monk" is a story about three professional salespeople who submitted their resumes to a major corporation. They all had similar qualifications, so the interviewer held a sales competition to determine who would get the job.

The goal was to make a sale of combs to monks at any mountain shrine. The monks should be of the tradition where they have to shave their heads.

The interviewer said, "You have three days, and the person who sells the most will get the job.

The three applicants came back with their findings after three days.

The first candidate reported, "It was a very difficult situation, but I sold one comb. At first, they accused me of openly mocking them, and they scolded me."

Because I was so dissatisfied, I decided to leave. On the way back, however, I noticed a young monk scratching his head incessantly due to an itch. He only bought one comb after I assured him it would reduce his itching.

The second candidate said, "That's good, but I did better. I made ten comb sales.

The interviewer was impressed and asked, "How did you do it?"

The second candidate replied, "I noticed that the visitors' hair was all messed up because of the strong winds they encountered on the way to the temple." I persuaded the monk to hand out combs to the worshippers so that they would seem more reverent.

The third candidate excitedly interrupted, "Not so fast; I sold more than both of them."

When asked how many copies were sold, the interviewer pressed for a number.

'A Lot of Combs, It must be over hundreds"

"Wow! The interviewer questioned, "How did you do it?"

I praised the Senior Master of one of the largest temples for his service to the community and for creating a sacred space for worship. He thanked all who came to see him and expressed gratitude for their loyalty and commitment. I advised that he give his guests Buddha's blessing and a souvenir.

I showed him the wooden combs I'd etched with encouraging remarks and explained how they'd be used daily to encourage people to be kind to others. The concept appealed to him, so he placed an order for a thousand brushes.

'You got fortunate,' one of the other candidates sniped sourly.

The interviewer said, "Not really." He had the comb etched before he came since he was planning. If not this temple, then another one will desire it.

The third hopeful candidate grinned and said, "There is more." I returned to the temple the day before yesterday to see how the Master was doing. Many tourists who visited the Buddha's blessing on the comb went home and informed their friends and families about it. he was planning. If not this temple, then another one will desire it.

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The number of daily visitors continues to rise. As a result, the comb is in high demand, and people are willing to pay a premium for it.

The Master predicts the temple's popularity will cause him to quickly run out of available combs and require him to place an additional order (All Time Short Stories).

In today's gospel Jesus makes it clear how disappointed He is with the Scribes and Pharisees who have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. They were expected to use their position of power and authority to glorify God, they instead use it to exalt themselves and to oppress the poor and the needy in their midst, hence they create a society of un-equals.

The chair of Moses represents the power of the law which was given by God to establish a profound and lasting relationship between God and His people. Instead of using the law to draw people closer to God, they used it to make life difficult for some people.

The law is supposed to be used as a means to an end which is union with God, but the Scribes and the Pharisees made the law to become an end in itself. Hence, in today's gospel Jesus wants to set the record straight. Jesus wants the children of God to understand that God is the greatest authority in their lives.

Jesus recognizes the importance of the law, hence he advised the people "to do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you." However, a mere observance of the law cannot lead anyone to a perfect union with God. Observance of the law is good if it helps people to establish a good and harmonious relationship with God and others. The law should be used to unite and not divide the people of God. It should aim at establishing justice and mutual co-existence and not as a tool of discrimination and oppression.

When Jesus says in today's gospel, "Call no one on earth your father or do not be called master" Jesus is not saying that you should not use the title for your father or call the priest father. Jesus is rather addressing a people who lived in a culture where father is the greatest authority in their life. What Jesus is saying in effect is that when it comes to the love of God, not even the love or authority of your father should become an obstacle.

Our obedience to God is primary while every other thing is secondary. Whenever the observance of the law obscures or becomes an obstacle to our loyalty to God, then abuse has set in and needs to be corrected. The purpose of the law is to glorify God. It should not be used to oppress others.

We are all equal in the eyes of God regardless of our social or political status. Jesus is teaching us that leaders should be servants who should lead by example. They should not be seeking for honor and personal glory. The need for servant-leadership is expected even more from those who have assumed the position of power and authority in the world.

Finally by saying "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted," Jesus discourages us from performing our religious, social or political duties from the pure motive of personal aggrandizement or self exaltation. Jesus teaches us that pride and self-righteousness are obstacles to a life of grace. A genuine service should aim at glorifying God the giver of all good things and for the salvation of our souls.

## **Finance Report**

COLLECTION

October 29, 2023

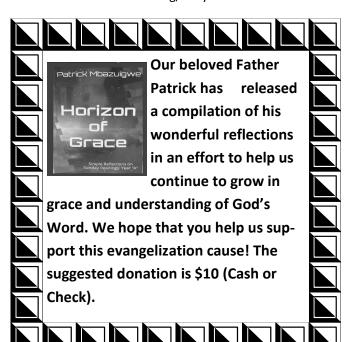
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\$ 5,510.00

Thank you for **YOU** 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<sup>®</sup> article "Protecting Vulnerable Adults" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



SATURDAY	NOVEMBER	04-2023
5:30pm	Angelito Gan	Dec.
	Benjamin Gan	Dec.
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER	05-2023
7:30am	Francisco Q. Gallardo	Dec.
	Sheila Henderson-Linan	Birthday
9:00am	Don R. Rodriguez	Dec.
	Peter Ngwa Fobi Clan	Special Int.
	James and Justin Fobi	Special Int.
	Tomas A. Argüello	Birthday
10:30am	Levon & Victoria Dadikozian	Dec.
	Judith Castro De Quiroz	Dec.
	Coralia Mojica	Dec.
	Victimas del Huracan Otis	Special Int.
5:30pm	Benny Ng	Dec.
	Matthew & Filomena Law	Dec.
MONDAY	NOVEMBER	06-2023
7:30am	Trinidad Barajas Segundo	Dec.
	Edna Mancao	Special Int.
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER	07-2023
7:30am	Sara Farias	Special Int.
	Victims of Hurricane Otis	Special Int.
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER	08-2023
7:30am	Floyed Fraley	Dec.
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER	09-2023
7:30am	Manuel Puente Sr.	Dec.
	Marylyn Shoeman	Dec.
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER	10-2023
7:30am	Eric Saucedo	Birthday
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER	11-2023
7:30am	Martin Cortez Hernandez	Dec.

### All Souls Catholic Church

### PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### **Primera Lectura:**

El profeta Malaquías informa a los sacerdotes de Israel que Dios es consciente de que su instrucción ha hecho que muchos tropiecen en su fe. ¿Alguna vez has tenido que ayudar a alguien que ha perdido la fe? Segunda Lectura:

Pablo expresa su gratitud a los tesalonicenses por su apertura para escuchar y creer la palabra de Dios enseñada por ellos. ¿Quién en tu vida podría estar abierto a escuchar la palabra de Dios de ti? **Evangelio:** 

Jesús desafió a las multitudes y a sus discípulos a ser siervos unos de otros, actuando siempre con humildad. ¿Cómo puedes ser un siervo de alguien en el trabajo o en el hogar?

¿Sabla usted?

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<sup>\*</sup> "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.

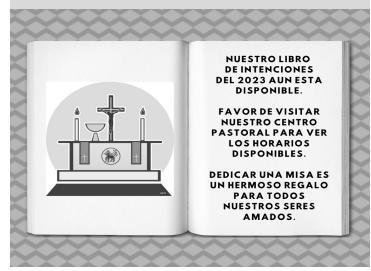
Ven a visitar a nuestro Señor y continua este año con sus bendiciones.



## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Mal 1, 14—2, 2. 8-10/Sal 130, 1. 2. 3/1 Tes 2, 7-9. 13/ Mt 23, 1-12

Lunes: Rom 11, 30-36/Sal 68, 30-31. 33-34. 36/Lc 14, 12-14 Martes: Rom 12, 5-16/Sal 130, 1. 2. 3/Lc 14, 15-24 Miércoles: Rom 13, 8-10/Sal 111, 1-2. 4-5. 9/Lc 14, 25-33 Jueves: Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/1 Co 3, 9-11. 16-17/ Jn 2, 13-22 Viernes: Rom 15, 14-21/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Lc 16, 1-8 Sábado: Rom 16, 3-9. 16. 22-27/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11/Lc 16, 9-15



### PARISH NEWS

### JOIN US!!!!!!

This weekend is our big celebration!

Make plans to attend our festival this Sunday, November 5th, from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. 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 tell your family and friends and make plans to attend to support our church community.



**FESTIVAL REMINDERS** NOTE ON THE WEEKEND OF THE PARISH FESTIVAL (11/4-11/5):

PLEASE ENTER THE CHURCH GROUNDS THROUGH THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE ONLY. THE ELECTRIC AVENUE ENTRANCE WILL NOT BE OPEN. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.



All Souls would like to thank all of our veterans for their service to our country. May God continue to watch over you and your families.

In observance of Veterans Day, All Souls Pastoral Cen-

ter will be closed this **Friday**, **November 10th**. We thank you for your understanding and patience.



Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, from 11:00am - 2:00pm. We are asking for the following donations to help with providing our community a fellowship Thanksgiving feast celebration. We are currently in need of the items needed listed below for specific dates.

#### To be dropped off from 11/6 to 11/17

Turkeys

- · Box of stuffing
- Bags of Russet potatoes
- Marshmallows
- Large cans of corn
- Large cans of turkey gravy
- Lange aluminum pans
- Medium aluminum pans
- Large cans of chicken broth
- Cans of cranberry sauce
- Tubs of butter
- Heavy whipping cream
- Celery
- Onions
- Carrots
- Napkins
- Paper plates
- Utensils
- Coffee cups
- CupsWater bottles
- Water bottles

#### Please drop off the following items on 11/20

- Bags of shredded mozzarella cheese
- Pumpkin pies
- Pre-packaged salad bags/bottle of salad dressing
- Whipped cream
- Dinner rolls
- Single serving butter packets



In Iovina ()

A special Mass will be celebrated in memory of our beloved friend and parishioner, Becky Salcedo, this Monday, November 6th, at 11 am, here at All Souls. You are invited to join us to pray for Becky.