

November 12, 2023 32nd 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 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:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12) **Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,

so too will God, through Jesus,

bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14) Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19 Thursday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A"

The Ten Virgins (Life Time Opportunities)

"A Missed Opportunity" is the title of a story about a brother and sister who arranged to meet at a café after not seeing each other for nineteen years.

She took her seat in the Rose Café and waited patiently. She didn't want to order until he arrived. Going by the clock on the wall she'd only be waiting five more minutes; that was if he was on time, of course.

She watched the people coming and going but there was no sign of him. Ten, fifteen, twenty minutes and he has still not turned up. She couldn't have missed him, not recognized him; there had been no unaccompanied men entering the café at all. The staff were starting to stare at her. She was taking up a seat, a table and had not yet ordered anything.

She went to the counter and bought coffee and a plate of cakes. Her brother had always had a sweet tooth and she doubted that would have changed, although how long was it since she had seen or spoken to him – must be close on twenty years. An awful lot could have changed in that time! She'd still recognize him though, surely.

But as she sat there waiting she realized that she had not even seen a photo for at least fifteen of those years. They'd know each other though; they were brother and sister.... As more time passed, she started to have her doubts.

He was an hour late now. She'd give him ten more minutes, just in case he'd got the hour wrong. It was typical though. He'd never been that reliable with dates, with keeping appointments, anything like that. When he'd phoned her out of the blue she had wondered if it was a joke, a hoax. But who in her life now would have even known about her brother? Nobody. She had never, ever mentioned him; not to her best friend, not even to her partner.

She got up to leave, the plate of cakes untouched on the table. She told herself that it didn't matter, that she didn't care. He must have just changed his mind. She walked out of the café and crossed the road.

He arrived at the Café Rosa at exactly the right time. Spot on, in fact, which was unusual for him. He didn't know the area but the street was right; this had to be the place. A quick scan of the tables – there were a few lone women drinking tea or coffee, reading or texting. None of them could be his sister. They all looked way too young or far too old. She must have been held up.

She was always busy, his sister. When she was a teenager she always had somewhere to go or someone to see. Not for her the empty diary. When he'd peeked in it, just once, every day seemed to have something written in. She was good at time-keeping, at organizing her life. She wouldn't be long.

The waitress was hovering but he wasn't surprised. He had been sitting at one of their tables for fifteen minutes. He ordered coffee, black, no sugar. He thought about ordering cakes but didn't – he'd been off the sweet stuff for years and his sister had never been a fan. He could always order something else later on.

The time kept passing. He saw several possible candidates but was sure they weren't her. He'd recognize her, even after nineteen years. And anyway, none of them looked as though they were waiting for someone. No, she wasn't here. She hadn't shown up.

Perhaps he'd muddle up the hour. He'd give it a chance; after all he had already been sitting here waiting for forty-five minutes. Another fifteen would not make any difference. The hour passed with still no sign of her. She'd changed her mind, then. She hadn't sounded that eager when he'd phoned her, but still.... An arrangement was an arrangement. She must have changed. He'd never known her to just not bother about something before.

He'd give it ten more minutes. If she hadn't turned up then, fair enough. She'd have made her feelings clear and he would not bother her again.

As he stood up he had one final glance around, just in case he'd missed her. But no, she wasn't there. He walked out of the café and crossed the road.

If they had both looked up at the passers-by, brother and sister might have seen each other. At one stage on the crossing they were just inches apart walking in the opposite directions. If they had looked up, would they have recognized each other? Nineteen years is a long time, but who knows! © Copyright 2020 hullabaloo22. All rights reserved.

Today's gospel story of the ten virgins is a story of a missed opportunity. To be selected a virgin to serve at a wedding ceremony is a thing of honor and at times it could be an opportunity of a lifetime. It is not only the highlight of a young maiden's life but also an opportunity to be presented to the society as a material for marriage. To miss out on such a rare opportunity is annoying and blameworthy.

In this gospel story, God is the One who invites us to the wedding of His beloved Son Jesus whose presence in the world is a banquet for all to enjoy and celebrate. The first ones invited were the Jewish people, who because of their familiarity with Jesus failed to make the necessary preparations for admission into the wedding banquet (the kingdom of God).

It is dangerous to be a one dimensional thinker like the foolish virgins who presumed to know when the bridegroom will arrive and so did not take extra oil. Their knowledge and observance of the law made the Jewish people to become proud of themselves, hence, did not look up to God for guidance. They were not open to the message of the gospel preached by Jesus and would often cling to their laws and tradition for solace.

We are not called to imitate the foolish virgins but to follow and be guided by the wisdom of the wise virgins who leave some room for mystery (the unknown) in their lives and in the world such that they were able to bring extra oil in case the bridegroom arrives late.

Today's gospel message invites us to embrace true wisdom. True wisdom opens our mind to the unknown and empowers us to love God, serve God in this life as to live with God in the life to come – the resurrection life, when we shall be welcome to dine with God in the heavenly banquet. All who nurse this hope are called to do more than what the law prescribes, to live in love which liberates the human mind from selfishness and one dimensional thinking.

Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION November 5, 2023 TOTAL

\$ 6,538.00

Thank you for **YOU** continuous support and generosity.

Did you Know?

It is good practice for parents to have ongoing conversations with their children about family values, safety, and "what if" scenarios. Talking with your children before something happens gives them the tools and confidence to make safe, good decisions, and to react appropriately in a variety of situations. Even if these conversations feel huge or overwhelming, they are critical to have. Start small — perhaps in the car on the way to school or a game — and build on previous conversations to give your child a full picture of what to do and how to handle tricky situations. For more information, read the VIRTUS[®] article "Talking With Your Kids" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IS THE NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM OF THE U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS, WORKING TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST "... TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR ... LIBERTY TO CAPTIVES ... SIGHT TO THE BLIND, AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE." (LUKE 4:18)

THE BELIEF THAT THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY UNJUST SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES HAVE THE BEST INSIGHT INTO KNOWING HOW TO CHANGE THEM IS CENTRAL TO CCHD. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ON THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023.

SATURDAY	NOVEMBER	11-2023
5:30pm	Pedro & Eric Gan	Dec.
	Desiree Bendo De Lizo	Dec.
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER	12-2023
7:30am	Salvador Agudo Sr.	Dec.
	Gertrudes Agudo	Dec.
	Mary Garcia Chavez	Dec.
9:00am	The Aloysius Nchinda Clan	Special Int.
	The William Evo Mbe Clan	Special Int.
	Victoria Family	Special Int.
	Jocelyn "Joy" Lipsun	Special Int.
10:30am	Balvina Rosales	Dec.
	Jose De Jesus y Vicente Perez	Dec.
	Sandra Fernandez	Birthday
	Por la ciudad de Acapulco y sus alrededores	Special Int.
5:30pm	Joann Evans	Dec.
MONDAY	NOVEMBER	13-2023
7:30am	Esperanza Canale	Healing
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER	14-2023
7:30am	Elizabeth Lee	Special Int.
	Jim Simbe	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER	15-2023
7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Special Int.
	Elizabeth Lee	Special Int.
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER	16-2023
7:30am	Maria Martin	Healing
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER	17-2023
7:30am	Samantha & Christina Jones	Birthday
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SATURDAY	NOVEMBER	18-2023
	NOVEMBER The Unborn	18-2023 Special Int.

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PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

La sabiduría se presenta como una virtud que busca ser encontrada. ¿Cómo podrías buscar sabiduría esta semana?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo anima a los tesalonicenses a sentirse consolados con la creencia de que los creyentes resucitarán de entre los muertos y vivirán eternamente con el Señor Jesús. ¿Qué miembros de la familia, amigos o compañeros de trabajo necesitan escuchar estas palabras de consuelo?

Evangelio:

En la parábola de las diez vírgenes, Jesús está enseñando sobre la importancia de estar preparados para su Segunda Venida. ¿De qué manera esta directriz de Jesús es un desafío para ti?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA



¿Sabla usted?

Es una buena práctica que los padres de familia tengan conversaciones con sus hijos sobre los valores familiares, la seguridad y de escenarios que pudieran presentarse en distintas situaciones. Hablar con sus hijos antes de que algo suceda les da las herramientas y la confianza para tomar buenas decisiones, seguras y para reaccionar adecuadamente en cualquier situación. Aun cuando estas conversaciones parezcan largas y abrumadoras, es fundamental mantenerlas. Empiece poco a poco, tal vez en el automóvil camino a la escuela o a un partido de algún deporte, y aproveche las conversaciones anteriores para darle a su hijo una idea completa de qué hacer y cómo manejar situaciones difíciles. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS[®] "Talking With Your Kids" (Hablando con sus hijos) en lacatholics.org/didyou-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

Thank You All

All Souls Parish thanks all community members who donated, supported, and attended our Feast Day Fiesta. Our faith and unity are rekindled through service and communion. This twofold purpose is at the heart of our event. It is our sincere hope that you enjoyed exploring our different vendor booths, sampling scrumptious dishes, playing games, and enjoying our live entertainment along with your loved ones. A very special thank you is due to all the volunteers and event organizers. Your time and unwavering commitment humble us and fill our hearts with so much warmth. You and your collective efforts are the true gifts to our community. We appreciate all ministries and outside groups for answering the call and following the guidance of our event coordinators. We are grateful for the outpouring of support from our parishioners and visitors. Finally, we want to celebrate all of our raffle winners! May God bless you for another successful festival!



Give Thanks to the Lord! / ¡Demos Gracias al Señor!

As a Eucharistic people, let us give thanks to God for His many blessings!

This Thanksgiving, the Liturgical Environment Committee invites you to take part in giving thanks to God. Beginning this weekend, located at the church entrance, there is a basket with small pieces of paper to write down your personal note of 'thanks to God'! These pieces of paper will be displayed around the church walls on Thanksgiving Day! (Example: Health, Love, Work, Friends, Family...)

The Committee asks that you take ONLY ONE piece of paper per person from one basket and write what you are thankful for, and then return it to the second basket. All pieces of paper MUST be returned by Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 to be included in the "Give Thanks!" wall hangings. Thank you for participating!

Como pueblo eucarístico, demos gracias a Dios por sus muchas bendiciones.

Este Día de Acción de Gracias, el Comité Litúrgico de Ambiente te invita a participar en dar gracias a Dios. A partir de este fin de semana, en la entrada de la iglesia, hay una canasta con pequeños trozos de papel para escribir tu nota personal de "gracias a Dios". ¡Estos pedazos de papel se exhibirán alrededor de las paredes de la iglesia el Día de Acción de Gracias! Ejemplo: Salud, Amor, Trabajo, Amigos, Familia...

El Comité le pide que tome SOLO UNA hoja de papel por persona de una canasta y escriba por qué está agradecido, luego devuélvala la nota a la segunda canasta. Todos los pedazos de papel DEBEN ser regresados para el domingo 19 de noviembre de 2023 para ser incluidos en los tapices de pared "¡Da gracias!" ¡Muchas gracias por participar!

2023 Thanksgiving **Community Luncheon**

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 corn Large cans of curkey gravy Lange aluminum pans Large cans of chicken brott Cans of cranberry sauce Tubs of butter Heavy whipping cream Celery Onions Carrots Napkins Paper plates Utensils Coffee cups Cups 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