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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.

December 5, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Pastoral Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-7pm

Closed for Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

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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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| Funeral Services | Diep Dinh | Ext. 219 | Sacristan | Librado Mercado | (626)281-0466 |
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TODAY'S READINGS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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| Loan Le | Ethelyn Beltran |
| Angelica Ruedas | Karen Katsumura |
| Matthew Perez | Andrea Primicias |
| Pilar Garza | Cecilia Chow |
| Gary Meraz | Erik Lifrak |
| David A. Jr. & Family | Ray Argueta & Family |
| Lucy Tsang | Jose Crespo |
| Eleanor Ciechoski | Joe Negrete |
| Rosa Martinez | Bernardina Castañeda |
| Ramirez Family | Reyes Family |
| Wally & Becky Puente | Mercedes Tarrazona |
| Cynthia Manriquez | Delia Vargas |
| William Gonzalez | Fernando Torres |
| Joel Lopez | Gerardo Duran |
| Guadalupe Nevarez | Cidronio Abelar |
| Evelyn De Guzman | Yessenia Alvarez |
| Hortencia Palafox | Juanita Madrigal |
| Jerry Lopez | Mark Venegas |
| Francis Araiza | Marco de la Garza |
| Rafael Garcia | Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu |

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy

(Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the for-

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year "C"

"A Voice cries in the desert - Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight His paths"

Recently, a middle-aged woman named Helen White, went to live in Miami, Florida, after her husband died. Every day she will go to the park to sit in the sun. But there was little sunshine in her heart. She was ill and doesn't have enough money.

Day after day she sat hopelessly, until one day she decided to put her problem in the hands of God. But it all seemed so futile.

On Christmas Day she had a strange urge to go over to the Recreation House in the park. She was so frail she had trouble walking that far.

A number of old people were sitting around, gloomy and lonely on Christmas Day. The same urge led this woman to play the piano. Presently she heard at her shoulder the quavering voice of an old man, singing a Christmas song.

Slowly others joined, and soon they were all singing Christmas carols. She saw that their faces were transformed. She, herself, was transformed too.

Week after week she came back and the same thing happened until hundreds crowded the hall and the session was moved to the park band shell. Regularly this woman now leads from three to five thousand people in singing America's old songs of faith.

One man, hearing her, was so impressed that he put her in charge of a large apartment house. Today she is one of the most dynamic women in her city.

Mrs. White wrote me: "Many oldsters say, my mother used to sing those songs. I guess it shows no matter how far we roam, our mothers' prayers and songs follow" (*This story first appeared in the January 1954 edition of Guideposts*).

Advent is a holy season when the church invites the faithful to live in joyful hope. Living in joyful hope is not because everything is going well for us. We are still threatened by the pandemic which continues to kill us. Covid-19 is now mutating from delta to omicron, and as if that is not enough there is the fear of nuclear war and terrorism all around us. Yet, living in joyful hope is a choice each person could make during this season.

To live in joyful hope, we must prepare for it. Making preparations is part of daily life on earth. We make preparations for personal, family, communal and social events. From going to visit or to receive family and friends, going to church, writing an examination, buying a car, a house, clothes, etc. the nature of the preparation we make depends on the type of event for which the preparation is made.

During the Advent season, we are not only told about the event for which we should prepare, we are also given the tool of trade with which to prepare for the event – the coming of the messiah.

The prophet Jeremiah in today's first reading says "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery, put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name." We are called to do this because even now "God is leading Israel (people of God) in joy by the light of His glory, with his mercy and justice for company."

In the second reading Paul writing to the Philippians says, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." He goes "your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ."

In the Gospel, John the Baptist invites us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John goes on to tell us how to prepare for the Lord, "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God."

In spite of reading the Bible and having known how the prophecy of old was fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ, the need to prepare for the coming of the Lord remains as urgent today as it was more than 2000 years ago.

The valleys that John calls us to fill are not the valleys around us or the pot holes on our freeways but the emptiness in our lives and in our worlds that are caused by our refusal to open our hearts to the word of God. As John and Jesus although cousins could not hang out together at grandma's house due to the nature of the work assigned to them by God, the Advent season calls for a sense of urgency.

Filling up the holes caused by injustice and human beings' inhumanity to their fellow human beings is an urgent task that all are called to embrace during this holy season. We do this when like Jeremiah, Paul and John the Baptist we are bold enough to speak truth to power.

At this first part of Advent, the emphasis is not on the birth of Jesus, since Jesus was already an adult when John preached the message of repentance. John wants us to know that something special has happened but the truth of it is still unfolding and only those who open their hearts to the word of God shall reap its fruit.

The kingdom of God that John the Baptist calls for is not something that will come from the skies. The kingdom of God is already among us, for whenever and wherever peace, love, justice reigns, there is the kingdom of God.

The beauty of John's message is that he did not make the people to second guess what God wants from them. John told them the truth – repent from your evil ways. Repentance is a metanoia. It is a turning back from our bad ways to embrace peace, beauty, justice, love and goodness. It means to live a life that produces fruits that are consistent with the values of the kingdom. This message is no doubt applicable to you and I today.

John's message is one of empowerment; a reminder that we have within us what it takes to build a world where people live in peace and harmony – the kingdom of God. This kingdom is visible in the person of Jesus Christ but every one of us must still have to make effort to make the salvation wrought for the world in Jesus Christ a reality in our lives here and now.

Advent season is therefore not a theoretical construct but a call to action. The kingdom of God which this season calls for is nothing but the acceptance of God's will in our lives. As Churchill once said, "All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy and hope." This is the Advent message and this is the undeniable truth that we are all called to embrace especially during this holy season. Amen

All Souls Catholic Church

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your generosity and support .

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

COLLECTION 11-28-2021

Our collection report will be published in our following edition.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.



MASS INTENTIONS

Our Book of Mass Intentions is available. If you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one or a special cause, please call our Pastoral Center.

Did You Know?



Keeping tabs on how our children are using social media can seem quite daunting, even for parents who know their way around social media. But if you're not paying attention to TikTok, the newest and most popular platform on the scene, it is time to do so. Check in with children who are old enough to use the platform, and if possible, consider limiting or even eliminating their access. Talk to your children about responsible searching and sharing on all online platforms. For more information about TikTok, read "Not paying attention to TikTok? It is way past time to do so," by Charles Camosy for Angelus News, <https://angelusnews.com/voices/not-paying-attention-to-tiktok-it-is-way-past-time-to-do-so/>.

Support Our Youth

This is a call to all of our parishioners. If you have items in good/usable condition that you would like to donate, we would love for you to consider bringing them to our parish. These donations are of great help to our Youth Ministry.

All donations can be placed by the back of the Parish Center. Please look for the sign pointing to the designated area.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and donations!!!



Our next food distribution will take place on December 16, 2021

DECEMBER 5, 2021
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

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| 5:30pm | Wito Los Baños | Dec. |
| | Juanita Momtuis | Dec. |
| | Rogelia Ramos Limcolioc | Dec. |

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

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| 7:30am | Ubaldo Lopez | Dec. |
| | Meng Chi Cheng Lee | Dec. |
| 9:00am | Monsignor William O'Toole | Dec. |
| | Deceased Members of the Fobi Fam. | Dec. |
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| 10:30am | Vicente & Sandra Ibarra | Wedd. Anniv. |
| | Magda Cornejo | Dec. |
| | Juan Chavez Hernandez | Dec. |
| 5:30pm | Oscar Braulio Gomez | Sp. Int. |
| | Guadalupe Rodriguez | Dec. |
| | Xiomara Reyes | Birthday |

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

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| 7:30am | Mayra Reyes | Healing |
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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| 7:30am | Sebastian De la Rosa | Birthday |
| | For the Tima children | Sp. Int. |

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

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| 7:30am | | |
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

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| 7:30am | Peace & Love in the Fobi Descendants | Sp. Int. |
| | Nicetas D. Licardo | Dec. |
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

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| 7:30am | Barbara Schmidt | Birthday |
| | Blanca Rosas | Dec. |

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

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| 7:30am | Gamboa Family Deceased | Sp. Int. |
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**SACRAMENT
OF
RECONCILIATION**

Examination of Conscience

1. Do I love God like above all else? Do I give him the first place in my life? Do I eagerly reject all idols that could get between him and me, be it money, pleasure, superstition, or power?

2. Do I respect the holy name of God? Do I abuse him in my references to him, offending him, or making use of him, instead of serving him? Do I bless God in each one of my actions? Do I surrender myself without reserve to his will for me, trusting entirely in him?

3. Do I make Sunday the center of my week, beginning with the most important moment, the celebration of the Eucharist? Do I use it, and the other days consecrated to the Lord, to praise and give thanks to God, to entrust myself to him and take rest in him? Do I participate faithfully and actively in the liturgy, preparing myself beforehand with prayer, and making the effort to obtain its fruits during the entire week?

4. Do I love and respect those who have given me life? Do I make the effort to understand and help them, above all in their weaknesses and limits?

5. Do I make the effort to respect and promote life in all of its stages and aspects?

6. Am I chaste in thoughts and actions? Do I make the effort to love with gratitude, free of the temptation to possess or be jealous? Do I always respect the dignity of the human person? Do I treat my body and the bodies of others as a temple of the Holy Spirit?

7. Do I respect the goods of creation? Am I honest in my work and in my relations with my neighbor? Do I respect the fruit of others' labor? Am I envious of the goods of the others? Do I make an effort to make others happy, or do I only think of myself?

8. Am I sincere and loyal in each word and action? Do I always speak only the truth? Do I try to give confidence and act in a way that inspires confidence in the others?

9. Do I make an effort to follow the example of Christ in my life of surrender to God and my neighbor? Do I try to be like him: humble, poor and chaste?

10. Do I faithfully find the Lord in the sacraments, in fellowship, and in service to the poor? Do I live with hope in eternal life, seeing each thing under the light of God, always trusting in his promises?

UN PROFUNDO CAMBIO DE CORAZÓN

Cuando Juan proclamó un bautismo de arrepentimiento, así como lo relata el Evangelio de hoy, él llamó a las personas a un cambio profundo de corazón. Para Juan el Bautista, el arrepentimiento no era simplemente un remordimiento de las flaquezas, sino un compromiso a orientar la vida en torno a los deseos y propósitos de Dios. ¿Cómo podría ser una vida adecuada con los deseos de Dios? Nuestras lecturas ofrecen algunas pistas. Baruc indica que cuando la misericordia y la justicia se abrazan como un ropaje majestuoso, podemos ver los frutos del arrepentimiento. Pablo señala cómo el Espíritu Santo ha estado activo dentro de la iglesia de Filipos, formándola para vivir en una comunidad de fe amorosa y unida, para que pueda dar testimonio del amor de Dios. Y el mismo Juan sugiere que un corazón arrepentido limpia un camino para que Dios entre, emparejando los valles y montañas de nuestra resistencia, para que Dios pueda habitar en él.

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¿SABIA USTED?

Controlar cómo nuestros hijos usan las redes sociales puede parecer bastante abrumador, incluso para los padres de familia que conocen las redes sociales. Pero si no está prestando atención a TikTok, la plataforma más nueva y popular en la escena, es hora de hacerlo. Consulte a los niños que tengan la edad suficiente para usar la plataforma y, si es posible, considere limitar o incluso eliminar su acceso. Hable con sus hijos sobre la búsqueda y el intercambio responsables en todas las plataformas en línea. Para obtener más información sobre TikTok, lea el artículo en inglés, "Not paying attention to TikTok? It is way past time to do so" (¿No presta atención a TikTok? Ya es hora de hacerlo), por Charles Camosy, para Angelus News, <https://angelusnews.com/voices/not-paying-attention-to-tiktok-it-is-way-past-time-to-do-so/>

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos. Un Dios misericordioso y justo guía a Israel con alegría (Baruc 5:1-9).

Salmo — El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda Lectura — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento de lo que vale la pena para que lleguen irreprochables al día de Cristo (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

Evangelio — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. Todos podrán ver la salvación de Dios (Lucas 3:1-6)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| Lunes: | Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26 |
| Martes: | Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14 |
| Miércoles: | Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38 |
| Jueves: | Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15 |
| Viernes: | Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19 |
| Sábado: | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 |
| Domingo: | Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; |

Un Agradecimiento Muy Especial

Nuestra Parroquia de All Souls agradece, de corazón, la especial donación de arreglos florales echa por Andres Melendez. Las flores adornaron nuestro espacio litúrgico en estos días de Acción de Gracias, pero también rindieron homenaje a la memoria de su amada mamá, la señora Maria Dorotea Carcamo. Pedimos por su eterno descanso y agradecemos tu detalle deseándote muchas bendiciones.

**RETIRO DE ADVIENTO**

Acompáñenos en nuestro Retiro de Adviento el 17, 18, 19 de diciembre. Los horarios por día serán de 7—8:30pm. El presentador será el P. Jim Clarke y es totalmente gratis.

Una buena liturgia siempre tiene en cuenta el contexto de la comunidad creyente y su entorno. A la luz de lo que ha estado sucediendo en nuestras caóticas vidas, ¿cómo podríamos prepararnos mejor para la venida del Señor este año? En este retiro, exploraremos algunas ideas que pueden ayudarnos en este esfuerzo.

Llame a nuestro Centro Pastoral para apartar su lugar.

PARISH NEWS

ADVENT RETREAT AT ALL SOULS

December 10th, 11th, 12th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

We cordially invite you to join us and take part in this enriching experience for the spirit.

Good liturgy always takes into consideration the context of the believing community and its environs. In light of what has been happening in our chaotic lives, how might we best prepare for the coming of the Lord this year? In this retreat, we will explore some ideas that can assist us in this endeavor. Our presenter will be Fr. Jim Clarke. Call our Pastoral Center to register! Admission Cover: FREE

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

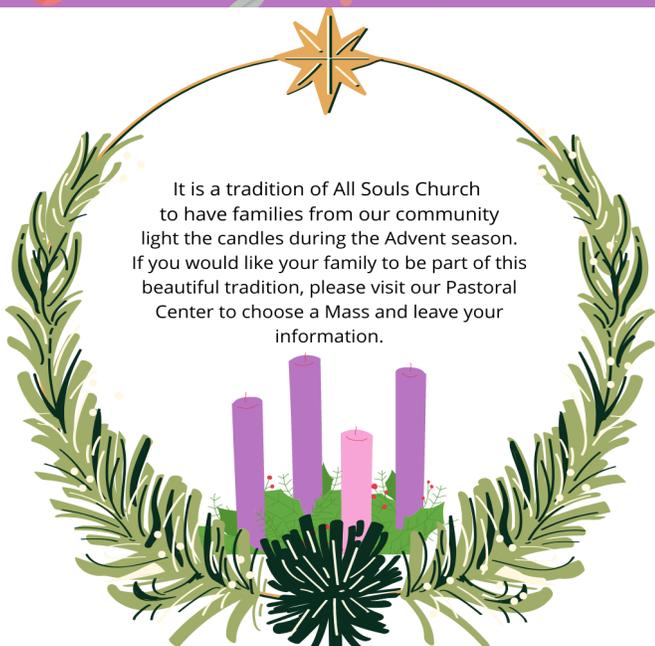


Wednesday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Souls Church will be celebrating Mass during the following times:

- 7:30am English
- 12:05pm English
- 7:30pm Bilingual



It is a tradition of All Souls Church to have families from our community light the candles during the Advent season. If you would like your family to be part of this beautiful tradition, please visit our Pastoral Center to choose a Mass and leave your information.



Mañanitas

On Sunday, December 12, we will gather to sing “Las Mañanitas” to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 5:30am followed by Mass.

The rest of our Masses will be celebrated following our usual Sunday schedule. Join us!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

December 15

7PM

Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. -Pope John Paul I



Brunie's Yard Sale



Save the date! Stop by and support!

December 12, 2021

