



# ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH



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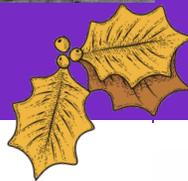
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 12, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Pastoral Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-7pm

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

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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 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)

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## TODAY'S READINGS

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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** — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalms** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year "C"

### Gaudete Sunday: Rejoice in the Lord, again I say rejoice

There are all kinds of things we can do to remind ourselves of the spiritual side of Christmas, not just in church, but at home as well. I like to see a manger scene become a family construction project, and I like the idea of creating homemade religious ornaments for the tree....

Certainly it is our hearts that provide the key to Christmas each year. In this respect, I often think of a lady I never even met, a lady named Mrs. Mason. Virginia Rootes Juergens of Dallas, Texas, wrote a story about her and her creative approach to the holiday.

Mrs. Mason lived in the small Texas town where Virginia grew up. Mrs. Mason was an elderly woman with very little money, but her Christmas preparations were extravagant.

Weeks before Christmas every year, she plotted and planned for what she called her "Lordly gifts." Wandering around the little town, the old lady would select three people to give a gift to, three people from whom she expected nothing in return. A lot of thought would go into each present, a lot of work, a lot of self-denial—and a lot of pleasure.

"I just can't think of my third Lordly gift," Mrs. Mason said to Virginia one time when she visited the Mason cottage during this period of preparation. "You know, child, we have to give something worthy. Don't forget, it's the birthday of God's Son."

That year Mrs. Mason had decided already on a pair of shoes for her first gift and had saved the necessary money. Her second gift was to be a week's mending of a poor family's clothes. (Mrs. Mason did not disclose the names of the recipients-to-be.) But her third gift, as always, seemed to give Mrs. Mason trouble. "I just can't think of anything, child," she said to Virginia, "at least nothing Lordly."

Before Christmas, of course, just as Virginia knew she would, Mrs. Mason made her momentous decision and carried it through. "Only later did I discover what her gift was," Mrs. Juergens wrote. "She came in three afternoons a week to 'baby-sit' (a term unknown then) and helped my sister Helen and me make cookies while my hard-working teacher-mother was away."

Mrs. Mason knew what Christmas was all about. She approached it seriously and gaily, indeed it was a birthday to her, and her gifts were Lordly because they were gifts to the Christ Child. No one had to tell Mrs. Mason, "As ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matthew 25:40

So Christmas is coming again. This year during these meaningful weeks of Advent, let's all bring out the trappings of the holiday, but let's keep in mind what significance they can have just as the Bohrs family does with its Advent wreath. This year let's prepare for Christmas as Mrs. Mason did, as we would for "the birthday of God's Son." Let's be creative. And let's make ready our homes, our hearts, our world, to receive Him." (*This story first appeared in the December 1968 edition of Guideposts*)

Today is Gaudete Sunday – the third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete is a latin word for rejoice.

The title is taken from the introit for this Sunday – Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione et obsecratione cum gratiarum actione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti Domine terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

This may be translated as: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob" (Phil 4:4–6; Psalm 85 (84).

Advent was originally conceived as a mini Lenten season - a penitential season of prayer, fasting and works of charity. During this holy season the faithful prepare for the coming of the Lord in three unique ways – the birth of Jesus, Jesus presence in the world and the Second Coming of Jesus to judge the world (His final Advent).

Like the Laetare Sunday in Lent, on Gaudete Sunday the church asks her children to relax their penitential acts and with joy and gladness prepare for the coming of the Lord. Writing about the difference between happiness and joy, Henri Nouwen says that while happiness for the most part depends on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death can take that love away. It goes to mean that Christian joy could be experienced even in the midst of failure, sadness and sickness.

On this JOYFULL Sunday, the faithful are called to count their blessings and think of the good things life has given us. The rose colored vestment which the priest wears on this day becomes an invitation to the faithful to look on the bright side of life. Although we may live in a world that threatens to destroy us, the faithful are called to know that human life on earth is not always a problem to be solved but a joyful mystery to be lived.

When the people who heard the preaching of John the Baptist wanted to know the best way to experience the joy of the Lord, John tells them that sharing in the joy of the Lord has both a personal and social dimensions. On the social level, John says "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." This is to place our lives at the service of others.

On the personal level, John calls for the transformation of the human heart. He tells the tax collectors to "stop collecting more than what is prescribed; and to soldiers, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Being joyful in the Lord which this season calls for is not an exercise in futility but a renewal and recreation of the human heart to care for those who have lost loved ones in the past year, those who have lost their houses, jobs, broken homes, the sick and lonely people who have no one to care for them, people in prison who are longing to be home for Christmas, people who have no food to eat, etc. What all these people have in common is the feeling of emptiness. Jesus comes to fill our emptiness by giving us the grace to reach out to them. Those who are willing to embrace this project will experience the birth of Jesus not only in Bethlehem in Judea but in their hearts, family and nation. They are indeed the Christmas people.

Amen

## All Souls Catholic Church

### FINANCIAL REPORT

*Thank you for your generosity and support .*

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

COLLECTION 11-21-2021

TOTAL \$ 4,824.50

COLLECTION 11-28-2021

TOTAL \$ 5,456.00

COLLECTION 12-05-2021

TOTAL \$ 7,414.00

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION 11-25-2021

TOTAL \$ 1,283.00



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

## Did You Know?



Ever been met with silence when you ask, “How was your day?” Your communication efforts with your children, especially school-age children, may need some tweaking. Try asking concrete questions, like “Who did you sit next to at lunch?” or, “What was the most interesting thing you learned today?” If your child is struggling with sharing his or her emotions, it might be helpful to ask about other emotions you see around you. Find opportunities to get children talking about how they feel by focusing on other people: “Why do you think that girl and her dad are hugging? What made that boy on the playground mad earlier?” You may be surprised at the results! For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Communicating with School-Age Children” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



## SPECIAL COLLECTION

### *Retirement Fund for Religious*

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, “I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith.” Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week’s second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.



**DECEMBER 12, 2021**  
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

5:30pm	Chua Bue	Dec.
	Inocencio Chua	Dec.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

7:30am	Ubaldo Lopez	Dec.
	Joyce Chen	Healing
	Catalina Blasi	Dec.
9:00am	Adela Dominguez & Family	Sp. Int.
	Monsignor William O'Toole	Dec.
	Eardley & Fausta	Thanksgiving
10:30am	Guadalupe Montiel Morales	Dec.
	Francisco Reyes	Dec.
	Nicoletta Savignino	Dec.
5:30pm	Azucena Sanchez-Scott	Birthday
	Guadalupe Rodriguez	Dec.
	Aurelio & Alicia	Dec.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**

7:30am	Jonathan & Omar Ceja	Birthday
	Souls in Purgatory	
	Ramon & Francisca Cendejas	Wedd. Anniv.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

7:30am	Luz Dicioco	Birthday
	Esteban Pelayo	Birthday

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

7:30am	Brigilda & Damacio Rodriguez	Dec.
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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

7:30am	Thanksgiving	
	Martha Patricia Valles	Dec.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:30am	Lazaro Dicioco	Dec.
	Cesar & Sylvia Buluran	55th Wedd. Ann.
	Juana Chavez Vargas	Dec.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**

7:30am	Marcela Cobarruvias	Birthday
	Paula & Fabian Elizarraras	Dec.
	Lim & Maribel Kong	Birthday



**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?

**ALÉGRATE**

Los escritos proféticos que escuchamos en las Escrituras de hoy nos llaman a alegrarnos y a celebrar la bondad de Dios. Sofonías, Isaías, san Pablo y Juan el Bautista en el Evangelio de Lucas siguen la rica tradición de los profetas bíblicos, una tradición que alcanza su máxima expresión en Jesús. Los profetas advierten que los errores humanos tienen consecuencias verdaderamente desastrosas. Todos están llamados a arrepentirse y a cambiar de vida. Hoy escuchamos la Buena Nueva de que el amor misericordioso vence a toda perversión humana. Dios no nos ha abandonado. De hecho, Dios sigue buscándonos, y ansiosamente busca la reconciliación con nosotros. Esta iniciativa de Dios para enderezar al mundo culmina con Jesús, cuya venida la anuncia Juan el Bautista. El mensaje profético de Juan pide que nos unamos a la obra reconciliadora de Dios, viviendo con generosidad y justicia nuestra vida cotidiana. Al alegrarnos de la gracia de Dios, extendemos los frutos de esta gracia a todos.

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**¿SABIA USTED?**



Alguna vez se ha encontrado con el silencio cuando pregunta: “¿Cómo estuvo tu día?” Sus esfuerzos de comunicación con sus hijos, especialmente los niños en edad escolar, pueden necesitar algunos ajustes. Intente hacer preguntas concretas, como “¿Con quién te sentaste a la hora de la comida?” o “¿Qué fue lo más interesante que aprendiste hoy?” Si su hijo tiene dificultades para compartir sus emociones, puede ser útil preguntarle sobre otras emociones que usted ve a su alrededor. Encuentre oportunidades para que los niños hablen sobre cómo se sienten centrándose en otras personas: “¿Por qué crees que esa niña y su papá se abrazan? ¿Qué hizo que ese chico en el patio de recreo se enojara?” ¡Te sorprenderán los resultados! Para obtener más consejos, solicite una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, “Communicating with School-Age Children” (Cómo comunicarse con niños en edad escolar) en <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Gózate y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre ustedes (Sofonías 3:14-18a).

**Salmo** — Griten de alegría, porque grande se ha portado contigo el Santo de Israel (Isaías 12).

**Segunda lectura** — ¡Alégrese! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).

**Evangelio**—Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados; que sean honrados; que no amenacen ni acusen a otros injustamente (Lucas 3:10-18).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Martes:	Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Miércoles:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 7:18b-23
Jueves:	Is 54:1-10; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lc 7:24-30
Viernes:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sábado:	Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Domingo:	Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45



Acompañenos este

*15 de diciembre*



**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

*Retirement Fund  
for Religious*

**Donen en agradecimiento.**

Un donante al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos escribe: “Todavía recuerdo las lecciones que las hermanas nos dieron y cómo nos inculcaron el amor a nuestra fe”. Muestre su agradecimiento por la devoción en el servicio de las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes ancianos de órdenes religiosas católicas. Su donativo la semana que viene a la colecta ayuda a dar cuidado, medicinas y más. Sean generosos.





## PARISH NEWS

### ADVENT RETREAT AT ALL SOULS

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 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



*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

MOTHER OF MERCY, TEACHER OF HIDDEN AND SILENT SACRIFICE, TO YOU, WHO COME TO MEET US SINNERS, WE DEDICATE ON THIS DAY ALL OUR BEING AND ALL OUR LOVE. WE ALSO DEDICATE TO YOU OUR LIFE, OUR WORK, OUR JOYS, OUR INFIRMITIES AND OUR SORROWS. GRANT PEACE, JUSTICE AND PROSPERITY TO OUR PEOPLES. FOR WE ENTRUST TO YOUR CARE ALL THAT WE HAVE AND ALL THAT WE ARE, OUR LADY AND MOTHER, WE WISH TO BE ENTIRELY YOURS AND TO WALK WITH YOU ALONG THE WAY OF COMPLETE FAITHFULNESS TO JESUS CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH. HOLD US ALWAYS WITH YOUR LOVING HAND.

LITURGICAL SPACE

## POINSETTIAS

Please help decorate our worship space for Christmas by donating a poinsettia.

Larger poinsettias are preferred, but smaller ones are also appreciated. We kindly ask that your poinsettias be wrapped in the traditional foil cover. Please bring your poinsettias to the Pastoral Center no later than Wednesday, December 22nd.

Thank you for your generosity!



### 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.

## 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!



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2021

