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MISSION STATEMENT

We, at All Souls Church, are a multicultural Catholic Community called to share our gifts and

December 13, 2020



Pastoral Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

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

(We are currently only receiving calls)

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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.

Unión 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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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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Wally & Becky Puente	Reyes Family
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Guadalupe Nevarez	Cidronio Abelar
Evelyn De Guzman	Yessenia Alvarez
Hortencia Palafox	Juanita Madrigal
Jerry Lopez	Mark Venegas
Francis Araiza	Marco de la Garza

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25



3rd Sunday of Advent, Year "B"

"I am the Voice of One Crying out in the Desert; Make Straight the Way of the Lord."

I love Christmas stories and this is one of them – "When my mother died at the age of eighty-four, my four sisters and I were heartbroken. How could we ever get over the loss of this warm and loving woman, a talented artist who enjoyed life in spite of its challenges and always doted on her husband, daughters and grandchildren?"

For weeks after, my sisters and I would meet for dinner, laughing and crying over old memories. When it came time to sell the home my mother loved, we spent many days in disbelief, clearing out her belongings. I remembered reading an Ann Landers column years earlier that discussed how many siblings fight bitterly over the possessions left by their deceased parents. I thought, "How lucky we are that will never happen to us."

Somehow, we easily and peacefully divided Mom's belongings—furniture, jewelry, and household items—among ourselves and a few charities. Although I expected there might be a tug of war over her paintings; that never happened. Pretty good considering there were five daughters and four grandchildren. No conflicts, squabbles or disputes at all. Until we discovered the old nativity set in a box in Mom's closet. I remembered Mom telling the story of how she acquired the manger - An old friend who did carpentry work gave it to my mom and dad as a Christmas gift when they were first married. My sister, Eileen, however, remembers it differently. Mom told her she found the crèche in a garbage can belonging to Mrs. Bingham, the elderly lady who lived across the street from us....

After Mom's death, when the nativity set emerged, no one was prepared for the battle that would follow. My sister Joanne was the first to claim the manger, insisting it was the only one of Mom's possessions that she really wanted. Her wish was granted. But when my niece Mandy found out, she called from her apartment in California to voice her objection. She was clearly emotional as she repeated a decades-old promise made to her by my mother: "Nanny promised me that I could have the nativity set when she was gone," she cried. "The nativity set belongs to me." Joanne felt strongly that as Mom's daughter, she had first dibs. Neither she nor Mandy would budge.

When the disagreement showed signs of becoming a full-blown family feud, we realized something had to be done. Enter the family arbitrator, my sister Eileen, who somehow saw through the fog.... Couldn't a copy be created? Of course! She would order the wood from the lumberyard and get someone to build a second manger.

The following day, Eileen went to Centre Millwork and stood in line behind several contractors ordering lumber from a young man with a crew-cut....

A few days later, she received a phone message saying that her order was ready. When Eileen arrived at the hardware store to pick up the wood, she couldn't believe what she saw — two identical stables sitting side by side. Brett had not only cut and measured the wood, he had built a second manger. "I know you wanted them to look the same, so I added a couple of dings and flaws that were in the original. Hope that's okay."

Sure enough, the new stable had the same lopsided front gate. "Okay?" Eileen said in tears. "You have no idea what this will mean to my sister and my daughter. To the entire family. I don't care what this costs. Your work has saved the day."

"That will be \$3.75 for the materials," Brett said. When Eileen insisted on paying him more, he said, "I didn't do it on company time. I built it at home so I won't charge you for the labor." He pointed to the new manger. "I hope this helps your family have a merrier Christmas...." —Kathy Melia Levine in Reader's Digest.

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Today we are called upon to relax our Advent penance because our salvation is near. The story of John the Baptist, a child of promise is a beautiful Advent story. When Zachariah and Elizabeth had given up on the possibility of bearing a child, lo and behold an angel of God appeared to Zachariah when he was ministering in the temple to announce to him that his wife Elizabeth shall conceive and bear a son.

The birth of John is a strong message that salvation is God's own business. Human holiness and goodness cannot bring about the salvation of the world. What is impossible to human beings is after all possible for God. Hence, John was born when no one expected it.

John lived an austere life. He lived in the desert. He was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. This is to prepare himself adequately to serve as the forerunner of Jesus Christ.

John proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He called on the people of Israel to abandon their evil and wicked ways and return to God. He baptized those who believed and the climax of his mission was to baptize Jesus at River Jordan.

As some authorities and members of the Sanhedrin began to believe in the message preached by John, the priests and Levites wanted to know more about him. People thought that John was the long expected messiah but when he proclaimed that he is not the messiah, they wanted him to declare his true identity – Are you Elijah, the prophet? Because there was the common belief that before the messiah appears, Elijah will come back to prepare the way.

From John's own mouth we know that John is nothing but "the voice crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His path." From this declaration we see the humility and honesty of John the Baptist – in a world where everyone wants to become the messiah, a world where everyone thinks he is the center of creation, the voice of John declares himself as the messenger of glad tidings.

John's is the true spirit of Advent – the season of joyful hope. Like John, we are called to become messengers of glad tidings in a world ravaged by the corona virus pandemic. Our world will certainly be blessed by messages of good news. May our preparation for Christmas be filled with noble and good actions that contribute to the civilization of love in the world. Amen

FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Offertory Collection.

December 6, 2020

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SIMBANG GABI MASS

Many parishes around the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will celebrate Simbang Gabi Mass differently this year, due to COVID-19.

We invite you in joining us in celebrating this Filipino tradition which lasts 9 days. The Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels will kick off the celebration by having the Mass on **December 15 at 6:30pm which will be livestreamed** for everyone to join in prayer. Visit the Cathedral webpage for the livestream or read the Angelus News article for a full sched-

Did You Know?



Avoid safety hazards while gifting with these tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: Toys are age-rated for safety, not for children's intellect and physical ability, so be sure to choose toys in the correct age range; choose toys for children under 3 that do not have small parts that could be choking hazards; for children under 10, avoid toys that must be plugged into an electrical outlet; be cautious about toys that have button batteries or magnets, which can be harmful or fatal if swallowed; and when giving scooters and other riding toys, give the gift of appropriate safety gear, too; helmets should be worn at all times and they should be sized to fit.

A Gift of Intercession



Our 2021 Mass Intention Book is available for Mass dedications.

This is a beautiful way to pray for our loved ones and intercede for a special cause as a community.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S

FOOD DISTRIBUTION



The next food distribution will take place on **December 17, 2020.**

December 13, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020

5:30PM	Those suffering from COVID-19	

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

7:30AM	Trazon Lo	Dec.
9:00AM	Jesusa Joaquin	Dec.
10:30AM	Flor Maria Torres	Dec.
	Maria de la Luz Antunez	Dec.
	Gerardo Atienza	Dec.
5:30PM	Jessica Chiu	Dec.
	Olivia Tellez	Healing

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

7:30AM	Tim Chang	Healing
	Maria Dolores Diaz	Dec.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

7:30AM	Maria Dolores Diaz	Dec.
	Elenita Joaquin	Dec.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

7:30AM	Maria Dolores Diaz	Dec.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

7:30AM	Vincent Joaquin	Dec.
	Cesar & Sylvia Buluran	54th Wedding Anniversary
	Juana Chavez-Vargas	Dec.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

7:30AM	Marcela Cobarruivas	Birthday
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

7:30AM	Valentina, Antonio & Joel Tiu	Dec.
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LET US KEEP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN OUR PRAYERS.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

If your family would like to participate in the lighting of the Advent candles, please call the Pastoral Center and leave your name, phone number, the date and time of the weekend Mass you would like to participate in.



HOW MAY I PREPARE FOR ADVENT?

Get some quiet time.

Advent the liturgical season is quiet and dark, as we await the in-breaking of Christ's light at Christmas. Advent the shopping and party season is loud and glaringly bright. Seek out some quiet time separate from bedtime. Maybe try repeating the prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" to yourself, slowly as you breathe in and out with your eyes closed. You can do this in your office or kitchen. And in this spirit ...

JUAN EL BAUTISTA

En una casa abierta de la escuela se escuchó a una mujer presentando a su marido a algunos de los otros padres. “Oh, José, me gustaría que conozcas al padre de Juanito. Y aquí, esta es la mamá de María, ya sabes la niña que juega fútbol con nuestra Elena”.

Con satisfecha resignación Bill se presentó no por su nombre sino: “Soy el padre de Elena”.

Es bueno saber quién es uno. Si somos el padre o la madre de alguien, hijo o hija, esposo o esposa, es importante que aceptemos el sentido pleno de nuestras diferentes funciones.

Juan Bautista sabe quién es. Y quién no es. No es el Cristo. No es Elías. Tampoco igual a ningún otro profeta que el pueblo de Dios hubiese visto.

Juan Bautista sabe que su misión es divina. Está más que satisfecho de ser el que anuncia la venida del Reino de Dios. El Cristo está cerca. Enderecen sus caminos.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Regocijense en el Espíritu del Señor que nos trae buenas noticias (Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Salmo — Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador (Lc 1:46-50, 53-54).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrese! Conserven su integridad en el Espíritu y guárdense sin mancha hasta la venida del Señor (1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista dice: “Soy la voz que grita en el desierto” (Juan 1:6-8, 19-28).

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, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Miércoles:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 7:18b-23
Jueves:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Viernes:	Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sábado:	Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Domingo:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5,

¿SABIA USTED?



Los regalos y juguetes deben inspirar alegría, no causar lesiones

Evite los peligros al dar regalos, siguiendo estos consejos de la Academia Estadounidense de Pediatría y de la Comisión de Seguridad de Productos para el Consumidor de Estados Unidos: los juguetes están clasificados por edad, por seguridad, no por el intelecto y la capacidad física de los niños, así que asegúrese de elegir juguetes en el rango de edad correcto. Elija juguetes para niños menores de 3 años que no tengan piezas pequeñas que puedan representar un peligro de asfixia. Para los niños menores de 10 años de edad, evite los juguetes que deban enchufarse a un tomacorriente; tenga cuidado con los juguetes que tienen pilas de botón o imanes, que pueden ser dañinos o fatales si se ingieren; y al regalar scooters y otros juguetes para montar, también regale el equipo de seguridad apropiado. Los niños deben usar casco en todo momento, los cuales deben ser del tamaño adecuado para cada edad. .

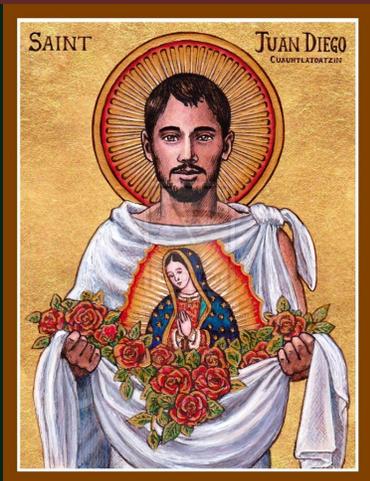


Oración a la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe

Reina de los Ángeles y Madre de las Américas. Acudimos a ti hoy como tus amados hijos. Te pedimos que intercedas por nosotros con tu Hijo, como lo hiciste en las bodas de Caná.

Ruega por nosotros, Madre amorosa, y obtén para nuestra nación, nuestro mundo, y para todas nuestras familias y seres queridos, la protección de tus santos ángeles, para que podamos salvarnos de lo peor de esta enfermedad

Misa el día 12 de diciembre @ 10:30am



St. Juan Diego

Saint Juan Diego was born in 1474 as Cuauhtlatoatzin, a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas.

Following the early death of his father, Juan Diego was taken to live with his uncle. From the age of three, he was raised in line with the Aztec pagan religion, but always showed signs of having a mystical sense of life.

He was recognized for his religious fervor, his respectful and gracious attitude toward the Virgin Mary and his Bishop Juan de Zumarraga, and his undying love for his ill uncle.

When a group of 12 Franciscan missionaries arrived in Mexico in 1524, he and his wife, Maria Lucia, converted to Catholicism and were among the first to be baptized in the region. Juan Diego was very committed to his new life and would walk long distances to receive religious instruction at the Franciscan mission station at Tlatelolco.

On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego was in a hurry to make it to Mass and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. However, he was stopped by the beautiful sight of a radiant woman who introduced herself, in his native tongue, as the "ever-perfect holy Mary, who has the honor to be the mother of the true God."

Mary told Juan Diego she was the mother of all those who lived in his land and asked him to make a request to the local bishop. She wanted them to build a chapel in her honor there on Tepeyac Hill, which was the site of a former pagan temple.



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 Monday, December 21st.

Thank you for your generosity!



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12 at 10:30am on the patio

**Prayer from the Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg*