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MISSION STATEMENT

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

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent



Pastoral Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

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

(We are currently only receiving calls)

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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.

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)

OFFICE OF LITURGY

Funeral Services	Diep Dinh	Ext. 219	Sacristan	Librado Mercado	(626)281-0466
Altar Servers	Paul/Marleny Gutierrez	(626)281-0466	Wedding & Quinceañeras	Eleana Benalcazar/Patty Ayala	(626)281-0466
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APOSTOLATES & ORGANIZATION

Ministry of the Sick	Larry Dumont	Guadalupanos	Marina Ramirez
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Bereavement Ministry	Diep Dinh	Our Lord's Mission	Gerber Bernal or Arturo Camargo
Legion of Mary	Salvador Agudo	St. Vincent de Paul	Pearl Martinez
Cursillos in Christianity	Aida Gonzalez	Encuentro Matrimonial	Victor Pla
English Bible Study	Sheila Henderson-Linan	Amigos de Jesus	Estela Murga
Spanish Bible Study	Maria de Jesus Martinez	Filipino Ministry	Jun (Isidro) Cabaccang
Knights of Columbus	Pablo Gutierrez	Youth Ministry	Leticia Urtecho

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Angelica Ruedas	Ethelyn Beltran
Matthew Perez	Karen Katsumura
Pilar Garza	Andrea Primicias
Gary Meraz	Cecilia Chow
David A. Jr. & Family	Erik Lifrak
Lucy Tsang	Ray Argueta & Family
Eleanor Ciechoski	Jose Crespo
Rosa Martinez	Joe Negrete
Ramirez Family	Bernardina Castañeda
Wally & Becky Puente	Reyes Family
Cynthia Manriquez	Mercedes Tarrazona
Cecille Saguid	Delia Vargas
William Gonzalez	William Cardona
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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
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Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	<u>Vigil</u> : Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
	<u>Night</u> : Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or

Dec. 20, 2020

From the Pastor's Corner



4th Sunday of Advent, Year "B"

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb"

A certain company has a tradition of holding a party and a lottery every Christmas Eve.

The rules of the lottery draw are as follows: each employee pays ten dollars as a fund. There are three hundred people in the company. In other words, a total of three thousand dollars can be raised. The winner takes all the money home.

On the day of the lottery draw, the office was filled with a lively atmosphere. Everyone wrote their names on a slip of paper and put them in the lottery box.

However, a young man by name Karl, hesitated when he wrote. Because he thought that the company's cleaner has a frail and sickly son who was going to have an operation, but she did not have the money to pay for the operation. This made her very troubled.

So, even though he knew that the chance of winning was slim, with only a three percent chance, Karl wrote the name of the cleaner on the note.

The tense moment came. The boss stirred the slips in the lottery box, and finally drew out a note. Karl also kept praying in his heart: I hope the Cleaner can win the prize... Then the boss carefully announced the winner's name. A miracle has happened!

The winner turned out to be the Cleaner! Cheers broke out in the office, and the Cleaner hurriedly came to the stage to accept the award. She burst into tears and said movedly: I am so lucky! With this money, my son has hope to live!

As the party was in progress, while thinking about this "Christmas miracle", Karl paced to the lottery box. He took out another piece of paper and opened it casually. The name on it was also the name of the Cleaner! Karl was sincerely surprised. He took out several pieces of the slip of papers one after another. Although the handwritings on them were different, the names were all the same. All of them were the names of the Cleaner!

Then Karl's eyes were red with tears of joy. He clearly understood that there is a Christmas miracle in the world, but the miracle will not fall from the sky. People are required to create it by themselves! (Unknown author)

Christmas story is the best story ever told – a story that gives purpose and meaning to human existence in the world. Christmas story is the story of a new creation. In Mary, God begins something new. The old order has passed away and the new has begun. The old creation was governed by law, while the new creation is founded on grace. The end of the law was death while the end of grace is life.

Often times we are carried away by the specific contents of the Christmas story but looking at the entire picture of the encounter between the Blessed Virgin Mary and angel Gabriel, we see a divine encounter. The entire story goes contrary to human expectations and values. There is no way by human standard that a virgin could conceive a child in her womb without a human intervention. Yet, such was the case with Mary, the chosen one.

Today's encounter between Mary and angel Gabriel is a reminder that salvation is not a human project. It is God doing His thing in the way God knows best. God who refused to dwell in a house that David promised to build for Him, now accepts to dwell in the womb of the lowly virgin of Nazareth.

The angel who struck Zachariah dumb for questioning the possibility of his wife becoming pregnant, today answers the humble question of the Blessed Virgin because Mary is the highly favored one. Hence, the response of Mary "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Today Mary says YES to angel Gabriel; our hope of salvation is assured. The incarnation of God in the womb of Mary marks the dawn of a new creation. God becomes human so that human beings could become divine. Thanks to Mary – "Hail, full of grace." Creation will never be the same again for God has humbled His Godhead to assume a human nature and to dwell among us.

Our world is incarnated. Creation is deified. In Mary, God begins a new creation and Mary becomes the mother of the new creation. No human being could qualify for this role unless chosen by God. What God has done in the life of Mary is a privilege of a life time that can never be done again.

The story of the annunciation becomes a foundational story and a foundational event because in this encounter, hope was born. Jesus is the hope of ages and all who believe in Him share in the hope of eternal life which is a gift that only God can give.

Whenever we gather to tell and re-tell the Christmas story, we gather to re-enact or make new again in our time the same foundational experience of people of faith which happened more than 2000 years ago.

Christmas is no longer a story of the past but our own story – the story of our lives – an affirmation that even now, God is still with us (Emmanuel).

... Make no mistake about it; we are still in the season of Advent, the season of expectation. There are many families who have been rendered homeless, jobless or sick because of the pandemic. Some people are separated from their loved ones by sickness or are unable to visit them because of the pandemic. We are grateful to be alive today. God needs human beings like you and I to reach out to those in need so that they could experience the miracle of Christmas – love made visible.

During Christmas, children expect to receive gifts but adults are expected to give. The best gift is not the gift received from friends and family members. The best Christmas gift is the gift given to someone who does not expect a gift from you. And the greatest gift we can give is the gift of baby Jesus – love. It is by sharing God's love especially during this holy season that we make it loud and clear to the world that we are the people of the new creation and the Blessed Virgin Mary is not only the mother of Jesus but also our mother.

All Souls Catholic Church

FINANCIAL REPORT

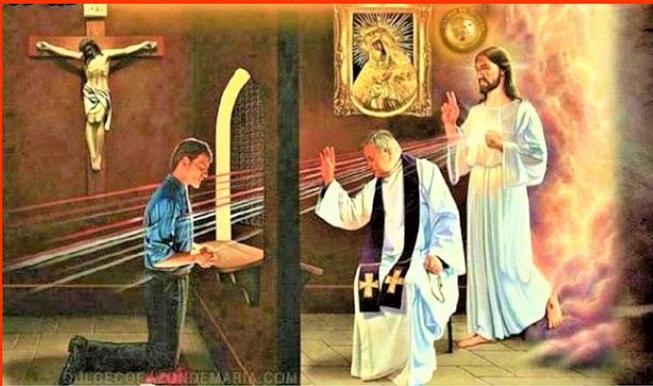
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December 13, 2020

COLLECTION

\$4,043.00

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES



In lieu of an Advent Penance Service this year, we will be having confessions on the patio on Tuesday, December 22nd, and Wednesday, December 23rd, from 5 to 6 pm both days. Fr. Denis Maher and Fr. Clemente Barron will be hearing confessions. Please use this opportunity to prepare your hearts to receive the Christ Child at Christmastime.



**FREE
TOY
GIVE-
AWAY**

IF THE PANDEMIC HAS LIMITED YOUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR YOUR CHILD THIS YEAR, PLEASE COME TO THE PASTORAL CENTER DURING OFFICE HOURS BETWEEN MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF THE COMING WEEK TO PICK UP A TOY FOR YOUR CHILD.

Did You Know?



We have been living in unprecedented times with COVID changing many aspects of our lives. These changes have caused many challenges to families, but they have also affirmed our commitment to safeguarding our children and young people. As the year comes to an end we are reminded of the resiliency exemplified by the Holy Family in their Advent journey – the love Mary and Joseph had for their son, Jesus Christ, and the many ways in which they nurtured His Spirit as a model for our families. Join the Holy Family's call by taking time next Sunday on the *Feast Day of the Holy Family* to nourish your own family's spirituality. Click link to download the Take-Home Resource for Families: *The Holy Family – Nourishing your Spirituality and Well-Being.*

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 January 21, 2021.

December 20, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

5:30pm	Angelito Gan	Dec.
	Vivian Mary Rull	Dec.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

7:30am	Manuel Mota	Dec.
	Corazon Cumayao	Dec.
9:00am	Chuck Miller	Dec.
	Art & Cion Lemoncito	46th Wedd. Anniv.
	Mary Rebecca Lopez	Bday
10:30am	Maria Gil Salcedo	Dec.
	Maria Lourdes Barajas	Dec.
	Jorge Cortez	Dec.
5:30pm	Angela Katigbak	Healing

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

7:30am	Tim Chang	Healing
	Panty Yee	Healing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

7:30am	Samuel Martinez Osorto	Dec.
	All Souls in Purgatory	

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

7:30am	Anne C. Dorsey	Dec.
	All Souls in Purgatory	

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

7:30am	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!	
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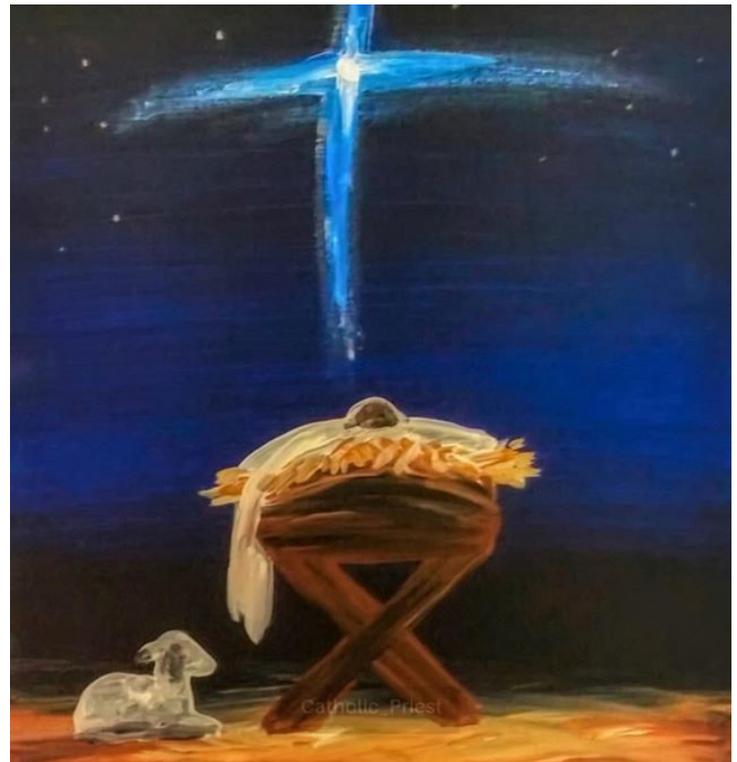
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020

7:30AM	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!	
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2020

7:30AM	Carol Robinson	Dec.
	Eric Robinson	Dec.

LET US KEEP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN OUR PRAYERS.



Your Love Never Changes

In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting—that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God. Your birth—and Your death—sealed Your promise to us forever.

— *Rebecca Barlow Jordan*

EL DIOS ETERNO

El rey David deseaba que el Arca de Dios tuviera un hogar más permanente. David podría haberse imaginado algo así como el palacio de cedro donde residía. Dios tenía en mente algo más: un trono donde los descendientes de David gobernarían para siempre, un reino donde judíos y gentiles serían bien recibidos por igual.

La actitud devota de María llevó a un mensaje aún más inquietante. Concebiría y daría a luz un hijo a pesar de que aún no estaba casada. “¿Cómo podrá ser esto?”, preguntó María. “El Espíritu Santo descenderá sobre ti”, le contestó el Ángel (Lucas 1:35).

La aceptación de María de este difícil desafío marcó el comienzo de esta, la era final del Reino de Dios. Lo que antes era un secreto conocido solo por el pueblo elegido como el Rey David y sus descendientes ahora debe quedar claro a todos para que, como escribió San Pablo a los romanos, podamos llegar a la “obediencia de la fe”, “en cumplimiento del designio eterno de Dios” (Romanos 16:26).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Salmo — Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

Evangelio — El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella concebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]

¿SABIA USTED?



El próximo domingo 27 de diciembre es la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Hemos estado viviendo en tiempos sin precedentes con Covid-19 cambiando muchos aspectos de nuestras vidas. Estos cambios han causado muchos desafíos a las familias, pero también han afirmado nuestro compromiso de proteger a nuestros niños y jóvenes. A medida que el año llega a su fin, recordamos la capacidad de recuperación ejemplificada por la Sagrada Familia en su viaje de Advierto: el amor que María y José tenían por su hijo, Jesucristo, y las muchas formas en que nutrieron su Espíritu como modelo para nuestras familias. Únase al llamado de la Sagrada Familia, tomando tiempo el próximo domingo para participar en la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia y así nutrir la espiritualidad de su propia familia. Haga clic aquí para descargar el folleto para tener en casa para la familia: **La Sagrada Familia: Nutriendo su espiritualidad y bienestar.**



Acompáñenos a recibir juntos a nuestro Señor.

Dec. 24, 2020:

5:30pm Vigil Family Mass

Dec. 25, 2020:

10:30am Spanish Mass



Dear Parishioners,
May the peace and good will expressed in the song of the Angels come into our hearts and homes on Christmas Day and abide with us always. May we share the gladness of the shepherds by closing the door of hate and opening the door of love. May we imitate the worship of the Wise Men by adding kindness to every greeting. May the Christ Child teach us to be merry with clean hearts on the day of his birth and may Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts.

May the coming year bring all of us happiness and joy in our closeness to the Infant Christ and to one another. Amen.

Fr. Patrick and Staff



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!



Join Us

As we celebrate the coming of our Lord

Dec. 24, 2020:	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Dec. 25, 2020:	7:30am	English Mass
	9:00am	English Mass
	10:30am	Spanish Mass

(The Pastoral Center will be closed both days.)