



# All Souls Catholic Church



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## • DEACON •

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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 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)

**December 24, 2023**

*Christmas Eve—4th Sunday of Advent*

## 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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Bereavement Ministry	Diep Dinh
Legion of Mary	Salvador Agudo
Cursillos in Christianity	Aida Gonzalez
English Bible Study	Sheila Henderson-Linan
Spanish Bible Study	Maria de Jesus Martinez
Knights of Columbus	Frank Bodeman
Guadalupanos	Marina Ramirez
Rosario de Misericordia	Angelina Farias
Our Lord's Mission	Josephine Espinosa
St. Vincent de Paul	Pearl Martinez
Encuentro Matrimonial	Victor Pla
Amigos de Jesus	Estela Murga
Filipino Ministry	Rose Pichon
Youth Ministry	Leticia Urtecho
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



# Readings & Prayers for the Sick

## First Reading:

"Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16)

## Psalm:

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

## Second Reading:

The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

## Gospel:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

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Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/  
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti  
2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk  
2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,  
16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year "B"

### "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord"

Halfway through December we were doing the regular evening things when there was a knock at the door. We opened it to find a small package with a beautiful ceramic lamb inside. We looked at the calendar and realized that the 12 days of Christmas were beginning!! We waited excitedly for the next night's surprise and only then, with the gift of a matching shepherd, did we realize that the lamb was part of a nativity set.

Each night we grew more excited to see what piece we would receive. Each was exquisitely beautiful. The kids kept trying to catch the givers as we slowly built the scene at the manger and began to focus on Christ's birth.

On Christmas Eve, all the pieces were in place, but the baby Jesus. My 12 year-old son really wanted to catch our benefactors and began to devise all kinds of ways to trap them. He ate his dinner in the mini-van watching and waiting, but no one came.

Finally we called him in to go through our family's Christmas Eve traditions. But before the kids went to bed we checked the front step – No Baby Jesus! We began to worry that my son had scared them off. My husband suggested that maybe they dropped the Jesus and there wouldn't be anything coming. Somehow something was missing that Christmas Eve.

There was a feeling that things weren't complete. The kids went to bed and I put out Christmas lights, but before I went to bed I again checked to see if the Jesus had come-no, the doorstep was empty. In our family the kids can open their stockings when they want to, but they have to wait to open any presents until Dad wakes up. So one by one they woke up very early and I also woke up to watch them.

Even before they opened their stockings, each child checked to see if perhaps during the night the baby Jesus had come. Missing that piece of the set seemed to have an odd effect. At least it changed my focus. I knew there were presents under the tree for me and I was excited to watch the children open their gifts, but first on my mind was the feeling of waiting for the ceramic Christ Child.

We had opened just about all of the presents when one of the children found one more for me buried deep beneath the limbs of the tree. He handed me a small package from my former visiting teaching companion....

As I took off the bow, I remembered my friendship with her and was filled with gratitude for knowing her and for her kindness and sacrifice this year giving me a gift. But as the paper fell away, I began to tremble and cry. There in the small brown box was the baby Jesus. He had come!

I realized on that Christmas Day that Christ will come into our lives in ways that we don't expect. The spirit of Christ comes into our hearts as we serve one another. We had waited and watched for him to come, expecting the dramatic "knock at the door and scurrying of feet" but he came in a small, simple package that represented service, friendship, gratitude, and love.

This experience taught me that the beginning of the true spirit of Christmas comes as we open our hearts and actively focus on the Savior. But we will most likely find him in the small and simple acts of love, friendship and service that we give to each other. This Christmas I want to feel again the joy of knowing that Christ is in our home. I want to focus on loving and serving. More than that, I want to open my heart to him all year that I may see him again (Gaye Willis – "Will the Christ Child come?").

Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and the last day of the Advent season. Tonight we begin the vigil mass of Christmas. Tonight we unite our hearts, soul and mind with people of faith of all ages to pray and celebrate the event that united heaven and earth in the person of a child born in Bethlehem in Judea. And the child's name is Immanuel – God is with us.

Christmas story is always a heartwarming story that brings smiles on our faces and in our hearts. It is a story that brings joy to our heart and lifts our minds to unimaginable dimension. It evokes in us a pure joy that makes us to realize that we are created for something greater than ourselves.

Today's gospel story invites all who wish to be enriched with the wealth of Christmas blessings to imitate the humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ. Mary's response to angel Gabriel shows a profound humility which even great kings like David and Ahaz did not have. As Mary accepted her role in the plan of salvation, so are we invited to do whatever we can to bring God's love, peace and joy to all during this holy season.

Mary's immediate and unquestioning obedience to God's plan demonstrates the importance of listening and obeying the voice of God – "I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to your word." This divine guidance will always be revealed to us through our daily encounters with others.

Mary's courage and willingness to embrace a challenging and unconventional path is also worthy of emulation. In this life good things may not always come to us in a conventional or well known ways. Our ability to open our heart to God's plan for our life may take us to unfamiliar territories.

Blessed is the one who has the courage to surrender to the will of God.

Finally, more than the humility, courage and surrender of Mary, is her unalloyed faith in God. A person of faith will always see what one with a microscope or telescope will not be able to see. Mary's faith in God's promises despite the inconveniences it brought to her life serves as an inspiration for us to always trust in God's plan, for the one with God has a reason to rejoice. We are already a Christmas people, we are called to rejoice, celebrate and be happy. Amen



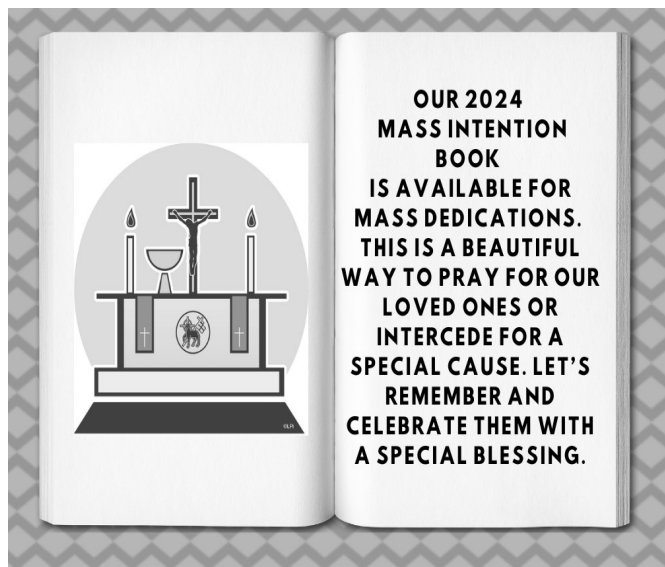
# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

COLLECTION	TOTAL
December 10, 2023	\$ 5,322.00
<i>Thank you for YOUR continuous support and generosity.</i>	

## Did you know?

One of the best ways safe adults can help children who are suffering from abuse is to recognize and listen to their disclosures — even if they are done in stages or in subtle ways. A child may float a “trial balloon” disclosure, meaning he may use a single sentence or phrase to see if a safe adult will respond appropriately. Be on the lookout for sudden disclosures like, “I don’t want to go to So-and-so’s house anymore,” and try responding in a way designed to let the child continue to open up: “Do you want to tell me why?” or “Let’s talk about that,” for example. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Test Balloons or Trial Balloons” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



SATURDAY	DECEMBER	23-2023
5:30pm	Lucy Tsang	Thanksgiving
	Lilia Gan	Special Int.
	Joseph Elijah Pablico	Dec.
	Oscar Braulio Gomez	Dec.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	24-2023
7:30am	Trini Esquivel	Dec.
9:00am	Lynn & Noel Dante Rodriguez	Dec.
	Alma Amalia Gomez	Dec.
	Corazon Cumayao	Dec.
10:30am	Mercedes Argüello	Dec.
	Jesus Torres, Jr.	Dec.
	Alicia Botello	Dec.
5:30pm	Merry Christmas!!!	
MONDAY	DECEMBER	25-2023
7:30am	Merry Christmas!!!	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	26-2023
7:30am	Luis Enrique Fernandez	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	27-2023
7:30am	Joseph Elijah Pablico	Dec.
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	28-2023
7:30am	Fr. Niall O’Leary	Dec.
	Jorge Cortez	Dec.
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	29-2023
7:30am	Jesus & Maria Estrada	Dec.
	Salvacion Cordero	Dec.
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	30-2023
7:30am	Paul Lee	Dec.
	Dicioco Family	Thanksgiving

## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Primera Lectura:

Escuchamos cómo Dios estableció su promesa de pacto con el rey David de levantar un hijo después de él y asegurar que la casa y el reino de David se mantuvieran firmes para siempre. ¿Qué promesas has cumplido con familiares o amigos?

### Segunda Lectura:

Pablo concluye su carta a los Romanos con un himno de alabanza a Dios. Ahora que el Adviento llega a su fin, ¿por qué puedes alabar a Dios?

### Evangelio:

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy es la anunciación a María del próximo nacimiento de Jesús. La aceptación incondicional de María nos ofrece un modelo a seguir. ¿Qué tan abierto estás a la obra de Dios en tu vida?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29/Rom 16, 25-27/  
Lc 1, 26-38

Lunes: *Vigilia:* Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/  
Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 *Noche:* Is 9, 1-6/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/  
Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 *Matutina:* Is 62, 11-12/Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3,  
4-7/Lc 2, 15-20 *Día:* Is 52, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6/Heb 1, 1-6/  
Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14

Martes: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17/Mt 10, 17-22

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/Jn 20, 2-8

Jueves: 1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2/Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 2, 13-18

Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6/Lc 2, 22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10/Lc 2, 36-40

Una de las mejores maneras en que los adultos confiables pueden ayudar a los niños que sufren abuso es reconocer y escuchar sus revelaciones, incluso si se hacen en partes o de manera sutil. Un niño puede revelar un “globo de prueba”, lo que significa que puede usar una sola oración o frase para ver si un adulto confiable responde apropiadamente. Esté atento a revelaciones repentinas como: “Ya no quiero ir a la casa de Fulano de tal” e intente responder de una manera diseñada para permitir que el niño continúe abriéndose: “¿Quieres decirme por qué?” o “Hablemos de eso”, por ejemplo. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Test Balloons or Trial Balloons”(Globos de prueba) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-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.



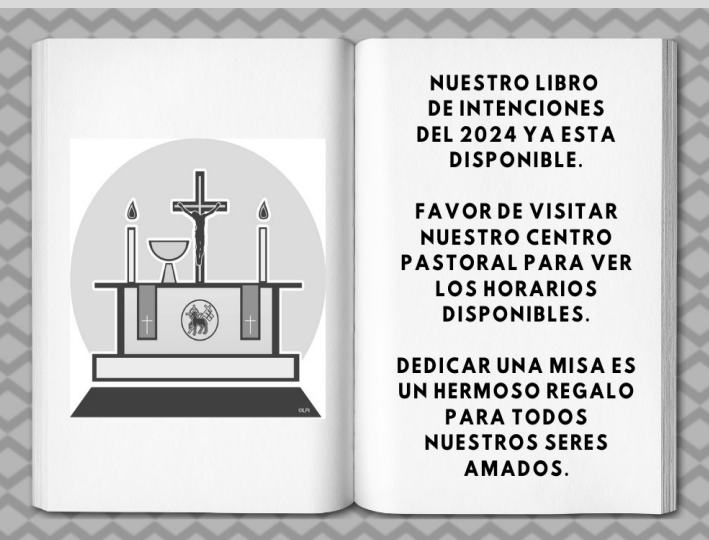
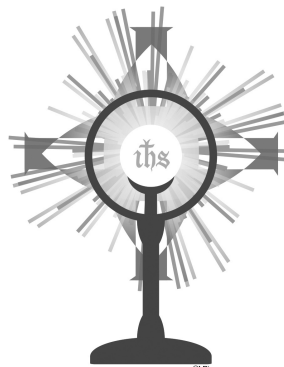
## VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómame 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.



**NUESTRO LIBRO DE INTENCIONES DEL 2024 YA ESTA DISPONIBLE.**

**FAVOR DE VISITAR NUESTRO CENTRO PASTORAL PARA VER LOS HORARIOS DISPONIBLES.**

**DEDICAR UNA MISA ES UN HERMOSO REGALO PARA TODOS NUESTROS SERES AMADOS.**



ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Would love to wish all parishioners a blessed and Merry Christmas Day.*

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Sunday, December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Saturday Dec. 23, 5:30pm Mass)

- o 7:30am English Mass
- o 9:00am English Mass
- o 10:30am Spanish Mass



- o 5:30pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass
- o 11:55pm Christmas Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

### Monday, December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day

- 7:30am English Mass
- 9:00am English Mass
- 10:30am Spanish Mass

#### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE:

The 4th Sunday of Advent Masses start with the Saturday 5:30pm Mass. Christmas Masses begin with the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, December 24. Catholics must attend one Mass for the **4th Sunday of Advent**, and one **Mass for Christmas**.

## ST. ANDREW ADVENT PRAYER



HAIL AND BLESSED BE THE HOUR AND MOMENT IN WHICH THE SON OF GOD WAS BORN OF THE MOST PURE VIRGIN MARY, AT MIDNIGHT, IN BETHLEHEM, IN THE PIERCING COLD.

IN THAT HOUR VOUCHSAFE, I BESEECH THEE, O MY GOD, TO HEAR MY PRAYER AND GRANT MY DESIRES THROUGH THE MERITS OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, AND OF HIS BLESSED MOTHER.

Patrick Mbazuigwe

# Horizon of Grace

Simple Reflections on  
Sunday Readings: Year "B"

Our beloved Father Patrick has released the next installment of his insightful and beautiful reflections in an effort to help us continue to grow in grace and understanding of God's Word. This book encompasses Year B of the Gospel readings. These books are in limited supply. We still have a few copies of Year A, so if you don't have a copy yet, please visit the Pastoral Center. Please support this evangelization effort by getting a copy of the book for a \$10 donation at the Pastoral Center.