



All Souls Catholic Church



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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)

November 30, 2025

First 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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Knights of Columbus	Frank Bodeman
Guadalupanos	Carmen Ramirez
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Amigos de Jesus	Estela Murga
Filipino Ministry	Rose Pichon
Young Adult Mtry.	Leticia Urtecho
Youth Ministry	Vivian Vasquez
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isa 2:5)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

You know the time;
it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now than when
we first believed. (Rom 13:11)

Gospel:

"So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:44)

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Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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Rosa Martinez
Ramirez Family
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Guadalupe Nevarez
Evelyn De Guzman
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Ethelyn Beltran
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Andrea Primicias
Cecilia Chow
Ray Argueta & Family
Jose Crespo
Joe Negrete
Bernardina Castañeda
Reyes Family
Mercedes Tarrazona
Fernando Torres
Gerardo Duran
Cidronio Abelar
Yessenia Alvarez
Juanita Madrigal
Mark Venegas
Marco de la Garza
Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu
Elizabeth Pham
Josefina Cobarruvias

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT “The Coming of the Son of Man”

Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Matt 24:37-44

Once upon a time, there was a girl who could do anything she wanted. All she had to do was to choose something and focus. So, one day she sat down in front of a blank canvas and began to paint. Every stroke was more beautiful than the next, slowly and gracefully converging to build a flawless masterpiece. When she eventually finished painting, she stared proudly at her work and smiled.

It was obvious to the clouds and the stars, who were always watching over her, that she had a gift. She was an artist. And she knew it too. She felt it in every fiber of her being. But a few moments after she finished painting, she got anxious and quickly stood up. Because she realized that while she had the ability to do anything in the world she wanted to do, she was simply spending her time moving paint around on a piece of canvas.

She felt like there was so much more in the world to see and do ..., so many options. And if she ultimately decided to do something else with her life, then all the time she spent painting would be a waste. So she glanced at her masterpiece one last time, and walked out the door into the moonlight. And as she walked, she thought, and then she walked some more.

While she was walking, she didn't notice the clouds and the stars in the sky who were trying to signal her, because she was preoccupied with an important decision she had to make. She had to choose one thing to do out of all the possibilities in the world. Should she practice medicine? Or design buildings? Or teach children? She was utterly stumped.

Twenty-five years later, the girl began to cry. Because she realized she had been walking for so long, and that over the years she had become so enamored by everything that she could do—the endless array of possibilities—that she hadn't done anything meaningful at all. She learned, at last, that life isn't about possibility—anything is possible. Life is about making a decision—deciding to do something that moves you (Story by Marc Chernoff).

God has made a decision in favor of human salvation. Advent is a season when people of faith prepare for the greatest event in human history – the Incarnation of God. During this season, Christians prepare for two comings – the coming of the Lord on Christmas Day and the final coming of the Lord at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Both comings call for vigilance and preparation through prayer, fasting and good works. In this spirit of expectation, we hold TIME in our hands. The past, the present and the future unite as ONE in the person of Jesus Christ.

During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the PAST, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the PRESENT, when Jesus is born on Christmas Day and the FUTURE, when Jesus will return at the End of Time. It is a no-brainer that human life is characterized by waiting. We wait for the traffic light to turn green, we also wait to eat, go to bed, write exams, work, receive our salary, go on vacation, marry, recover from sickness, shop, decorate for Christmas, etc. Our waiting during Advent will be disappointing, if not frustrating should we fail to do it the right way through prayer, fasting and good works.

Waiting in its very essence is a sign that we lack something essential. We wait because we are incomplete. We wait for Jesus because He is the only one who can complete what is lacking in us. Our waiting will become empty and meaningless unless we wait in joyful hope, carrying out our daily tasks with patience, optimism and hope. Like women and men of goodwill, we wait for the reign of peace, justice and love, “when one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” The chosen people of God are called to “walk in the light of the Lord!” We are called to build a new culture that is not defined by its political or military might. The Advent mandate becomes a mandate to build a culture that is founded on love, where the great and the small shall co-exist in peace and justice shall rain down from heaven to manifest the beauty and glory of God.

The Incarnation of Jesus (when the WORD became FLESH) becomes a fundamental meeting point between God and humanity when Heaven and Earth unite together as one. In the Baby Jesus, we see, we touch and feel God. In Jesus, God made human, we see the beauty of God and the divine goodness that we had lost due to disobedience. Celebrating the Incarnation of God thus becomes an expression of our determination to live again for God.

To be a Christian, therefore, is to live in joyful hope for there is no dull moment in the history of our salvation. As Christians, we are a people who live in the “mean-time” which means those who live in-between the first coming of Jesus (Christmas) and His second coming (Day of Judgment). This is between Christ's “coming” in past history to share our humanity (Incarnation) and His coming in the future in the fullness of time (*parousia*). Everything we do here and now matter to God for it is through our actions that we show the world who we believe in.

The Advent spirit invites us to wait in joyful hope because the coming of Jesus brings the fulfillment of the greatest desire of the human heart - peace, goodness and joy. This waiting is joyful because God does not disappoint. All who put their hope in God shall renew their strength in Him. Since Jesus coming will be unexpected, the children of God are called to be always alert and ready. To be alert and ready is not for us to live in fear but to persevere in doing good deeds for Jesus could come when we are in a traffic hold-up, at the mall, at the bus station, or at the street corner or when a beggar in our street is asking us for help. Our preparation during this holy season becomes creative and meaningful if it disciplines us to see Christ in everyone and in every situation. Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus!



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

TOTAL

Nov. 23, 2025

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Due to early publishing deadlines, we will publish financials next week. Thank you.

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

There is a third type of grooming: *community grooming*. In community grooming, a predator creates a controlled environment, projecting an image of a responsible, caring adult. They mimic the behavior of good people around them, to get closer to children and then select a victim. Adults often have trouble seeing potentially troubling behavior, because they have been groomed to see the predator as an upstanding person. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Grooming Process" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



All are invited to spend quiet time in prayer and adoration in our parish Adoration Chapel. Whether you come for five minutes or an hour, this is a beautiful opportunity to rest in the presence of our Lord, offer your intentions, and deepen your relationship with Him.

Experience the peace and grace that come from simply being with Jesus.

"Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?"

SATURDAY	NOVEMBER	29-2025
5:30pm	Gamal Tadros	Dec.
	Divine Mercy	Thanksgiving
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER	30-2025
7:30am	Fr. Paul Lee	Dec.
	Souls in Purgatory	
9:00am	Julius Neba Tambi	Dec.
	Dominic Nchinda Fobi	Dec.
10:30am	Vanesa Anaya	Dec.
	Mirna A. Benitez	Healing
5:30pm	Carlos Moreno Gonzalez	Dec.
	Amelia & Ignacio Gurrola	Dec.
MONDAY	DECEMBER	01-2025
7:30am	Carlos Moreno Gonzalez	Dec.
	Catalina Blasi	Dec.
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	02-2025
7:30am	Carlos Moreno Gonzalez	Dec.
	Rosa Ema Martinez	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	03-2025
7:30am	Irma Torres	Birthday
	Rosa Ema Martinez	Dec.
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	04-2025
7:30am	Peter Nicolas Licardo	Dec.
	Carlos Moreno Gonzalez	Dec.
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	05-2025
7:30am	Sheila Henderson-Linan	Birthday
	Ernest & Anni Blasi	Dec.
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	06-2025
7:30am	Souls in Purgatory	

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

El profeta Isaías imaginó un futuro sin más guerras y con naciones unidas en la creencia y adoración del Dios de Israel. ¿Cómo es un mundo totalmente en paz?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo animó a los romanos a vivir con un sentido de urgencia en anticipación de su propia salvación. ¿Qué te motiva a vivir una vida moral?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos que nadie sabe cuándo regresará el Hijo del Hombre, por lo que siempre deben estar preparados. ¿Cómo planeas usar la temporada de Adviento de este año para darle la bienvenida a Jesús a tu vida?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 2, 1-5/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Rom 13, 11-14/
Mt 24, 37-44

Lunes: Is 4, 2-6/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 8, 5-11

Martes: Is 11, 1-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17/Lc 10, 21-24

Miércoles: Is 25, 6-10/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Mt 15, 29-37

Jueves: Is 26, 1-6/Sal 117, 1 y 8-9. 19-21. 25-27/Mt 7, 21. 24-27

Viernes: Is 29, 17-24/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/Mt 9, 27-31

Sábado: Is 30, 19-21. 23-26/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 9, 35—10, 1. 6-8

Oración para el Adviento – Levántate

¡Bendice el Santo Nombre de Dios!

Prepara nuestros corazones para Tu venida, Señor. Despiértalos de cualquier lugar que se haya vuelto somnoliento o abatido. Inspíranos con nuevas visiones. Quédate con nosotros mientras nos acercamos a Ti.

Amén.

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Hay un tercer tipo de comportamiento del engaño (conocido en inglés como, grooming) hacia el abuso: el engaño en comunidad. Los comportamientos de engaño en comunidad son cuando el depredador crea un ambiente controlado, proyectando una imagen de adulto responsable y cariñoso. Imitan el comportamiento de las personas buenas que les rodean para acercarse a los niños y luego seleccionar a una víctima. Los adultos suelen tener dificultades para detectar comportamientos potencialmente problemáticos, ya que el depredador les ha convencido de que es una persona honorable. Para mayores informes sobre los comportamientos de engaño lea el artículo de VIRTUS® “The Grooming Process” (El proceso de engañar hacia el abuso) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



¡Únete a nosotros para celebrar el espíritu de comunidad y tradición! Nuestra parroquia está buscando familias o personas que deseen ser anfitriones de una Posada durante este tiempo de Adviento. Ser anfitrión es una hermosa oportunidad para compartir fe, compañerismo y alegría con los demás. ¡Si sientes el llamado a participar, favor de visitarnos o llamarnos al Centro Pastoral.

Fotografías

Invitamos cordialmente a las familias que compartieron fotos de sus seres queridos para nuestro altar de Día de los Muertos a pasar por el Centro Pastoral para recogerlas. Gracias por permitirnos honrar a sus difuntos y por confiar sus recuerdos a nuestra comunidad parroquial. Que el Señor les conceda el descanso eterno y continúe bendiciendo a sus familias con Su paz.

Venta de Comida

¡Invitamos a todos los feligreses a nuestra venta de comida este domingo, 7 de diciembre. La venta estará organizada por el Ministerio de los Guadalupanos! Vengan y disfruten de deliciosos platillos preparados con cariño, mientras apoyas las actividades y servicios de nuestra comunidad.



A heartfelt to everyone who contributed to making our Thanksgiving Mass a truly special celebration. To our Environment Committee, we extend our deepest gratitude for your tireless dedication, countless hours, and the love you pour into beautifying our liturgical space. A big to our Music Ministry for sharing your time and talent, enriching our celebration with music that uplifts hearts and deepens our worship. To all who attended, especially those who participated in the Procession of the Flags, please accept our sincere appreciation. Your presence and participation added great meaning and unity to our celebration. And what can we say about our Youth Ministry— for joyfully continuing the beloved tradition of hosting our Thanksgiving Community Brunch. Your spirit of service and hospitality truly bring our community together. Last but certainly not least, a special thank you to our generous donors, whose kindness and support made this shared meal possible. May God bless each of you abundantly for your dedication, generosity, and love for our parish community.

Blessed!

A Message From Deacon Eudoro

As we get close to Thanksgiving, I think it is the best time to say thank you to you, parishioners, brothers, and sisters of All Souls, for your kindness, support, and donations. Last June, my 106-year-old mom passed away. The prayers and support you offered to Eleana and I during that difficult time meant so much to me. I would especially like to thank our Pastor, Fr. Patrick, and office staff--Diep, Merci, Sofia, Arlyn, Leticia, and Karina--for their heartfelt support, as well s the Amigos de Jesus prayer group and all of you, parishioners of All Souls. All of you made me feel loved.

Every night, we include all of you, the spiritual family of our parish, in our prayers, I hope you can feel it. Thank you again. Our children, Eleana and I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving!



Posadas

Our parish is seeking families or individuals who would like to host a Posada this Advent season. Hosting is a beautiful way to share faith, fellowship, and joy with others. If you feel called to participate, please visit or call our Pastoral Center. Thank you, in advance, for helping us continue this beautiful tradition!

Photographs

Families who shared photos of their loved ones for our Día de los Muertos altar are kindly invited to pick them up at the Pastoral Center. Thank you for allowing us to honor your beloved departed and for entrusting their memories to our parish community. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and continue to bless your families with His peace.



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sign Up for this Beautiful Tradition

Advent is fast approaching, and we are preparing to welcome our Savior!

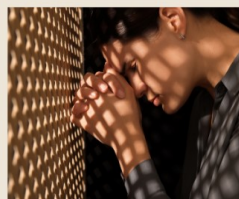
We invite families to participate in lighting the Advent candles at each Mass throughout the four weeks of Advent. If your family would like to take part in this meaningful tradition at a specific Mass, please contact the Pastoral Center to sign up.



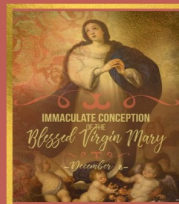
¡La Navidad se acerca rápidamente y nos estamos preparando para recibir a nuestro Salvador!

Invitamos a las familias a participar en la iluminación de las velas de Adviento en cada Misa durante las cuatro semanas de Adviento. Si su familia desea participar en esta hermosa tradición en una Misa específica, por favor comuníquese con el Centro Pastoral para tomar su informacion.

PENANCE SERVICE



All Souls is inviting you to an Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 17th, at 7 pm in the church. A number of priests will be available to hear individual confessions in various languages.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us as we commemorate Mother Mary's Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8, 2025. Our Mass schedule will be as follows:

7:30 am	English
12:05 pm	English
7:00 pm	Bilingual

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."