



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)

December 07, 2025

Second 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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Young Adult Mtry.	Leticia Urtecho
Youth Ministry	Vivian Vasquez
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt 3:11)

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"

Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Matt 3:1-12

After hearing the voice of John the Baptist in today's Gospel, I remembered a story about a young man who approached the foreman of a logging crew and asked for a job. "That depends," replied the foreman. "Let's see you fell this tree."

The young man stepped forward, and skillfully felled a great tree. Impressed, the foreman exclaimed, "You can start Monday."

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday rolled by, and Thursday afternoon the foreman approached the young man and said, "You can pick up your pay check on the way out today."

Startled, the young man replied, "I thought you paid on Friday."

"Normally we do," said the foreman. "But we're letting you go today because you've fallen behind. Our daily felling charts show that you've dropped from first place on Monday to last place today."

"But I'm a hard worker," the young man objected. "I arrive first, leave last, and even have worked through my coffee breaks!"

The foreman, sensing the young man's integrity, thought for a minute and then asked, "Have you been sharpening your axe?"

The young man replied, "No sir, I've been working too hard to take time for that!"

Our lives are like that. We sometimes get so busy that we don't take time to "sharpen the axe." In today's world, it seems that everyone is busier than ever, but less happy than ever. Why is that? Could it be that we have forgotten how to stay sharp? (Source: Unknown)

Today John the Baptist calls on us to sharpen not the axe for cutting down trees but our hearts so that God could find a fitting dwelling place in it. John's is like the voice of a mother who is calling on her wayward children to change for good. The wayward children would always refuse but only to regret it after their mother is already dead.

"A voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths ..." John was a very austere man, not because he did not want to spend money but because he operated on a divine economy so that nothing would distract him from fulfilling his mission as the forerunner of Jesus. He lived on locust and honey and for his clothing he used the skin of animals. Such simplicity of life was a clear message to the people of his time.

People who listened to John the Baptist took him on his word and changed from their evil ways. This is probably because John the Baptist talked the talk and walked the walk. His life was very authentic. He lived what he preached. We can endlessly preach repentance to our fellow human beings but if we do

not walk the walk, our word will be powerless and ineffective. We need like John the Baptist to become worthy heralds of the Good News in a world that is clamoring for authenticity.

As John the Baptist said, the right time to repent is now and like the young man of our story, even our good intentions are no longer good enough. We need to look into our lives to critically examine which areas of our lives need to be sharpened so that our daily charts would not show that we have fallen from first place to the last.

Advent season is a time of transformation. It invites us to become pro-active in character. It is a time to sharpen our axe if we are to remain relevant. Hence, John demands that we participate actively in the building of a new world governed by grace. It does not matter whether you are a preacher or a listener; our preparation for Christmas should not be all about avoiding evil. We are very good at doing that. The holiness that John the Baptist is inviting us to embrace calls for doing good deeds. As John said to the Pharisees and Sadducees, "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."

Repentance is an important aspect of the Advent journey. It could be either by way of being sorry for our sins and going to confession or by way of making a radical u-turn change from our selfish ways to become more caring, more loving and more compassionate. As a good tree produces good fruits so are we expected to change our lifestyle for good so that we may become peace-makers in a world that promotes violence, conflict and oppression.

Every Advent season is unique. It is not a repetition of the past. It is a graceful and opportune time of change. We are able to hear the voice of John the Baptist again because thanks to Jesus' death on the cross we have been given a second chance to embrace the change that brings about freedom and redemption. It is sad to wait till our mother is dead before we see the need to change. Tomorrow may be too late. The right time is now.

A change of heart implies bringing a positive attitude to life. We are good at saying we don't hate our neighbor, knowing fully well that we don't love our neighbor. That we do not hate our neighbor does not mean that we love them. We may be so lukewarm in our relationship which makes our hearts colder than the cold winter weather.

We show so much indifference and nonchalant attitude in the way we treat others. Our lukewarm attitude is crying to the heavens for redress. Same goes to when we say we do not lie, the point is, are we speaking the truth? Being politically correct is the order of the day such that our words are as empty as they are confusing. Truth and authentic goodness is today sacrificed on the altar of modernism and our conscience is not bothered.

Advent is a time to become real. This is not a time to presume the goodness of the Lord. Saying to ourselves that we have Abraham as our father will not work this time around "for God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones."

In the world wealth and political position of power and authority could be inherited or transferred from parents to their children but not so with the salvation of our souls. Salvation does not depend on the holiness of one's parents or family lineage. It is only those who are willing to walk the walks that are truly an Advent people.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

TOTAL

Nov. 23, 2025

\$ 5,848.00

Thanksgiving Day

\$ 1,691.00

Nov. 30, 2025

\$ 5,719.00

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

During the holidays, many people travel to see family. It's important to be prepared for any dangers of traveling, including human trafficking — and to know the facts about abductions and trafficking. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), about 100 children per year are abducted by strangers across the nation. Although most abductions involve someone the victim knows and even trusts, "stranger danger" still exists. Always be careful in protecting our children and young people wherever they are. For more facts, read the VIRTUS® article "Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking" 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	DECEMBER	06-2025
5:30pm	Benjamin Gan	Dec.
	Hilario Talavera	Dec.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	07-2025
7:30am	Efren Covarrubias	Dec.
	Christopher Covarrubias	Healing
9:00am	Tomas Argüello	Birthday
	John Nchinda Fobi	Dec.
10:30am	Christian Maldonado	Sp. Int.
	Victoria & Levon Dadikozian	Dec.
5:30pm	Carmelita B. Moya	Dec.
	Sebastian de la Rosa	Sp. Int.
MONDAY	DECEMBER	08-2025
7:30am	Immaculate Conception	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	09-2025
7:30am	Adela Dominguez	Dec.
	Camilo Gonzalez	Healing
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	10-2025
7:30am	Kristopher Standford	Dec.
	Esteban Pelayo	Dec.
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	11-2025
7:30am	Silvia Gomez	Birthday
	Souls in Purgatory	
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	12-2025
7:30am	NO INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	13-2025
7:30am	Maria Rosa Cortes	Birthday
	Aria Haxton	Healing

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Isaías previó el futuro de Dios cuando el mundo será gobernado por un nuevo e ideal 'Rey David' ("un retoño brotará del tronco de Jesé") y la tierra se llenará de conocimiento del Señor. ¿Qué esperas para tu futuro?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo animó a la comunidad de creyentes en Roma a estar en armonía unos con otros en pensamiento y mente. ¿Hay relaciones en tu vida que consideras armoniosas?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Juan el Bautista enseñó a la gente a prepararse para el reino de los cielos arrepintiéndose de los pecados y produciendo "buenos frutos". ¿Qué podrías hacer esta segunda semana de Adviento para tener un impacto positivo?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 11, 1-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17 (ver 7)/Rom 15, 4-9/
Mt 3, 1-12

Lunes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38

Martes: Is 40, 1-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 3 y 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 18, 12-14

Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10/Mt 11, 28-30

Jueves: Is 41, 13-20/Sal 144, 1 y 9. 10-11. 12-13/Mt 11, 11-15

Viernes: Eclo 24, 23-31/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 1, 39-48

Sábado: Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 79, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19/
Mt 17, 10-13

GRUPO DE ORACION

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. Acompañenos!

Oración para el Adviento - Paz

¡Ven, Señor Jesús!

Trae tu paz a nuestro mundo. Inspira la reconciliación, sana las divisiones, venda las heridas, reescribe los guiones. Tú eres el Príncipe de la Paz, lleva esa luz a cada espacio.

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CONFESIONES



La parroquia de All Souls te invita a un Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento el miércoles 17 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia.

Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones individuales en diversos idiomas.



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.

Thank you to all ministries and vendors that supported our Feast Day Festival!



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Acompáñenos a celebrar Las Mañanitas el día 12 de diciembre a las 5:00am, seguida por la Misa del Alba a las 5:30 am. También tendremos misa a las 7:30 am en Ingles, y una misa bilingüe a las 7:00 pm.

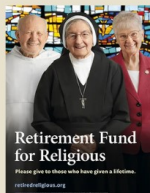
Join us to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will come together for Las Mañanitas at 5:00 am and celebrate Mass at 5:30 am. If you are unable to attend these times, we will also have Mass at 7:30 am (English) & a bilingual Mass at 7:00 pm.

Poinsettias



Calling for Help

Please help decorate our church 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 Friday, December 19th. Thank you for your generosity!



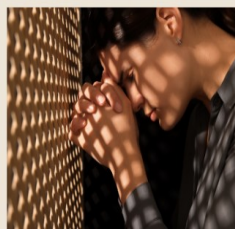
SPECIAL COLLECTION

Priest Retirement Fund

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois.

Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

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.