



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 14, 2025

Third 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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Spanish Bible Study	Maria de Jesus Martinez
Knights of Columbus	Frank Bodeman
Guadalupanos	Carmen Ramirez
Rosario de Misericordia	Angelina Farias
Our Lord's Mission	Josephine Espinosa
St. Vincent de Paul	Rosemary Gramajo
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:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

OR

Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight...." (Mt 11:4-5)

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Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

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

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

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

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Wally & Becky Puente
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Karen Katsumura
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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Rejoice ... for the coming of the Lord is at hand”

Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jam 5:7-10, Matt 11:2-11

It was while searching online for a Christmas story that I came across this beautiful write-up on the evolution of Santa Claus. “Every year children across the world eagerly await the arrival of that jolly fat, red man Santa Claus. But is he real? Well, in a way, yes he is.

The Santa Claus story begins around 200 CE, with a sailing ship caught in the grip of a terrible storm outside the Turkish port of Myra. As cargo was being thrown overboard by a crew desperate to stop their ship being overwhelmed by the storm, someone remembered a man of God was on board. Perhaps he could help. “Nicholas, Nicholas” went the cry. From his cabin emerged a man with a white beard, Nicholas. Holding the rail he prayed for God’s mercy. His prayer was apparently answered, for the storm died down and the ship limped into the port city of Myra.

Upon reaching dry land Nicholas made his way to the nearest church, intent on giving thanks to God for the safe passage of the ship and her crew. Unknown to him a group of elders were gathered in the church, seeking God’s will as to whom should be appointed bishop of their city. The white bearded Nicholas was the answer to their prayers. As bishop he wore a long red robe and became known as the “Bishop of Miracles”, for there were many reports of amazing answers to his prayers.

During his time as a bishop Nicholas was disturbed to discover many young girls were sold into prostitution if their parents were too poor to afford a marriage dowry. As he was from a wealthy family Nicholas struck upon a plan of action. He launched it one December 6th. Under the cover of darkness he secretly moved around the town, dropping small bags of gold coins through the window of homes where there was a little girl but a family too poor to afford a dowry.

From that time on Nicholas would follow the same practice every December 6th. Families were elated to save their daughters from slave prostitution. It is said that one year when Nicholas reached through a window, the bag of coins fell into a stocking hanging by the fire to dry – the source of our Christmas stocking tradition.

It was not until the year of his death that people discovered who the mystery benefactor was. Five hundred years later Nicholas was made a saint by the Catholic Church – thus our talk of “Saint Nicholas”. As his story spread so did attempts to imitate his kindness. In the twelfth century French nuns began imitating him by taking bags of fruit and nuts to poor families every December 5 – what became known as “St Nicholas’ Eve”. In Russia St Nicholas became a patron saint and was celebrated every Christmas. In England he was given the name “Father Christmas”, in France “Papa Noel”

In Holland St Nicholas was known as “Sinter Klass”, “Sinter” meaning “Saint” and “Klass” for “Nicholas.” Elsewhere those with broken English heard the story of Saint Nicholas dropping coins through windows onto the hearth and developed that into the idea of the gift-giver coming down the chimney, landing in the cinders of the fire below. So for some he became “Cinder Klaussen.”

Then in 1822 Clement Moore wrote his famous poem, “The Night Before Christmas”, in which the Dutch Sinter Klass became Santa Claus. He probably drew (whether directly or indirectly) from the poet Washington Irving who had published a book about a Dutch colonist’s dream in which St. Nick came riding over the tops of trees in a wagon in which he brings yearly presents to the children.

Thomas Nast was a cartoonist for Harpers Weekly. He began drawing pictures of the figure described in Clement Moore’s poem. He gave Santa Claus the red robes and white beard of the original St Nicholas, and decided to make his Santa plump and jolly. The final stage in Santa’s evolution came when Coca-Cola had what is now the definitive Santa image drawn up for an advertising campaign.

So is Santa real? Yes he is...or was. And every Christmas we do well to hear his story and imitate his acts of generosity. (Source: reported in Austin Miles, “Santa’s Surprising Origins”, posted at Crosswalk.com news service December 20, 2001).

John was the forerunner of Jesus. He was chosen to prepare the way for the messiah. He did not fully understand the implication of his mission. However, like the great prophets of old, John believed, so he preached. Since the humanity and divinity of Jesus had not been fully revealed to the world John had to struggle with the reality of believing without doubt as to who Jesus really is. Hence, while in prison and upon hearing the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to ascertain if Jesus is the long-awaited messiah.

“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” In answering this question, Jesus points to the work He is doing in the world. “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

The common thread that runs through the deeds of the Messiah is that none is done for Himself but for others, and not just for others but for those in need – the blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf, those who are dead in sin and the poor. Better still is that Jesus did not close the door of mercy but would go on to bless all who look for and welcome good deeds in the world.

Today is called Gaudete Sunday. In those days when mass was celebrated in Latin, the entrance antiphon for the 3rd Sunday of Advent liturgy is *Gaudete in Domino semper* which means “rejoice in the Lord, always” and the hymn goes on to say “again I say rejoice.” The true joy of Christmas does not come from what we wish or do for ourselves but from what we wish and do for others. Joy shared is joy doubled.

This is why Santa Claus comes alive only during the Christmas season. Although we are still in the Advent season, we are called today to rejoice and shine like light in the midst of darkness. During this holy season, we should not waste time and energy arguing whether Santa Claus exists or not, we are all called to become a Santa Claus to someone in need of our time, talent and treasure. This could be by way of the gifts we share with them or our good wishes for the good of others.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

TOTAL

Dec. 07, 2025

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

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

The term “grooming” refers to the way in which a predator tries to mold and set up his victims and their families, in order to gain access to a child and cause harm, all while appearing innocent. The first of the three types of grooming is *physical*, and it involves touch. A predator starts with innocent touches — back pats, appropriate hugs — and then moves on to tickling, wrestling, hugging, conditioning the child to increasing levels of physical contact. Over time, the predator conditions the child to accept all forms of touch, progressing to sexual contact. For more information about physical grooming, 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	DECEMBER	13-2025
5:30pm	Santiago & Lucia Gan	Dec.
	Ana Fe Lee	Dec.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	14-2025
7:30am	Julia Fernandez	Dec.
	Shi Wenying	Dec.
9:00am	Mama Odilia Ngebi Fobi Tima	Dec.
	William Molina	Dec.
10:30am	Juan Chavez	Dec.
	Elva Hernandez	Sp. Int.
5:30pm	Eva Loria	Dec.
	Rosalinda Del Rio	Birthday
MONDAY	DECEMBER	15-2025
7:30am	Rolando Lazo	Dec.
	Maribel & Lin Kong	Birthday
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	16-2025
7:30am	Star Lea Ruiz	Birthday
	Fuzhen Teng	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	17-2025
7:30am	Aria Hatton	Healing
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	18-2025
7:30am	For the Elderly	Sp. Int.
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	19-2025
7:30am	All Souls in Purgatory	Sp. Int.
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	20-2025
7:30am	Sandra Ibarra	Birthday
	Valentina Tiu	Dec.

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

El profeta Isaías enseñó a su comunidad a "¡Sed fuertes, no temáis!" porque Dios ha planeado un futuro extraordinario en el que tanto el pueblo como la tierra serán restaurados. ¿Hay algún amigo o compañero de trabajo que necesite tu aliento esta semana?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Santiago anima a su comunidad a ser paciente y firme de corazón en la espera de la venida del Señor. ¿qué esperas durante este tiempo de Adviento?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

En la cárcel, Juan el Bautista parecía incierto acerca de quién era Jesús. ¿Con quién hablas cuando tienes preguntas acerca de Jesús?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 35, 1-6. 10/Sal 145, 6-7. 8-9. 9-10 (ver Is 35, 4)/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11

Lunes: Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9/Mt 21, 23-27

Martes: Sof 3, 1-2. 9-13/Sal 33, 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 y 23/Mt 21, 28-32

Miércoles: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17/Mt 1, 1-17

Jueves: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-24

Viernes: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 72, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25

Sábado: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38

Oración para el Adviento

Nuevo Crecimiento

Dios mío,

¡Trae nueva vida! Tu amor crea y cultiva. Lleva tu poder a los lugares que considero "desiertos" y tu gracia a las oraciones que temo que puedan estar "desiertas". Tú puedes redimir y restaurar, traer un nuevo canto a mi corazón.

Amén.

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Los comportamientos de engaño (conocido en inglés como, grooming) se refiere a la forma en que un depredador intenta moldear y manipular a sus víctimas y a sus familias, con el fin de obtener acceso a un niño y causarle daño, todo ello mientras aparenta ser inocente. El primero de los tres tipos de comportamientos de engaño implica el contacto físico. Un depredador comienza con toques inocentes como palmaditas en la espalda, abrazos apropiados y luego pasa a las cosquillas, la lucha libre, los abrazos – acondicionando al niño a niveles cada vez mayores de contacto físico. Con el tiempo, el depredador condiciona al niño para que acepte todo tipo de contacto físico, avanzando hasta llegar al contacto sexual. Para mayores informes sobre los comportamientos de engaño lea el artículo de VIR-TUS® "The Grooming Process" (El proceso de engañar hacia el abuso) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

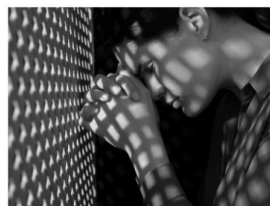
GRUPO DE ORACION

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!

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.



Simbang Gabi



Our Filipino Ministry, along with El Shaddai, invites you to Simbang Gabi. We will begin with Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 20th, 2025. Mass will be followed by a dinner, dancing and raffles at the Parish Hall. Please arrive 30 minutes before the mass for Tagalog Christmas songs.



POSADA DATE/FECHA

GROUP/GRUPO

Monday 12/15/25

Alicia Fernandez & Family

Tuesday 12/16/25

Rosario Garay & Altar Servers

Wednesday 12/17/25

Thursday 12/18/25

First Communion

Friday 12/19/25

Amigos de Jesus

Saturday 12/20/25

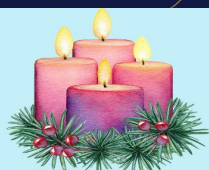
Sunday 12/21/25

Guadalupanos

Monday 12/22/25

Tuesday 12/23/25

Josefina Rodriguez



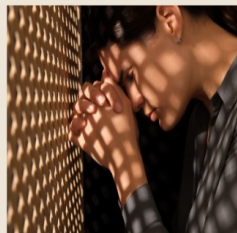
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sign Up for this Beautiful Tradition

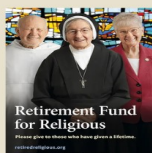
Advent is fast approaching, and we are preparing to welcome our Savior!

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.

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.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

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.

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!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

◦ 5:30pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2025

- 11:55pm Christmas Midnight Mass (Bilingual)
- 7:30am English Mass
- 9:00am English Mass
- 10:30am Spanish Mass

There will be no 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day

