



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.
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)

January 05, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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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	Rosemary Gramajo
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:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b /Jn 3:22-30

Esperanza Canale	Annette Lopez
Marcella Guerra	Norma Ferriols
Sylvia Mae Thomas	Victor Ramirez Salazar
Palma Jones	Ethelyn Beltran
Gloria Moore	Karen Katsumura
Loan Le	Andrea Primicias
Angelica Ruedas	Cecilia Chow
Matthew Perez	Erik Lifrak
Gary Meraz	Ray Argueta & Family
David A. Jr. & Family	Jose Crespo
Lucy Tsang	Joe Negrete
Rosa Martinez	Bernardina Castañeda
Ramirez Family	Reyes Family
Wally & Becky Puente	Mercedes Tarrazona
Cynthia Manriquez	Fernando Torres
William Gonzalez	Gerardo Duran
Joel Lopez	Cidronio Abelar
Guadalupe Nevarez	Yessenia Alvarez
Evelyn De Guzman	Juanita Madrigal
Hortencia Palafox	Mark Venegas
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	Rosa Benalcazar

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**"We have seen His star at its rising
and have come to worship Him."**

Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2a-3a, 5-6, Mtt 2:1-12

One Christmas Eve about 35 years ago I was in Syracuse. People inside the church were distributing big, bulging love-motivated Christmas baskets to poor families in the neighborhood.

All but one basket had been delivered and I offered to take the last one. It led me into a strange adventure. The home proved to be little more than a shack at the rear of some rundown tenements. An obviously overworked young wife admitted me.

I could see she had been scrubbing the family clothes in a steaming old-fashioned washtub. On a shabby couch sprawled the young husband, obviously deep in his cups. The wife followed my glance. "He is a wonderful man," she spoke defensively. "If it wasn't for that one weakness he would go places. And he will...he will."

Her voice ended in a choke. On the wall, surprisingly, were two excellent paintings which appeared quite out of place in the surroundings. They pictured a dignified and obviously outstanding couple. "They are his parents," she explained, "who were good New England people. He wouldn't part with those pictures even if we starved. I guess they represent his hold on life, on hope maybe."

I gave the basket to the young wife, wished her a Merry Christmas, and determined to help that family in a more creative way than just a Christmas basket. Next day, Christmas, I dropped in to see these people again and had a pleasant visit. The following Sunday they showed up at church and kept on coming every week.

I stopped by the day they moved into a simple but nice home. I must admit I choked up a bit when I saw Fred carrying those two portraits into the new house. It was July when they made this move, but it did not seem at all incongruous when Fred said happily, "Merry Christmas!"

Why not? It was on Christmas that life began to be merry for this nice family (This story is from a sermon Dr. Peale composed in December 1970).

Christians who follow the Roman calendar celebrate Christmas on December 25 but not so for the Eastern Orthodox Church. It is on this day – Epiphany, that the Orthodox Christians celebrate their own Christmas Day. The reason being that it was on this Day, that, through the guidance of a star, the birth of Jesus Christ was made known to the world.

While the shepherds watched their sheep in the cold winter night something special happened in the world. It reminds me of the Christmas carol – "While shepherds watch their flocks by night, all seated on the ground...."

The Magi (shepherds, kings, wise men) as we have come to call them were not extraordinary men. They were shepherds who took care of sheep. However, what sets them apart is their belief in the teaching of the prophets that in the fullness of time, God will send His only begotten Son to redeem the world from the bondage of sin, slavery and ignorance.

As shepherds who watch their sheep by night, they were used to gazing at the stars, and effort was made to make sense of the meaning of the stars. Although there are millions of stars in the sky, yet, on this fateful day, there appeared a star shinning with a difference. Empowered by their expectation of a savior, the Magi followed the lead of the star to find out the truth behind its unique and exceptional light.

Thinking that a king will be born at the palace of the king, they went to Herod to find out if a child was born – "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

The news of the birth of the child troubled Herod, hence he consulted all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, who in turn consulted the Sacred Scripture to see where it was written – "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least of among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

As a politician who uses the Bible to his own advantage, Herod, even after knowing that the birth of the child was a fulfillment of Scripture, was still out to kill the baby Jesus, hence, he ordered the Magi "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

When the Magi finally discovered where the baby was born – lying in the manger, they worshipped and did Him homage and then presented Him with three symbolic gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold symbolizes that the child is king and it was not until while hanging on the cross that Jesus was declared the king of the Jews. Frankincense symbolizes that the child is divine because incense is offered only to God. Myrrh symbolizes that the child was born to die. It is with this precious oil that Jesus was anointed prior to His death on the cross for the salvation of the world.

When the Magi saw the dawn of human salvation, they recognized it hence they worshiped. The Magi did not go back to report what they have seen to Herod because people who see Jesus do not go back to their former way of life. Herod's way was the way of violence and destruction while the ways of God are of love, peace, joy and life.

Today, the divinity of Jesus is revealed to the world. Jesus is revealed as light to the Gentiles, hence to the world. This revelation is not a theoretical or metaphorical construct. It is a divine revelation that follows the order of nature. From this time forward, we are going to experience a gradual increase in day light until we reach its climax in June (summer solstice). Following the order of nature, children of God are called to grow in love and good works for it is by so doing that we shine as lights in the world. Amen.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

December 22, 2024

TOTAL

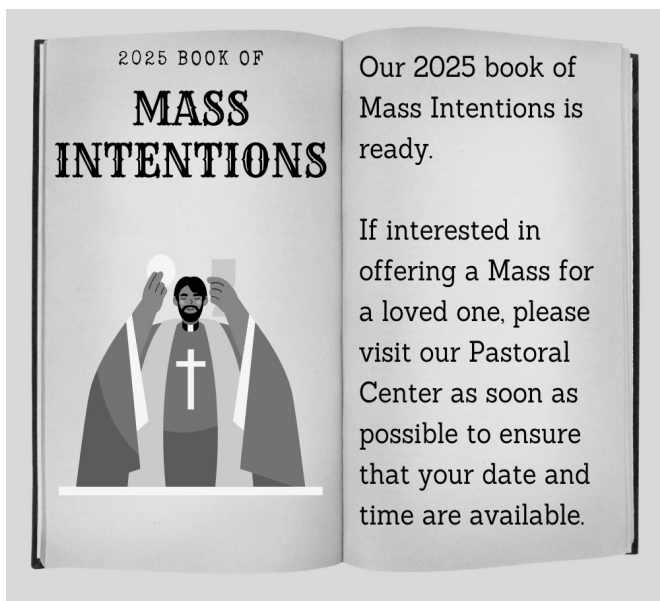
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Due to early bulletin deadlines, we are unable to provide a financial report for December 29, 2024.

Thank you for your continuous

Did you know?

Nearly 1 in 4 U.S. adults report living with some kind of disability, ranging from physical limitations to diminished mental capabilities. Misunderstandings and misconceptions about a person's individual disabilities can put that person at risk for abuse. By adopting practices that aim to understand a person's unique circumstances, abilities, and challenges, we can work to protect those who are vulnerable in our communities. Some examples which can help foster safety and community include: asking questions instead of making assumptions, focusing on a person's abilities and using positive language. For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article "Our Mission to Protect Vulnerable Adults" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



SATURDAY	JANUARY	04-2025
5:30pm		
SUNDAY	JANUARY	05-2025
7:30am	Eustolia Yañez	Dec.
	Samuel Heredia	Healing
9:00am	Jim Boghosian	Dec.
	Graciela Martinez	Dec.
10:30am	Maira Reyes	Dec.
	Elva Hernandez	Healing
5:30pm		
MONDAY	JANUARY	06-2025
7:30am	Maria Teresita Saenz	Dec.
	Mireya Serna	Sp. Int.
TUESDAY	JANUARY	07-2024
7:30am	Jason Ou	Healing
	Marlene Michael	Sp. Int.
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY	08-2025
7:30am	Rolando Lazo	Dec.
	Manuel O	Dec.
THURSDAY	JANUARY	09-2025
7:30am	Fr. Peter Lee	Dec.
	William Siy	Dec.
FRIDAY	JANUARY	10-2025
7:30am		
SATURDAY	JANUARY	11-2025
7:30am		

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta del Evangelio:

La visita de los reyes magos nos enseña sobre el deseo de Dios de que el mundo entero sepa acerca de su Hijo, Jesús. ¿Cuándo recuerdas haber oído hablar de Jesús por primera vez?

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Isaías prevé un tiempo en el que el pueblo de Jerusalén será abrumado por la felicidad y la prosperidad. ¿Qué regalo podrías recibir que te traería una gran alegría?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo informa a los Efesios que recibió una revelación del plan de Dios para salvar a todas las personas por medio de Cristo Jesús. ¿Qué crees que hace que tus amigos o familiares sean abiertos a esta idea?

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/Mc 6, 34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17/Lc 4, 14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9/Jn 3, 22-30

Casi 1 de cada 4 adultos estadounidenses vive con alguna discapacidad – desde las limitaciones físicas hasta la disminución de las capacidades mentales. Los malentendidos e interpretaciones equivocadas sobre las discapacidades de una persona pueden ponerlo en peligro de sufrir abusos. Adoptando prácticas con el propósito de comprender las circunstancias, capacidades y retos únicos de cada persona, podemos trabajar para proteger a las personas vulnerables de nuestras comunidades. Algunos ejemplos de cómo fomentar la seguridad y crear comunidad son hacer preguntas en lugar de hacer suposiciones, centrarse en las capacidades de la persona y utilizar un lenguaje positivo. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Our Mission to Protect Vulnerable Adults” (Nuestra misión de proteger a los adultos vulnerables) en lacatholics.org/did-

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.



2025 INTENCIONES



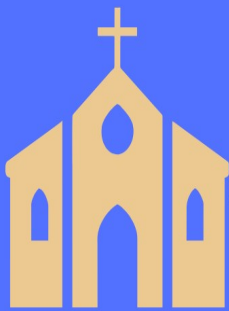
Nuestro libro de Intenciones 2025 esta disponible.

Si usted desea ofrecer una misa por algun ser querido, favor de visitar nuestro Centro Pastoral lo mas pronto posible para asegurar que la fecha este disponible.

Visiten Nuestra CAPILLA



Al comenzar este nuevo año, les invitamos a pasar un tiempo tranquilo y sagrado en nuestra Capilla de Adoración. Así como los discípulos acudían a Jesús para encontrar paz, fortaleza y renovación, nosotros también podemos encontrarlo en este lugar santo. Jesús les espera allí, dispuesto a ofrecer Su amor, consuelo y gracia. Ya sea por unos momentos o una hora, visitar la Capilla es una hermosa oportunidad para la oración personal, la reflexión y el fortalecimiento de nuestra relación con Cristo. Que este sea el año en que experimenten la paz transformadora que viene al estar en Su presencia. Vengan y renueven su espíritu junto a Él.



Enhancing Our Worship Experience

As we gather in worship, let's be mindful of creating a respectful and welcoming environment for all. Here are a few gentle reminders to enhance our Mass experience:

- **Arrive on Time:** Arriving a few minutes early allows for quiet reflection and helps maintain the flow of the service.
- **Silence Mobile Devices:** To preserve the sacred atmosphere, please silence your phones and any other devices.
- **Participate Respectfully:** Engage in the Mass through singing, responses, and prayer, while being mindful of those around you.
- **Dress Appropriately:** Attire that reflects the significance of the occasion helps foster a sense of reverence.
- **Be Considerate:** If you need to step out during Mass, please do so quietly, and be mindful of seating arrangements to allow for easy access.

Thank you for your kindness and cooperation in making our worship experience meaningful for everyone.



Speakers • Music • Service • Resources • Food

OneLife
LA

Walk for Life on January 18, 2025

LET US STAND UP
Together

12:00PM Meeting Point @
Mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady Queen of the Angels
Catholic Church (La Placita)
Corner of Main St. & Paseo Luis Olivares

12:30PM Walk for Life begins

1:00PM OneLife LA Festival @
LA State Historic Park

5:00PM Requiem Mass for the Unborn @
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Celebrating the beauty and
dignity of every human life from
conception to natural death.

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REGISTER TODAY!

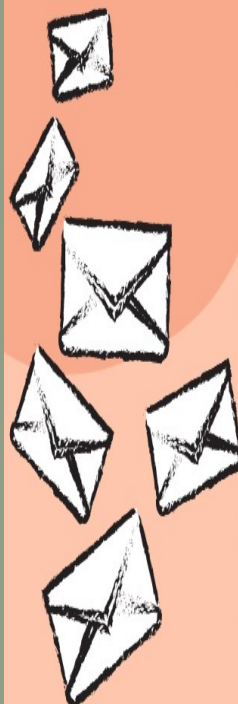


Visit our

CHAPEL



As we begin this new year, we invite you to come and spend some quiet, sacred time in our Adoration Chapel. Just as the disciples went to Jesus to find peace, strength, and renewal, so too can you encounter Him in this holy space. Jesus waits for you there, ready to offer His love, comfort, and grace. Whether for a few moments or an hour, visiting the Chapel provides a beautiful opportunity for personal prayer, reflection, and a deepening of your relationship with Christ. Let this be the year you experience the transformative peace that comes from sitting with our Lord. Come, and be renewed in His presence.



Dear Parishioners,
The Annual Contribution
letters are currently being
prepared. We will begin to
distribute them on the last
weekend of January.