



# All Souls Catholic Church



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**January 12, 2025**

*The Baptism 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.

### OFFICE MANAGER

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### FIRST COMMUNION

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12:30pm-1:30pm

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## PARISH 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)

# Office of Liturgy

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# Apostolates & Organization

Ministry of the Sick	Larry Dumont
Safeguard the Children	Irene Oaxaca
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	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:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

## Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

## Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

## Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized  
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,  
29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Esperanza Canale  
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Sylvia Mae Thomas  
Palma Jones  
Gloria Moore  
Loan Le  
Angelica Ruedas  
Matthew Perez  
Gary Meraz  
David A. Jr. & Family  
Lucy Tsang  
Rosa Martinez  
Ramirez Family  
Wally & Becky Puente  
Cynthia Manriquez  
William Gonzalez  
Joel Lopez  
Guadalupe Nevarez  
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Hortencia Palafox  
Francis Araiza  
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Cecilia Chow  
Erik Lifrak  
Ray Argueta & Family  
Jose Crespo  
Joe Negrete  
Bernardina Castañeda  
Reyes Family  
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# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## Christmas Season – The Baptism of the Lord

The diagnosis was clear. And so was the next step: Go to the hospital. Immediately ...

A wave of Divine strength rushed over me. I didn't break down nor did I feel faint. I stood strong for my son. Only by *His* strength.

As I comforted my baby boy, I called my husband and broke the news to him.

It was Friday morning, and he, of course, was at work. His response was calm, too. He must have received that same wave. He would wrap things up and meet me there.

I called my mom, too, who was with a couple of my children. Two others were at school, and one was with me and the baby. My 6-year-old daughter was diagnosed with an ear infection moments before Joseph was diagnosed with RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus that infects the lungs and breathing passages), and she had to come with me. It was the only way, because things were that serious.

Once I fed him and bundled him up on one of the coldest days of winter, we were on our way. A 20-minute drive or so. Driving on the highway, I remembered something: Our son had not been baptized. In a sudden moment, an immediacy took over.

I called my husband again. "Greg, he hasn't been baptized yet."

"I'll call Father," was his reply.

We both knew that one of us could baptize Joseph it in an emergency. But there was something about letting our parish priest know that we were *in* an emergency that gave us comfort.

When we arrived at the hospital, we waited in the waiting room and then again in an ER exam room. They gave Joseph a nebulizer, which seemed to help his breathing, and they ran tests and took an X-ray.

More waiting ... Then, the door opened, and I thought it was a nurse, doctor or maybe my husband. But it was not. It was our associate pastor.

"We don't like to take any chances with the babies," he said. Consolation filled my heart.

He told me he could wait a bit for my husband, but he had to leave at a certain time. He had to leave to bury someone. Life ... The beginning in the ER with my 5-week-old son ... And the end at the cemetery with a woman who lived a long, beautiful life ... He would experience the entire cycle in one day.

Just before another nebulizer treatment, Father suggested that we go ahead with the baptism.

"Oh, how I wish Greg was here!" I thought to myself. But I agreed, of course.

Baptism was what Joseph needed at that exact moment. And God gave us our priests to handle such important needs.

I brought him over to the little sink in the ER room. And I invited my daughter to join me. She walked over and stood close. Tall and brave through this entire ordeal, she never complained of the waiting or her aching ear.

Father then put some warm water into a Dixie cup. And asked me for Joseph's middle name.

"A good, strong name," he replied.

I held him over the little sink. And pouring the blessed water within the Dixie cup onto his tiny head, Father said, "Joseph Ignatius, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

And in that moment, Joseph was created new. A new creation. A member of God's family. His original sin was washed away, and the outpouring of grace began.

Father left, and not two minutes later, my husband entered the tiny room. "I met Father in the hallway," he said with a tinge of sadness. "I missed it."

But even in his sadness, Greg understood that his son's need for the sacrament was far bigger than his need to be there.... (Sarah Damm, 2023).

The feast of the baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season.

Tonight we shall pull down all the Christmas decorations and tomorrow we shall continue with few weeks of the Ordinary season of the liturgical year, leading to Ash Wednesday on March 5 which marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Baptism is one of the sacraments of initiation into the faith. The other two sacraments of initiation are the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation. Baptism is the sacrament that washes away original sin and any personal sin in our life. It gives us the grace of God, makes us children of God and members of the church. It is with the sacrament of baptism that we receive the 3 fold character of becoming priest, prophet and king.

Jesus went to John to be baptized so that He could lay a foundation for all ages to come, the indispensable pattern of Christian life. At the baptism of Jesus we see a power manifestation of the Holy Trinity – the voice of God the father from heaven, the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Jesus, the only begotten Son of God.

Today's celebration of the baptism of the Lord provides us an opportunity to renew our own baptism and to remind us who we truly are – we are children of God, called, chosen and anointed to bear the image of the unseen God in the world. Through us and through the life we live, we make an invisible God to become visible in the world.

The life of a baptized person ought to be lived for God. Baptism radically transforms our individual nature to assume a universal character. Our selfish ego assumes a selfless character and like Jesus, we have within us what it takes to contribute to the civilization of love on earth. This is thanks to the grace of God we received during baptism, which empowers the baptized to call God "Abba" – Father.

By virtue of our baptism we are initiated into a ministry of service. And as bearers of the image of God – *imago Dei*, our mouth, hands, feet, ears, eyes, etc. become the mouth, hands, feet, ears and eyes of Jesus. It is therefore our duty to carry on the ministry of Jesus in the world. It is by so doing that we nourish and keep faith alive.

Faith is a gift from God, and if you have faith, do whatever is necessary to nourish and preserve your faith. When human intelligence is empowered by faith in God, there is no limit to the good deeds we could do in the world. It is my prayer that all the baptized children of God may always appreciate and put into practice the grace of God in their lives. Amen.



# Finance Report

# Mass Intentions

## COLLECTION

## TOTAL

December 25, 2024

\$ 8,935.00

December 29, 2024

\$ 5,904.00

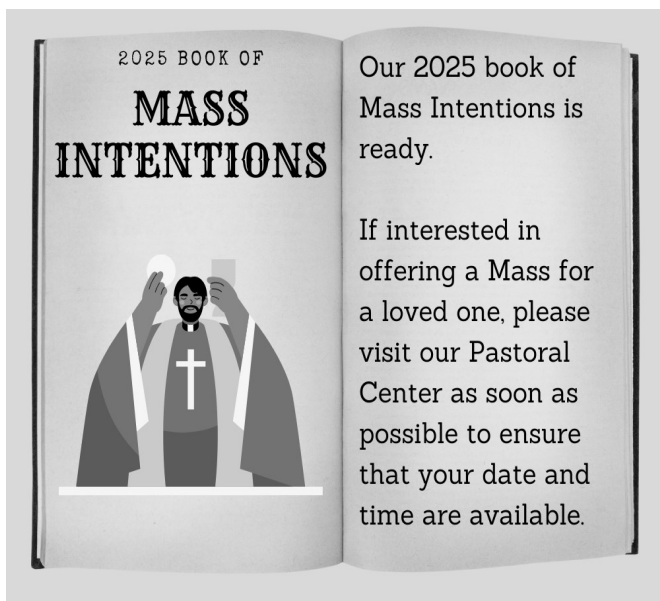
January 5, 2025

Will be provided in  
the next bulletin.

*Thank you for your continuous  
support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

A bipartisan bill passed last year is helping internet platforms protect children from abuse and enticement in their online interactions. The REPORT Act, passed in May 2024, requires U.S.-based online platforms to report child sex trafficking and online enticement to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). To assist with this, NCMEC has issued guidelines intended to help online platforms play a crucial role in protecting children by recognizing key signs and indicators of child sexual exploitation. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids>.



SATURDAY	JANUARY	11-2025
5:30pm	Jun Cabaccang	Dec.
	Elizabeth Perez Jimenez	Healing
SUNDAY	JANUARY	12-2025
7:30am	Santiago & Silvia Jao	Healing
9:00am	Jim Boghosian	Dec.
	Pauline Sustayta	Dec.
10:30am	Amparo Hernandez De Olguin	Dec.
	Raul Perez	Dec.
5:30pm	Germasimo P. Monteclar	Dec.
	Mayra Reyes	Dec.
MONDAY	JANUARY	13-2025
7:30am	Ramiro Muñoz	Birthday
TUESDAY	JANUARY	14-2024
7:30am	All Souls Purgatory	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY	15-2025
7:30am	Sandra Holguin	Healing
THURSDAY	JANUARY	16-2025
7:30am	Ronald Garcia	Healing
FRIDAY	JANUARY	17-2025
7:30am	Marivic Garcia	Sp. Int.
SATURDAY	JANUARY	18-2025
7:30am		



## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Pregunta del Evangelio:

El Espíritu Santo afirma a Jesús como el Cristo, el Hijo amado de Dios. ¿Cuándo sientes la presencia del Espíritu Santo en tu vida?

### Pregunta de la 1ª lectura:

El profeta Isaías trajo palabras de consuelo y esperanza de Dios a los Israelitas exiliados en Babilonia. ¿Hay alguien en tu vida que necesite esperanza para el futuro?

### Pregunta de la 2ª lectura:

Pablo desafió a Tito a rechazar los caminos impíos y los deseos mundanos. Tienes familiares o amigos que consideres un modelo a seguir para vivir una vida excepcional? ©LPi

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 (1)/  
Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

Lunes: Heb 1, 1-6/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 6 y 7. 9/Mc 1, 14-20

Martes: Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 21-28

Miércoles: Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 29-39

Jueves: Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mc 1, 40-45

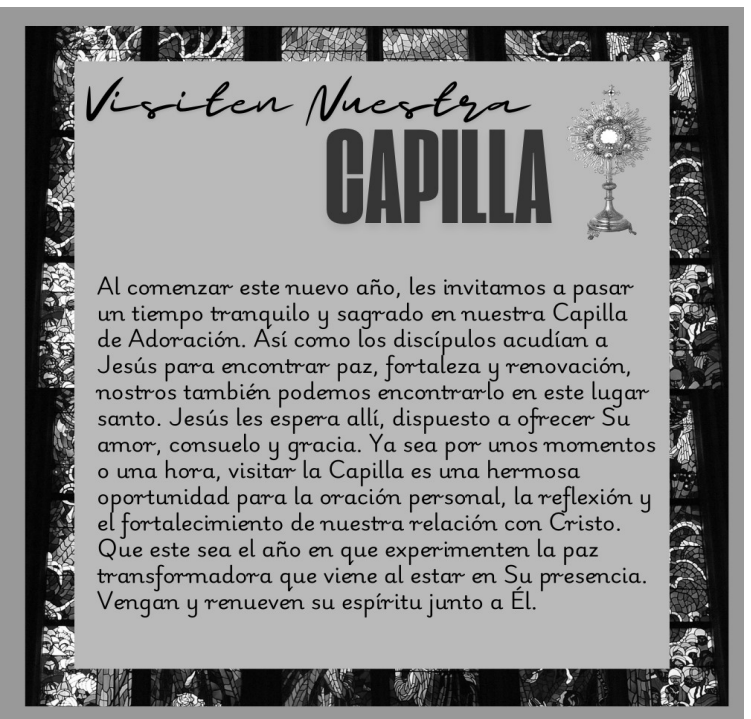
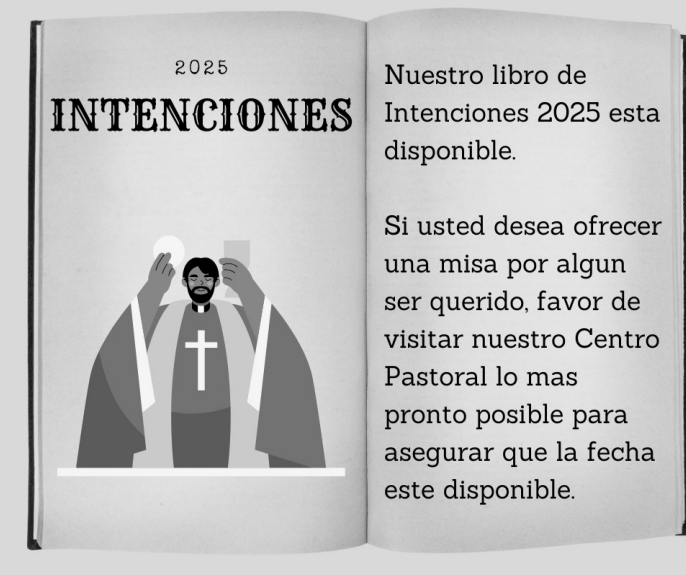
Viernes: Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8/Mc 2, 1-12

Sábado: Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mc 2, 13-17

Un proyecto de ley bipartidista está ayudando a las plataformas del Internet a proteger a los menores de edad de abusos y seducción en sus interacciones en línea. La ley REPORT, aprobada en mayo de 2024, exige a las plataformas en línea con sede en los Estados Unidos a denunciar la seducción y el tráfico sexual de menores en línea a El Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados (NCMEC, por sus siglas en inglés). El NCMEC publicó unas directrices destinadas a ayudar a las plataformas digitales a proteger a los niños mediante el reconocimiento de los signos e indicadores claves de la explotación sexual de menores. Para más información, visite <https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids>.

## 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.



## PARISH NEWS



### NOVENA TO SANTO NIÑO

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to save the date. Our Filipino Ministry will host a novena to Santo Niño starting at 6 pm on Thursday, January 9th, through Friday, January 17th, in the church. At the end of the nine days, a special Mass will be celebrated in honor of Santo Niño on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm here at our parish. The Filipino Ministry is hosting dinner in the parish hall following the Mass. Please plan to join us!

## MINISTRY NEWS

Dear Liturgy Committee Members,

We will be having a Liturgy Committee Meeting this coming Monday, January 13th, at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Dear Ministry Leaders,

We will be having a Ministry Meeting this coming Tuesday, January 14th, at 7 pm in the parish hall.



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

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.

OneLifeLA.org | FB-IG-TW @1LifeLA  
REGISTER TODAY!



## UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS OF DECLARATION OF *Marriage Nullity*

ZOOM PRESENTATION

JAN 13th 2025

7PM - 8:30PM

Are you Divorced?

Do you understand the  
Annulment Process?

How do you get started with  
the Annulment Process?

JOIN US TO OBTAIN MORE  
INFORMATION!

### PRESENTERS



FR. REYNALDO  
MATUNOG, JCL



FR. PAUL VELAZQUEZ, JCL



SR. ANGELICA RODRIGUEZ,  
EPMS

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