

August 24, 2025 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Salvador Agudo Legion of Mary

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English Bible Study Sheila Henderson-Linan

Spanish Bible Study Maria de Jesus Martinez

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Knights of Columbus Frank Bodeman

Guadalupanos Carmen Ramirez

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St. Vincent de Paul Rosemary Gramajo

Amigos de Jesus Estela Murga

Rose Pichon Filipino Ministry

Leticia Urtecho Young Adult Mtry.

Youth Ministry Vivian Vasquez

Catholic Women's Ma Grace N. Tima

Association

Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts,

and I come to gather nations of every language;

they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.

Make straight paths for your feet,

that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-

13)

Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

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Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/

Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/

Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Esperanza Canale Annette Lopez Marcella Guerra Norma Ferriols Sylvia Mae Thomas Carlos Moreno Gonzalez

Palma Jones Victor Ramirez Salazar Gloria Moore Ethelyn Beltran Loan Le Karen Katsumura Angelica Ruedas Andrea Primicias Matthew Perez

Gary Meraz Ray Argueta & Family

Cecilia Chow

David A. Jr. & Family Jose Crespo **Lucy Tsang** Joe Negrete

Rosa Martinez Bernardina Castañeda

Ramirez Family **Reves Family**

Wally & Becky Puente Mercedes Tarrazona Fernando Torres Cynthia Manriquez William Gonzalez Gerardo Duran Cidronio Abelar Joel Lopez **Guadalupe Nevarez** Yessenia Alvarez Evelyn De Guzman Juanita Madrigal Hortencia Palafox Mark Venegas Francis Araiza Marco de la Garza

Rafael Garcia Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu

Sonia Gorope Elizabeth Pham

FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "C" "Lord, will only a few be saved."

Once upon a time, there lived a crow in a forest near a small village. It was a very sunny day and the weather was dry. The crow was flying for a long time so he was very thirsty. It was a very difficult situation because the crow was not able to find any water but after searching for water for a long time the crow reached the village.

In the village, the crow saw a pitcher and he couldn't believe his eyes as he saw some water in the pitcher. The crow was very happy and was not able to think of anything else. The crow put his head inside the pitcher but the poor crow was not able to reach the water.

Now the problem was that the pitcher was high and had a narrow neck and no matter how much he tried he was not able to reach the water level. The crow became very sad and disappointed but you know what, the crow was very clever.

So the crow thought a lot and started searching for ideas because he was in a deadly situation but the good thing about the crow was that he was very clever and did not give up when he faced a different situation. This attitude of the crow helped him and he got an amazing idea.

The crow saw some pebbles lying on the floor. He thought that if he threw the pebbles in the pot then the water in the pot would rise up and then he would be able to drink the water and fly back to the forest. This idea gave him hope and he started searching for pebbles, flew towards the pebbles, and put one in his beak then he flew back to the pot and dropped the pebble in the pot. The crow did this again.

He put a Pebble in his mouth and came back to the pitcher and dropped the Pebble in the pitcher. After some time the crow tried to drink the water but he still couldn't reach the water level.

Now the crow had become more thirsty and tired but still, he did not give up and after repeating this process for a long time the water level rose so much that the crow was able to drink the water.

The crow then put his beak in the pitcher and started drinking the water very fast and with every sip of water he felt more alive. After drinking enough water the crow flew back happily to his forest (Vedantu - The crow and the pitcher).

"Lord, will only a few people be saved" was a fundamental question during the time of Jesus. This is because the common belief was that only the Jews from the 12 tribes of Israel will be saved and after them, those who love Israel may be considered. If salvation was only for the members of the 12 tribes of Israel, then, why should Jesus spend His precious time working for the conversion of the Gentiles?

Jesus is always good at taking people from where they are in their belief to where God wants them to be. The Israelites were the first to reveal to the world their knowledge of an omnipotent and omnipresent God, yet, the truth about the nature of God may not be limited to the Jewish understanding of God.

According to our gospel reading, Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, which means that Jesus was on His way to death on the cross. Since people had a wrong notion of Jesus as the messiah, they thought that Jesus was about to restore the kingdom to Israel – a material and affluent kingdom, hence, the need to know who will become the true beneficiaries of the kingdom.

While the people were demanding for a number, Jesus told them to "strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." It goes to mean that parameter for entering the kingdom of God is not by inheritance. The kingdom of God belongs to those who make an honest and sincere effort to do the will of God.

This answer may sound ordinary to us but it was actually a revolutionary answer especially to the audience of Jesus. With this answer, Jesus establishes a level playing ground for all the children of God. While human beings may need numbers in order to grasp earthly realities, not so with God. God looks at the heart, and not at numbers or the nature of the bloodline into which you were born.

Salvation requires a personal commitment and a personal relationship with God. One could become a member of the commonwealth of Israel by birth or inheritance, but not so with the kingdom of God. God's kingdom demands authentic faith, repentance and constant effort.

Faith becomes the new parameter to determine who is qualified or not qualified to enter the kingdom of God. Faith is a gift from God. It is accessible to all who strive to do the will of God. If you have faith, protect your faith because you could lose it out of carelessness and laziness.

The opportunities are limited, hence, the need for a true sense of urgency in responding to Jesus call for repentance. The door will not remain open forever and familiarity with Jesus is not good enough to qualify or grant admittance to anyone who wishes to enter the kingdom of God.

Therefore, in Jesus, a new world order is established. This is a world order that is inclusive and not exclusive. There is no birth-right privilege to enter the kingdom of God. The good news is that even with all the burdens placed on the Gentiles, the door to the kingdom of God still remains open to them. Both Jews and Gentiles, who **strive** to do the will of God, have equal opportunity to enter the kingdom of God.

True greatness in the new world order is found in humility. Any Jew or Gentile, who humbly follows Jesus Christ by putting His word into practice, becomes a true candidate for the kingdom of God – a new kingdom where love, not the law, reigns supreme.

Children of God should not live in fear. There is no room for despair. This world belongs to God and God knows and understands all that we are going through in the world. We need in good and bad times to remain faithful to the word of God. We may not be perfect in everything but God appreciates every sincere effort. Even when human beings fail to recognize our effort to do the will of God, we must be rest assured that God recognizes and rewards every human effort.





Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

TOTAL

August 17, 2025

\$5,200.00

Assumption (8/15/25)

\$ 1,383.00

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you Know?

Having a "healthy caution" about adults in your life does not mean treating all adults as potential perpetrators. It is important to increase awareness about the dangers and the signs of abuse without creating paranoia. Safe adults should not be vigilante protectors, but should have a perspective of caution and should not ignore warning signs of inappropriate behavior. To learn more, read the VIRTUS article "Why Should We Have a 'Healthy Caution' Toward Adults" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Receiving the Holy Communion

During Communion, once you have received the host, you must consume it immediately. If you return to your seat without consuming the host, an usher or Eucharistic minister may reach out to you to do so right away.

Como Recibir La Sagrada Communion

Para la comunión, una vez que haya recibido la hostia consagrada debe consumirla de inmediato. Si regresa a su asiento sin consumir la hostia, un ujier o ministro eucarístico puede acercarse a usted para decirle que lo haga de inmediato

SATURDAY	AUGUST	23-2025
5:30pm	Asuncion Hernandez	Dec.
	Blanca Martinez	Healing
SUNDAY	AUGUST	24-2025
7:30am	Dianne Quilala	Dec.
	All Souls in Purgatory	
9:00am	Nathaniel Sauz	Dec.
	Souls in Purgatory	
10:30am	Amalia Hernandez	Dec.
	Elva Hernandez	Healing
5:30pm	Carlos Moreno Gonzalez	Healing
MONDAY	AUGUST	25-2025
7:30am	Larry Dumont	Special Int.
	Gregorio Dec.	Dec.
TUESDAY	AUGUST	26-2025
7:30am	Adela Dominguez	Dec.
	Cresencia Montiel Mejia	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST	27-2025
7:30am		Dec.
/:30am	Ying Kang Hua	Dec.
THURSDAY	AUGUST	28-2025
7:30am	Bertha Glassman	Healing
FRIDAY	AUGUST	29-2025
7:30am	Diep Dinh	Birthday
SATURDAY	AUGUST	30-2025
7:30am	Fr. Paul Lee	Dec.
	For Those in Purgatory	

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PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Isaías nos revela el plan de Dios para reunir y unir a todo su pueblo y ser testigo de su gloria en la era venidera. ¿Qué esperas para el futuro?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

El autor de Hebreos ofrece palabras de aliento para los miembros de la comunidad que luchan y están desanimados en su fe. ¿Hay algún amigo o compañero de trabajo al que podrías apoyar esta semana?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Jesús habla a las multitudes de las terribles consecuencias de rechazar su llamado a la salvación. ¿Cuáles podrían ser algunas maneras eficaces de llevar a otras personas a la fe en Jesús?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 66, 18-21/Sal 116, 1. 2 (Mc 16, 15)/

Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13/Lc 13, 22-30

Lunes: 1 Tes 1, 1-5. 8-10/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/

Mt 23, 13-22

Martes: 1 Tes 2, 1-8/Sal 138, 1-3. 4-6/Mt 23, 23-26

Miércoles: 1 Tes 2, 9-13/Sal 138, 7-8. 9-10. 11-12/Mt 23, 27-32

Jueves: 1 Tes 3, 7-13/Sal 127, 1-2. 4-5/Mt 24, 42-51 Viernes: 1 Tes 4, 1-8 (429)/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 5-6. 10. 11-12/

Mc 6, 17-29

Sábado: 1 Tes 4, 9-11/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Mt 25, 14-30

Oración por la Santidad

Buen Pastor,

Guíame a través de la puerta estrecha. Aleja de mí todo lo que me distraiga de Ti, de Tu amor, de Tu invitación, de Tu misión. Mantenme cerca de Ti, familiar a cada paso.

Amén.

¿Sabla usted?

Tener "precaución saludable" con respecto a los adultos en tu vida no significa tratar a todos los adultos como perpetradores potenciales. Es importante saber sobre los peligros y las señales de abuso sin crear paranoia. Los adultos seguros no deben ser vigilantes protectores, sino tener una perspectiva de precaución y no ignorar las señales de advertencia de comportamiento inadecuado. Para saber más, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "¿Por qué debemos tener una 'precaución saludable' hacia los adultos?" (Why Should We Have a 'Healthy Caution' Toward Adults) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

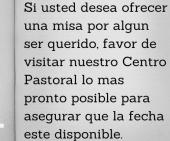
GRUPO DE ORACION

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!



Nuestro libro de Intenciones 2025 esta disponible.





SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION



Dear Parishioners,

It's that time of year again! Registration forms for all Sacraments of Initiation are now available at the Pastoral Center.

Who is Eligible?

First Communion

Children currently enrolled in grades 1 through 7.

Confirmation

Teens who are presently attending high school.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Adults who wish to:

- Be baptized in the Catholic Church
- Become Catholic
- Deepen their understanding of the faith
- Receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion

All Souls Church invites all those who are eligible to begin this meaningful journey of faith. Our office is open Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 7:00pm



CALLING ALL LA CATHOLIC YOUTH! Let's celebrate the Canonizations of

September 6, 2025 5:00pm-9:00pm

Pier Giorgio Frassati!

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH 2625 VERMONT AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90007

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites teens and their families to celebrate the canonizations of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The evening will include: food, games, music, Eucharistic Adoration and more! Scan the OR code or visit friendswithfrassati.com/celebrate to register and learn more.





Carlo Acutis &



Please fill in the form with your prayer in Por favor llenue el forumulario con sus p

We will include them in our next rosary. Los incluiremos en nuestro proximo rosa

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"One Mother, Many Peoples" Mass and Procession in honor of Our Lady of the Angels.



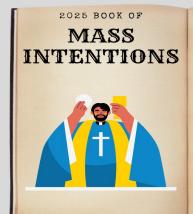
Join Archbishop Gomez and representatives of the many cultures, papal orders, and fraternal service orders to pray for peace and unity through the intercession of Our Lady of the Angels, the patroness of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Join us Saturday, September 6, 2025 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

10:00 a.m. - Procession

10:30 a.m. – Multilingual Rosary

11:00 a.m. - Mass with Archbishop Gomez



Our 2025 book of Mass Intentions is ready.

If interested in offering a Mass for a loved one, please visit our Pastoral Center as soon as possible to ensure that your date and time are available.