

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

### 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)

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## Readings & Prayers for the Sick

#### First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)
Psalm:
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.
Second Reading:
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)
Gospel: Jesus said: "1 am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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 Sunday:
 Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

 Monday:
 Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

 Tuesday:
 Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

 Wednesday:
 Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

 Thursday:
 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

 Friday:
 Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

 Saturday:
 Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

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# FROM THE FASTOR'S CORNER

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year "B" The Good Shepherd Sunday

There was once a **little shepherd boy** called Nino, who lived in a **little village** at the foot of a **mountain**, with green meadows and a plentiful river. But it wasn't just the beautiful nature that made the village a charming place; it was also the kindness of its one hundred inhabitants.

The **little shepherd boy** was always with his **flock of sheep**, his **dog** and his **little donkey**. Every day before the sun came up, Nino the little shepherd boy was already ready to **milk the sheep and goats** in his flock and then go out onto the meadows with them.

Although he was a little older now, **Nino** the little shepherd boy still spent all day outside, returning just before it grew dark as tired as his flock. Being a shepherd was indeed a very selfless job, for you needed to be strong and fit to spend all day every day walking through the fields. And there was the **milking** to be done too, **so that people could have milk and cheese**.

Whenever there was too much **milk** from milking the sheep and goats, the little shepherd boy would usually **share it out among the villagers**.

For him, this was a way of saying thank-you to his neighbors, for they had always treated him very well. Sometimes, when he arrived home at night, his neighbors Mario and Melisa would have prepared dinner for him, for they knew that he would be exhausted from being outside all day long. And in a similar way, each and every one of his neighbors **made him feel happier**.

Nino the little shepherd boy knew that the villagers loved him a great deal, and that was why he too loved them and wanted to make them happy with little gestures of kindness (Mila – "The little shepherd and his sheep").

Mid way into the Easter season we celebrate today the Good Shepherd Sunday. On this day the church invites us to pray for vocations in the church. Whenever we hear of vocation our minds often go to vocation to the priesthood or religious life. However, on this day we are called to know that vocation includes any state we find ourselves in life. Married or single life is a vocation and an important vocation that calls us to a life of holiness.

The title "Good Shepherd" is an interesting one that calls for deeper reflection. One may begin to wonder why Jesus did not say "I am a good father, mother, teacher, doctor, engineer, politician or manager." Knowing quite well that the sheep is an animal with a low intelligence quotient, innocent though it may look, the sheep often gets itself in trouble and is always in constant need of help, it does not appear to be an interesting animal to take care of among all the animals in the animal kingdom.

By choosing to call Himself a "Good Shepherd" Jesus knows how weak human beings are and the tendency to always make mistakes and get in trouble. Jesus is always patient like a shepherd to carry us from where we are to where God wants us to be – to a life of integrity and holiness.

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This is a mission that all the baptized are called to embrace. In any state we find ourselves in life whether ordained, married or single, we have been called and chosen to become partners in progress with Jesus. Our call to continue the work of evangelization in the world is not an afterthought. It is *ab initio* part and parcel of God's plan for the salvation of the world and to do this effectively we need to follow the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

It is in the character of the Good Shepherd to make sacrifices for the sheep. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Sacrifice is an essential aspect of Christian life in the world. All the values we cherish and live by today are fruits of sacrifices that were made by our forefathers in faith. To sustain these values, we should always be willing to make sacrifices for what we believe to be noble, true, good and just.

It is in the character of the shepherd to know his sheep. Throughout His ministry on earth, Jesus showed us the intimate nature of the relationship between the Father and the Son. And in His relationship with us, Jesus maintained a high level of connection with every child of God. Our vocation to holiness is also an invitation to grow in our relationship with our fellow human beings for "how good and pleasant it is for brothers to live in unity."

It is in the character of the good shepherd to lay down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd lays down his life willingly and takes it up again. As Jesus makes it easy for us to become His friends so should we make it easier for others to embrace the faith by being good and kind to them. As a good shepherd, if you find yourself in a situation where you have to choose between being right or being kind, be kind.

It is also in the character of a Good Shepherd to be obedient to God's will. Jesus models for Christians of all ages the importance of obedience to God's will. We should constantly anchor ourselves to Jesus for the strength of a good shepherd must necessarily flow from that of the Good Shepherd. If we remain part of the branches of the vine, we shall bear fruit in abundance but cut off from Jesus the Good and Faithful Shepherd, we perish and die.

The work of a shepherd is not a slave labor. Like Jesus who laid down His life of His own accord, the work of the shepherd is most fruitful when it is voluntary. Shepherding is quite labor intensive no doubt about that, yet, like Jesus who in His submission to death retained His power and authority as God, our work as shepherds in the world shall never diminish our worth but rather enhance it to the greater glory of God and the salvation of our souls.

Finally, Jesus the Good Shepherd guarantees the security of all believers. Like Jesus the Good Shepherd who does not lose any of His sheep but keeps them safe, there is a guarantee of divine protection for all who by virtue of their baptism have been .called and chosen to become good shepherds in the world. Even when the world does not see the good work you are doing, God who rewards every good work will surely reward you with eternal life in heaven. Amen

## **Finance Report**

## Mass Intentions

COLLECTION April 14, 2024 TOTAL

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Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you Know?

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2024 "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. For more information go to https://lacatholics.org/child-abuseprevention-month/.



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Jose Maldonado	
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Estersita Maldonado	Dec.
Dany Fernando Alonzo	Dec.
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APRIL	22-2024
Peace Around the World	
APRIL	23-2024
Hugo Muñoz	Sp. Int.
APRIL	24-2024
Joseph Elijah Pablico	Dec.
Gertrude Verla	Birthday
Mama Lucy Kila Nshadze	Dec.
APRIL	25-2024
The Unborn	
APRIL	26-2024
All Souls Parishioners	Sp. Int.
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### PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Primera Lectura:

Pedro dio testimonio ante el Sanedrín de que fue Jesús crucificado y resucitado quien curó al cojo y por quien nosotros somos salvos. ¿Alguna vez le has contado a alguien más acerca de tu fe en Jesús? Segunda Lectura:

Juan nos dice que como creyentes estamos destinados un día a ser como Jesús resucitado y glorificado. ¿Cómo crees que podemos prepararnos mejor para ese futuro?

### Evangelio:

Como el "Buen Pastor," Jesús habla del poder que le dio el Padre para dar su vida por sus ovejas. ¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana en beneficio de otro?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

 Domingo:
 Hch 4, 8-12/Sal 117, 1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28. 29 (22)/Jn 3, 1-2/Jn 10, 11-18

 Lunes:
 Hch 11, 1-18/Sal 41, 2-3; 43, 3. 4/Jn 10, 1-10

 Martes:
 Hch 11, 19-26/Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 10, 22-30

 Miércoles:
 Hch 12, 24—13, 5/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8/Jn 12, 44-50

 Jueves:
 I Pe 5, 5-14/Sal 88, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/Mc 16, 15-20

 Viernes:
 Hch 13, 26-33/Sal 2, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Jn 14, 1-6

 Sábado:
 Hch 13, 44-52/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 14, 7-14

¿Sabla usted?

En reconocimiento a que abril es el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil, la Oficina de Protección a los Niños ha creado el folleto de recursos conteniendo molinillos del 2024 "Keep Kids Safe" (Mantenga a los Niños Seguros). Este útil folleto de recursos ayudará a las parroquias y escuelas a planear y prepararse para el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil. También está disponible para personas que deseen saber más sobre el Mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil. Para obtener más información, visite https:// lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/.

## **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.



### VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómate un descanso de las preocupaciones del mundo y ven a



pasar un tiempo con Él en meditación silenciosa.

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración está abierta en el mismo horario que nuestro Centro Pastoral.

Ven a visitar a nuestro Señor y continua este año con sus bendiciones.

### PARISH NEWS



Mank You!

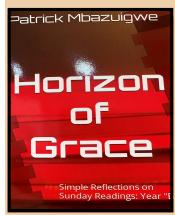
Because of the generosity of many parishioners, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul—here at All Souls Parish—was able to help over twenty struggling families with utility bill payments and rental assistance during this last year. Additionally, we distributed groceries to more than 250 persons, and provided clothing and furniture vouchers from the St. Vincent De Paul store in Los Angeles. We truly appreciate your donations and support which help us assist those in need. Many blessing to all!

**Child Abuse Prevention Month** 

### **KEEPING KIDS SAFE** As we celebrate National



As we celebrate National Child Abuse Prevention Month, may our commitment to protecting our children and young people from child sexual abuse to grow stronger in our churches, homes, communities and the world, we pray to the Lord.



### HORIZON OF GRACE

Don't miss out! We still have some copies left of Father Patrick's insightful and beautiful reflections. Help us continue this effort to grow in grace and understanding of God's Word. This book encompasses Year B of the Gospel readings. We also have a

limited supply of Year A, so if you don't have a copy yet, please stop by our office and support this evangelization effort for a \$10 donation at the Pastoral Center.



All Souls Church will be having a Mother's Day novena of Masses as a way of honoring all the wonderful women who have not only nurtured our bodies but also our faith. Our novena will consist of the 7:30 am daily Masses from May 13th through May 21st.

Special donation envelopes have already been placed in the pews. You may either return them via the collection basket or to our Pastoral Center by Friday, May 10, 2024.



## **Upcoming** First Communions

Dear Parishioners,

First Communions will be soon celebrated during the month of May. As our candidates prepare to receive Jesus for the first time, let us come together in prayer to support and uplift them on this important milestone of spiritual growth. May their faith be strengthened, and may the love of our Lord fill their hearts.