



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 21, 2025
Fourth 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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Catholic Women's Association Ma Grace N. Tima



Readings & Prayers for the Sick

First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

Gospel:

"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

For it is through the Holy Spirit

that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:20-21)

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Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"They shall name Him Emmanuel – God is with us."

Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Matt 1:18-24

"Wally and the rest of us" is the title of a Christmas story written by an unknown author. What to do with Wally? Wally was an awkward and shy child who belonged to the church kids' club. It was time to hand out roles for the Christmas play, but what role should the teacher give Wally? She decided on the innkeeper. It was an important role, but it required Wally only to shake his head and say one line "Sorry, we've no room." Wally grinned from ear to ear when he learned of his important role and he couldn't wait for the big night.

It arrived soon enough, and the play was proceeding according to plan. Mary and Joseph had traveled to Bethlehem and had come to the door of the inn. Joseph knocked on the door and it opened to Wally. "Please sir, do you have a room we could take?" asked Joseph. Wally shook his head and replied. "I'm sorry, we've no room".

Now the boy playing Joseph was a particularly confident child, and while the script called for him and Mary to turn away at this point, Joseph decided to exercise some dramatic license. "But sir" he said to the innkeeper, "My wife is about to have her baby and we need somewhere to stay. Couldn't you find us a room?" Wally's face went white. This was not planned for! He paused for a moment before repeating his line. "I'm sorry, we've no room."

"But sir" replied Joseph, "We've traveled such a long way and we've nowhere else to go and my wife is very tired. Surely you can find us somewhere." Wally bowed his head, shook it sadly and said, "I'm sorry, we've no room." Forlornly Joseph and Mary started walking away. Wally, now fully into his role, felt shamed and saddened. A tear trickled down his cheek. Then his voice was heard calling out. "Wait! Please come back. You can have my room."

It may not have been according to script, but at that moment Wally gave perfect expression to the Christmas story (Source: widely repeated story of unknown origins).

King Ahaz, like Wally read the script but unlike Wally Ahaz stayed put with the script. When the prophet confronted Ahaz with the message from God to "Ask for a sign from the Lord your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!" King Ahaz refusal to change his mind and ask for a sign is not because Ahaz had so much love and respect for God. It is because Ahaz was quite confident that the pacts he made with neighboring nations will give him a better security and protection than relying on the power of God.

Little did Ahaz know that human promise is written on sand and not carved in stone. Those who put their trust in human beings are like a tree planted on a rocky soil. It germinates and grows up easily but when the sun shines it withers and dies. The one who puts his trust in the Lord is like a tree planted near the flowing river; it remains evergreen both in the dry and rainy seasons.

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Now, what the King in all his wisdom, power and wealth could not do for God is being done by a humble virgin and a simple carpenter from Nazareth. Although Mary could not understand the greeting and the message of Angel Gabriel – "Hail, highly favored one, the Lord is with thee" yet because it came from God, Mary believed. Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her.

When the news reached the simple carpenter Joseph of the tribe of David, being a faithful Jew and an ardent observer of the law, there is no option left for him but to divorce Mary and look for another girl to marry; after all there is never a shortage of maidens in the land of Israel. Little did Joseph realize that this Mary is not just one of the girls in the land of Israel. She is the only one "full of grace" and "the Lord is with her."

In Mary and through Mary, God is not simply giving the world a baby boy. Through Mary, God is recreating the world – the child she will deliver will soon deliver the world. This is a feat that no other woman could achieve. Hence, Joseph had a choice either to stay with the script and divorce Mary or like Wally, follow his heart and listen to the voice of the angel that says to him "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

In Joseph, grace and law are at war. Joseph contemplates on the word of God which says "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Should Joseph heed to the power of the law which mandates him to divorce a pregnant virgin, the salvation of the world is jeopardized. Should he take the leap of faith by listening to the voice of God, there are unlimited possibilities as to what life would become for him. In this struggle, grace triumphed over the law, hence the dawn of a new era for the salvation of the world.

Today, all the important actors in the story of human salvation have said a definite YES to God. We are almost a Christmas people because our salvation is near at hand. What kings and emperors could not do with their power and military might, Mary and Joseph are doing for us because they believed.

In this lies the power of faith. Impossibility is nothing to the one who believes because the power of faith does not lie in the one who believes but in the one who is believed – God. Hence, in any generation God uses mortal beings in the work of salvation. This is because salvation is not a human project. Salvation is a divine project. It is God who takes the initiative. All who believe become partners in progress in the civilization of love.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas in a few days, let us walk in the light of faith and reach out to those who are at the margins of our society so that Jesus may be born both in Bethlehem in Judea and in our hearts and homes.



Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION

Dec. 7, 2025

TOTAL

\$ 5962.00

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you know?

Many parents will be spending the next few days assembling (and reassembling) their children's gifts, and it's important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries and small parts. A couple of safety tips include following age guidance and other safety information on toy packaging; getting safety gear, including helmets, for scooters and other riding toys; and keeping small balls and toys with small parts away from children younger than age 3. For more information, visit <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Holiday-Safety>.



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	20-2025
5:30pm	Angelito Gan	Dec.
	Lilia Gan	Special Int.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	21-2025
7:30am	Julio Rosales Acuesta, Jr.	Dec.
	Leticia Dicioco	Dec.
9:00am	Michael & Kris Stanford	Dec.
	Esteban Pelayo	Dec.
10:30am	Jose Maldonado	Healing
	Maria Ines Amaya	Dec.
5:30pm	Suqui Canale	Special Int.
	Cembrano Family	Thanksgiving
MONDAY	DECEMBER	22-2025
7:30am	Art & Cion Lemoncito	Wed. Anniv.
	Dioscoro Mancao, Jr.	Dec.
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	23-2025
7:30am	Eva Loria	Dec.
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	24-2025
7:30am		
THURSDAY	DECEMBER	25-2025
7:30am	Merry Christmas!!!	
		
FRIDAY	DECEMBER	26-2025
7:30am	Mary Rose Go	Special Int.
	Patrick Rosal	Special Int.
SATURDAY	DECEMBER	27-2025
7:30am	Fuzhen Teng	Dec.

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Pregunta de la 1^a Lectura:

Setecientos años antes del nacimiento de Jesús, Isaías profetiza al rey Acaz que una virgen daría a luz un hijo y lo llamaría Emmanuel ("Dios con nosotros"). ¿Cuándo te has sentido cerca de Dios en este tiempo de Adviento?

Pregunta de la 2^a Lectura:

Pablo instruye a los cristianos romanos que están "llamados a ser santos". ¿Cuáles consideras que son algunos de los pasos para crecer en santidad?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

Escuchamos cómo José luchó inicialmente con la noticia del embarazo de María. ¿Cómo disciernes para tomar decisiones difíciles?

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7. 10)/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24

Lunes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56

Martes: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66

Miércoles: *Mañana*: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Lc 1, 67-79

Jueves: *Vigilia*: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2)/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25

Misa de medianoche: Is 9, 1-6/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13

(Lc 2, 11)/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 *Matutina*: Is 62, 11-12/

Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20 *Día*: Is 52, 7-10/

Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3)/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-

14

Oración para el Adviento – Milagros

Dios mío,

Estás en el negocio de los milagros. Sigo creyendo que puedes mover montañas y separar mares. Irrumpes en todo lo desconocido y sorpréndenos con Tu bondad y gracia.

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Muchos padres de familia pasarán los próximos días y semanas ensamblando (y reensamblando) los obsequios de sus hijos, y es importante estar atentos a los peligros potenciales, incluidas las baterías de botón. Algunos consejos de seguridad incluyen seguir las recomendaciones de edad y otra información de seguridad que figura en el embalaje de los juguetes; adquirir equipo de seguridad, como cascos, para patinetes y otros juguetes con ruedas; y mantener las pelotas pequeñas y los juguetes con piezas pequeñas fuera del alcance de los niños menores de 3 años. Para obtener más información en inglés, visite <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Holiday-Safety>.

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!



"DIOS ES
AMOR.
QUIEN
VIVE EN
AMOR VIVE
EN DIOS
Y DIOS
EN ÉL."

S JUAN, APÓSTOL



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PARISH NEWS

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.

Posadas AT ALL SOULS CHURCH

POSADA DATE/FECHA	GROUP/GRUPO
Saturday 12/20/25	
Sunday 12/21/25	Guadalupanos
Monday 12/22/25	Vince & Lupe Valencia
Tuesday 12/23/25	Josefina Rodriguez



We thank our community for joining us
in this season of festivities!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
ALL SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH!

O COME
LET US
Adore
HIM.



May the coming of our Lord
Jesus fill your hearts and homes
with light and love.



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