



# 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 28, 2025**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

### 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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Young Adult Mtry.	Leticia Urtecho
Youth Ministry	Vivian Vasquez
Catholic Women's Association	Ma Grace N. Tima



# Readings & Prayers for the Sick

## First Reading:

Whoever honors his father atones for sins,  
and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

## Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.  
(Ps 128)

## Second Reading:

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

## Gospel:

He rose, took the child and his mother,  
and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

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Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**"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

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

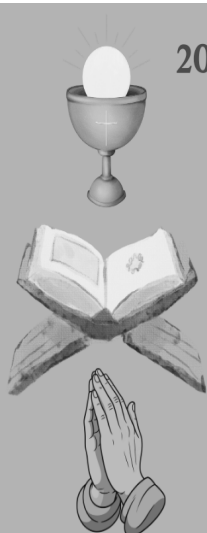
# Mass Intentions

COLLECTION	TOTAL
Dec. 8, 2025	\$ 1,237.00
Dec. 12, 2025	\$ 920.00
Dec. 14, 2025	\$ 5,025.00

*Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.*

## Did you know?

As we start the New Year and commemorate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we remember that Mary's life was devoted to the good care and protection of her Son and to lead all to God the Father. This season also reminds us, as parents and safe adults, of the beauty, dignity, and vulnerability of the children we are called to safeguard. Prayer is also a major part remembering victims, survivors, thrivers and all who are involved in the work of protecting God's children. We pray to our Mother of Good Counsel asking her to protect all children and vulnerable persons. For the full reflection, read the VIRTUS® article "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



## 2026 BOOK OF INTENTIONS

Our new Book of Intentions is now available in the Pastoral Center. Offering a Mass for a loved one—whether in thanksgiving, for healing, or in remembrance of someone who has passed—is one of the most beautiful traditions of our faith. A Mass dedication unites our prayers with the whole Church and brings grace and comfort to both the living and the departed.

SATURDAY	DECEMBER	27-2025
5:30pm	Jesus Gaona	Dec.
	Cathy Dorsey	Special Int.
SUNDAY	DECEMBER	28-2025
7:30am	Natividad Elvina Ayo	Dec.
	Remy Ramirez	Healing
9:00am	Jean Phyllis Katow	Dec.
10:30am	Anastacio Hernandez	Dec.
	Luz Maria Antunez	Dec.
5:30pm	Eva Loria	Dec.
	Mary Rose Go & Patrick Rosal	Special Int.
MONDAY	DECEMBER	29-2025
7:30am	Fr. Paul Lee	Dec.
	For Those in Purgatory	
TUESDAY	DECEMBER	30-2025
7:30am	Fuzhen Teng	Dec.
	Jose Enrique Garcia	Birthday
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER	31-2025
7:30am	Eva Loria	Dec.
	Yukiko Hattori	Special Int.
THURSDAY	JANUARY	01-2026
7:30am	Happy New Year's!!!	
FRIDAY	JANUARY	02-2026
7:30am	Magda Cornejo	Dec.
	Esperanza Gomez	Dec.
SATURDAY	JANUARY	03-2026
7:30am	For Peace, Joy, Health, Gratitude and Prosperity in the New Year.	Special Int.

## PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

### Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura:

Sirácides enfatiza la importancia de que los niños honren y respeten a sus padres. ¿Cuáles son algunos de tus recuerdos favoritos de tus padres?

### Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura:

Pablo enseñó a los colosenses que las familias deben mostrar respeto mutuo y amor entre sí. ¿Cómo fomentas estas virtudes en tu familia?

### Pregunta del Evangelio:

Escuchamos cómo la Sagrada Familia se enfrentó a algunas circunstancias muy peligrosas desde el principio. ¿Puedes pensar en algunos desafíos que tu familia ha tenido que superar?

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17/  
Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5/Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23

Lunes: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6/Lc 2, 22-35

Martes: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10/Lc 2, 36-40

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13/Jn 1, 1-18

Jueves: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21

Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 1, 19-28

Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 29-3, 6/Sal 97, 1. 3-4. 5-6/Jn 1, 29-34

### Bendición Familiar

Que Dios bendiga, proteja, una, repare y renueve a nuestra familia. Ayúdanos a ser instrumentos de sanación y santidad, rompiendo maldiciones generacionales, reescribiendo guiones, superando tribulaciones, uniéndonos en gratitud y creciendo en alegría... juntos.

Amén.

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Al comenzar el nuevo año, conmemoramos la solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios, y recordamos que la vida de María estuvo dedicada al buen cuidado y protección de su Hijo y a guiar a todos hacia Dios Padre. Esta temporada también nos recuerda, como padres y adultos responsables, la belleza, la dignidad y la vulnerabilidad de los niños a los que estamos llamados a proteger. La oración también es una parte importante para recordar a las víctimas, los supervivientes y todos los que participan en la labor de proteger a los hijos de Dios. Rezamos a nuestra Madre del Buen Consejo pidiéndole que proteja a todos los niños y personas vulnerables. Para obtener una copia de VIRTUS © "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" (Madre del buen consejo protege a los vulnerables) visita a [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



## LIBRO DE INTENCIONES 2026



Nuestro nuevo Libro de Intenciones ya está disponible en el Centro Pastoral. Ofrecer una Misa por un ser querido—ya sea en acción de gracias, por su salud o en memoria de quien ha partido—es una de las tradiciones más hermosas de nuestra fe. Una dedicación de Misa une nuestras oraciones con toda la Iglesia y lleva consuelo y gracia tanto a los vivos como a los difuntos.



The Pastoral Center will be closed at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, and will remain closed all day Thursday, January 1, 2026, in observance of New Year's. We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to serving you once again on Friday, January 2, 2026.



## Holy Hour

Join us for an hour of meditation in the presence of Jesus. Everyone is invited. The service is bilingual and will be held inside the church.

January 2, 2026 @ 7 PM

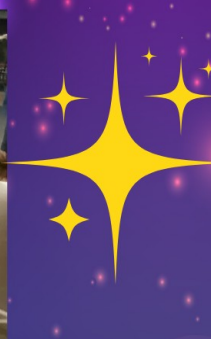
Our Filipino Ministry is continuing the powerful intercessory devotion of the 2000 Hail Mary's. Everyone is invited to join and ask for Mother Mary's graces as special intentions are presented to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Saturday, January 3, 2026

8:00am



THANK YOU



Thank you to all the ministries who helped keep the spirit of the season alive through festivities that fostered community, joy, service, and generosity. From Simbang Gabi to Las Posadas, it was wonderful to see our parishioners come together for such festive and joyful moments. We love the beauty of our traditions!



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