



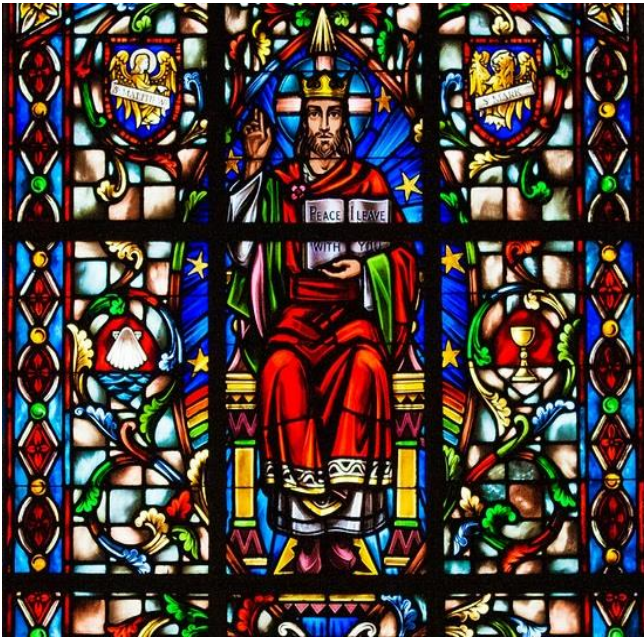
# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

*"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."*

**Our Vision:** *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

## THIS SUNDAY September 27 & BEYOND

### Emptiness as Glory



‘Having the mind of Christ’, ‘being heirs of His Glory with the Father’. These and other similar phrases are used in Scripture and Theology to define what we, Christ’s followers, aspire to achieve.

We recognize Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We claim we are willing to let Him be the ruler of our lives and give Him all authority in showing us the right way to become God’s true image. Sometimes we may be reluctant to do so, but we strive to follow in His footsteps

and ask the Holy Spirit to enable us to surrender our self-centered nature to His Way of Love.

But why are we willing to yield our personal interests to Christ’s authority?

For centuries humankind has linked the idea of authority to power. Certain people, in virtue of their knowledge or prestige, or because they have inherited or conquered certain positions in the social sphere, must be obeyed. This kind of authority may sometimes result in due hierarchical order in society, and those exerting authority have the sacred duty to represent the interests of the common good, but unfortunately this is not always the case. Some people have used this ‘authority’ for

selfish and abusive interests, exploiting others and maintaining their status either with the use of deceitful demagoguery, or through force and fear.

Democratic societies are characterized by the avoidance of this kind of authority, so we are taught to reject any kind of imposed obedience not based on reasonable and accepted premises. In this respect, Christ's authority in our lives might be disputed by a liberal way of thinking. However, the basis for His authority is just the opposite of what any kind of authoritarianism might be. No one has expressed the reason for Christ's authority and Glory better than Paul in his letter to the Philippians, Chapter 2, verses 1-13.

Referring to Christ's mind as the token of every true follower of Jesus, Paul describes Christ as the one

“who, though He was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied Himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
He humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore, God also highly exalted Him  
and gave Him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.”

This beautiful and profound passage, which is one of the first Christian hymns that were used by the primitive church, teaches us why we should bend our knees to Jesus Christ our Lord. It is His self-emptying, His sacrificial and unbounded love for all that constitutes His exaltation and glorification. He is not asking us to submit our wills to His to exploit us or exert undue power upon us, but to enable us to exert God's will, God's authority in our own lives. As Paul says at the end of this passage, "for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

No dictatorial, abusive, or delusive power on earth can be matched with the authority that Christ enables us to share with Him, one that is based on God's truth, justice, and infinite love. May we cherish it and delight in it as our true inheritance in Christ our Lord.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:3-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:28-32

## CALENDAR

Note: All Sunday Masses will be held in All Saints' Courtyard at 9am. All other gatherings will be Zoom meetings. Visit our web site for the Zoom link (see below).

**SUNDAY:** The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00am Mass in All Saints' Courtyard  
Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**TUESDAY** Noonday Service  
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**FRIDAY** Fridays at Noon – Discussion and Insights into Sunday's Lectionary  
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**SUNDAY** The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - The Feast of Francis of Assisi  
The Installation of the Thirteenth Rector of All Saints' Fr. Carlos E. Expósito by Bishop Snook  
9:00am Mass in All Saints' Courtyard  
10:15 Blessing of the Animals by Bishop Snook – All are welcome.  
Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

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