



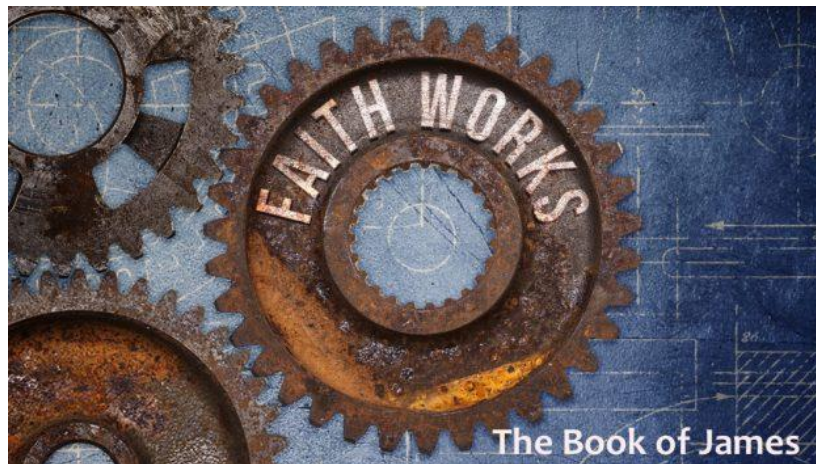
# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

*"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 5 & Beyond

### Doers of the Father of Lights' Word



In the first chapter of the Letter of the Apostle James we find the definition of what he conceives as the true faith that Christ's followers must show forth in their lives.

Sixteenth-century reformers and their followers contrasted what was seen as a deceitful practice of the Roman Catholic Church of the time, with its great emphasis on charitable works and donations to achieve salvation, with Paul's clear statement of salvation through justification only, achieved through our faith in Jesus Christ and His once-and-for-all sacrifice on the cross. They also quoted Saint Augustine on the same subject.

The present-day churches that inherited the Reformed tradition—including the Anglican Church—have also adhered to the doctrine of justification by faith only. There are different ways of interpreting this statement though.

What the doctrine of justification by faith implies is that we, as finite human beings, are not able to achieve cleansing of our sins by our own efforts only, no matter how hard we try. There is no way we could stand justified before God by our own doing. It is beyond our capabilities.

What the above-mentioned doctrine makes clear, then, is that we must with all humbleness accept that it is God who has taken the initiative to make us undefiled again, and that in the fullness of time this has been carried out through His Son's sacrifice on the cross.

What the Apostle James makes clear in his letter does not really contradict that justification is given to us as a graceful gift from God. In verse 17, James states, "every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." That means that every authentic good work we do is but a reflection of God's perfect gift from above, and has its true origin in Him.

He calls this great gift "the implanted Word that has the power to save your souls."

Then James points out how useless it would be just to be hearers of God's Word, if we do not put that Word into practice in our daily lives.

He mentions those who think of themselves as really religious people, but are not even able to bridle their tongues. And he ends this section by asserting what the true religion should be: to care for the orphans and widows in distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Refraining from evil doing and practicing good works that show our loving care for one another are like two sides of the same coin that aligns our lives with God's will for us.

As Christians, we must always with meekness acknowledge Jesus' salvific grace bestowed upon us freely, out of pure and unconditional love. At the same time, we need to be aware that our lives must clearly show, in our actions, the caring love for one another that He has shown for us.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146:4-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:31-37

## CALENDAR

**Note:** We are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

**SUNDAY** The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church  
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)  
Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)  
**Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children**  
Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

**TUESDAY** Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

**WEDNESDAY** Spanish Classes 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Hall taught by Fr. Carlos Expósito

**FRIDAY** 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary's Chapel

**SUNDAY** The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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### **OUR CORE VALUES:**

- Welcoming Strangers like Old Friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being Dependable Members of a Caring Community
- Respecting Each Other's Differences
- Being Faithful Stewards of God's Gift
- Remembering that God Loves Everyone Unconditionally

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