



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 — February 27 & Beyond

“The Dazzling Glow of Love ”



The last Sunday in the season after Epiphany always brings us the Gospel reading of Jesus' Transfiguration. This is the only event which is actually celebrated twice in the Christian calendar: on this Sunday, and also on August 6th, which is the Day of the Transfiguration.

The reason may be that those who set up the readings for the Christian calendar wanted to make sure that this event was not overlooked, since August 6th may fall on any day of the week, and not many churches would actually have a celebration on that day.

Anyway, the fact is that it is also more than proper that this season culminates with the most outstanding manifestation of Jesus' divine filiation: the dazzling glow of His glory shining forth from within His whole being.

This was not a public event. Jesus' intention was not to show forth any outer sign of His glory. He took the three disciples that were closest to Him to a mountain to pray, and then this just happened.

What the disciples saw and heard was a true revelation to them, a real epiphany. Jesus was accompanied by Moses and Elijah, the greatest representatives of the Law and the Prophets, the two main components of the Hebrew Torah or Instruction. And they were talking with Jesus about His departure and what He would go through in Jerusalem. In other words, they were precluding Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

It is significant to notice that Moses' face also shone with a special glow when he came down from the mountain where he talked with God to receive the tablets of the Law. And Elijah was snapped out of the earth in a chariot of fire. Here we perceive that dazzling light in Holy Scripture is always a sign of communion with God's loving will and purpose.

Theologically speaking, Jesus is said to recapitulate all that was forestated in the Law and the Prophets. His radical Way of Love is the perfect incarnation of God's love in the flesh. He not only uttered out God's love and lived it out in His wonderful healing and life-giving actions, but He gave Himself out in perfect love.

The conversation with Moses and Elijah is about this ultimate act of self-giving love. And the voice that is later on heard by the disciples corroborates that He is God's love made man as the beloved Son of God, whose voice needs to be heeded if we are to be faithful partakers and bearers of this love.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul talks about the different gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, but then he goes on to show them what he calls *a more excellent way*.

This way is none other than the Way of Love that Jesus proclaimed and lived out. As Paul clearly points out, even prophecies and knowledge will come to an end, but love will always remain.

When our lives are filled with God's love, and we live out this love towards our neighbors and all other creatures we come in contact with, we are also gradually transfigured, and we come to shine with the pure dazzling glow of love. It may not be visible to all, but those who are born of God's love will see it, and will also shine forth with the same light—not the spotlight of vainglory which some go after—but the only true light of self-giving love.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Weekly Calendar Sunday, February 27, 2022 to Saturday, March 5, 2022

Note: We will continue worshipping in our historic church, except on Tuesdays and Fridays when the service is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel. The Sunday service will also be on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting click [here](#).

SUNDAY: The Last Sunday after Epiphany

10:00am Mass in the church

Join Zoom Meeting Click [here](#).

10:00am to 10:45am — Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for children ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall taught by Lucretia Locke.

11:30am -- Christian Formation— A study of “A Concise History of the Book of Common Prayer” meets this Sunday in the rector's study and is led by Fr. Carlos.

1:00pm-- A Spanish Mass will be held on the first, second, fourth (and fifth) Sundays each month at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY: Noon Mass in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel followed by a fellowship snack in the Flower Room.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 7:00am

Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 12:10 in Spanish

Solemn Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 7:00pm

THURSDAY: Spanish Class held in the Flower Room from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Taught by Fr. Carlos.

FRIDAY: The Great Litany, at 11:30 am, followed by the Via Crucis (**the Stations of the Cross**) at Noon

SATURDAY:: The March Societies of Mary Day of Devotion will be held at 11am.

To activate Zoom you need to click on the link and zoom will download and put you in the meeting. If you have a camera and microphone they can interact in the meeting. The meeting is setup to not auto turn on your camera. You will need to make that decision.

Otherwise it will be on Facebook - a video and you can listen and watch. Easy access to All Saints' Facebook page via our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org