



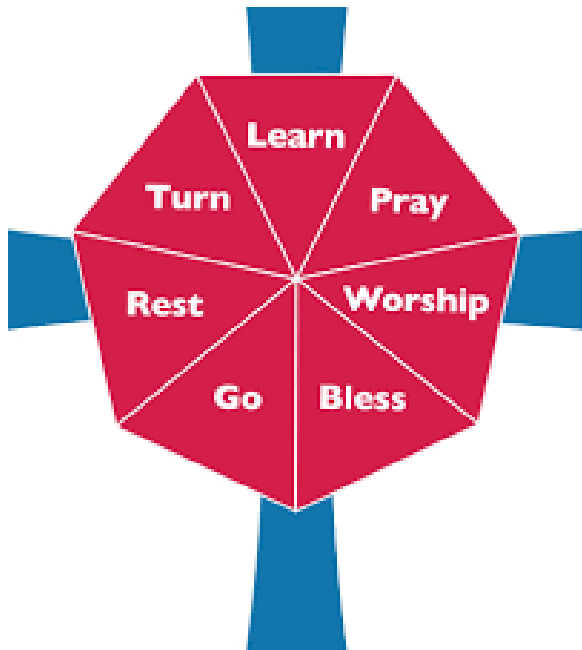
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"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 — June 18, 2023

“Proclaiming the Good News with Boldness”



Jesus' ministry on this planet was certainly a bold one. His way was a radical way of love and compassion which contradicted many of the generally held beliefs about the way society operated at that time. His message sounded odd, other worldly, and probably unattainable. That is why so many accused him of lunacy, or being allied to devils.

Jesus' proclamation about God's kingdom—a governance based on true justice, compassion, and unconditional love for all—was not a mere preaching, although he did preach and did it really well. Most of the time it was accompanied by powerful signs of this kingdom—acts of compassion and healing, of restoration of life and wholeness, of acceptance of the sinner and marginalized.

What Jesus understood early in His ministry was the need to expand this proclamation, first and foremost to the ones He had been called to minister: those of the House of Israel.

He therefore called an inner group of followers that would in turn call others to follow, thus expanding the work further to reach more and more people in this redeeming endeavor.

This inner group of twelve followed the rule of discipleship, and spent most of the time with Jesus, listening to His teachings and witnessing His powerful signs, but were also gradually given the opportunity to take part in the ministry, so as to be prepared to act on their own when Jesus had to depart.

When Jesus felt they were ready to minister on their own, He gave them precise instructions to go to the House of Israel. Jesus knew this was a hard task in which they would find obstacles and temptations, indifference, and even rejection.

So the proclamation had to be done boldly, and accompanied by courageous love and life-giving signs. It also had to be done realistically, not stubbornly, being ready to move on when people were not willing to receive it.

Moving on by no means meant giving up the saving mission, but simply understanding that it would not be a good idea to insist on proclaiming the greatest of all news to deaf ears, when there were others eager to hear in the next town.

Our current world resembles Jesus' world and that of the first centuries after Christ's coming to this planet in the sense that Christ's teachings are not generally accepted. For several centuries (4th to the mid 20th century) Christianity became an official religion in many parts of the world.

This, however, did not always necessarily mean that everyone was a true follower of Jesus' radical way of love. It simply meant that Christianity was taken for granted. Some of us—those who were born in or before the 1950's—may feel some kind of nostalgia for the era of Christendom. However, living in a time when Christ's saving message has to be proclaimed with boldness and truth, with true compassion and relentless love, even in the midst of scorn and rejection, gives our proclamation a sense of authenticity that relates to the first followers of Jesus in His time.

May we always have the confidence, strength, and sustaining inspiration of God's Spirit of Truth to carry out with boldness the proclamation of Christ's Good News.

Fr. Carlos Espósito

Readings for The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:6-11 Psalm 100 Matthew 9:35-10:8-15

CALENDAR

Note: We continue worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer at 10:00am are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY June 18, 2023 The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

Christian Formation Meets next on Sunday July 9 and 23 at Noon in the

Rector's Office. Book Study: "God's Secretaries: The Making of the

King James Bible" by Adam Nicolson

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

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

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

SUNDAY June 25, 2023 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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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