



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

on

*"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 — October 8, 2023

### “Holding Fast to Our Inheritance”



When someone learns that they are the recipients of a great inheritance, it is only natural to be joyful and celebrate, and also to make sure that what has been inherited is not lost.

All living creatures on this planet have the greatest gift of all—life itself, but as human beings, we have all been endowed with God's very likeness and image, which is reflected mainly in His all-encompassing life-giving love. No other inheritance that we receive as money, land, properties or others, could ever be compared to this great blessing.

True followers of Jesus' Way of Love have come to understand this, and Jesus Himself has promised that we will partake of the same inheritance that He, as God's beloved Son has received from His Father: true, abundant, and everlasting life.

This inheritance is not something we have earned through our own efforts or good deeds, but it has been given gracefully and freely to us by the mediation of Jesus Christ's self-giving sacrifice.

The only way we can lose this freely given inheritance is by rejecting it. In His boundless love, God has created us absolutely free to embrace His love or reject it. It may sound paradoxical, but true love never compels. It needs to be freely accepted.

For true followers of Christ, it is painful to know of fellow human beings who stubbornly refuse the grace of God's inheritance, and the only thing that can be done is to keep on proclaiming the Good News of Salvation to all we can reach, trusting that at some point in their lives the Holy Spirit will open their hearts and minds to receive this wonderful grace.

Unfortunately, there are also some who gladly receive the Good News, but then fall back into their old ways, and may lose their inheritance.

Maturity in Christ's Way is what prevents us from falling back, and is also what enables us to present the message to others with constancy and consistency.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, clearly saw the dangers of losing God's wonderful inheritance of true and abundant life, and warned the new converts about the consequences of their demise.

In chapter 3 of the letter he states, "Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things."

The greatest and most wonderful inheritance that any can ever receive is given to us freely, but we need to hold fast to it, and never, never, let it go.

Fr. Carlos

Readings for The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7    Philippians 3:14-21    Psalm: 80:7-14    Matthew 21:33-43

## 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 October 8, 2023 The Nineteenth 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  
**Christian Formation Meets** next this Sunday October 8 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 October 15, 2023 The Twentieth 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  
**Book Fair** Parish Hall 11:00am-1:30pm

### **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

An Anglo-Catholic Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego  
[www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)