



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 — April 21, 2024

Children of the True Law



How you ever wondered what the world would be if there were no laws? A total chaos, to be sure. It could have even been destroyed a long time ago. Even with laws being enforced there are so many crimes, killings, and wars being waged in different parts of the world.

The fact is that not everyone likes to be subject to laws. There are those who would prefer to live in lawlessness, following only their whimsical tendencies and desires. It is also true that some human laws can be arbitrary and unjust, particularly when they are devised to uphold a totalitarian and tyrannical regime.

Only God's Law is perfect, because it is the Law of Love. This is what Jesus pointed out to the Master of the Law who asked Him to mention the most important law of all. Jesus simply referred to the Love of God as first and foremost, and the Love of neighbor as practically equal to it.

Jesus also made clear to His followers that He had not come to abolish the Law, but to give it its true fulfillment. He was aware that God's Law was only imperfectly

reflected in the Commandments and other precepts that the Jews had developed throughout the centuries, but even so these precepts had the indisputable value of making societal life more harmonious, and more aligned with God's will.

Human laws are needed because we are still not pure reflections of God's Law of Love. Living harmoniously with our Creator, with one another, and with all of creation is our main aspiration as followers of Jesus' Way. But in order to achieve harmony we need to grasp its laws and live according to them.

Musical harmony can only be achieved when a singer or musician (or a group of singers or musicians) properly apply the laws of harmony in their performance. If they do not, you can be sure that everyone will speedily flee the place where they are playing or singing. It sounds like hell.

Disharmony is probably the best way to describe what we imagine hell to be. And disharmony is a form of lawlessness (disregard for the laws of harmony, in this case). Sin is the condition of being in total discord with our Creator's loving will, and with the rest of His created creatures. Selfishly doing one's whimsical will in total disregard of how it affects the others is being sinful, and lawless.

As true children of our God, followers of His beloved Son, and guided by His Holy Spirit, we are moving towards a state of righteousness—that is, towards a state where we abide in God's true Law.

Where there is righteousness, sin has no place, and the devil flees. Disharmony and lawlessness are obliterated by God's perfect Law of Love, and by those who abide in this perfect law.

As St. John the Evangelist points out in his First Letter, "everyone who commits sins is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He (Jesus Christ) was revealed to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin."

And he aptly concludes, "The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil."

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:23-37 Psalm 23 1 John 3:1-8
John 10:11-16

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday during Lent Great Litany, Via Crucis held in All Saints' Church

SUNDAY April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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

Recording of Mass available at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

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

Adult Christian Formation will meet the end of April or beginning of May

4:00pm Concert Grossmont Master Chorale with Guest artist, Tasha

Smith-Godinez, harpist in All Saints' Church

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class on Thursdays, from 1pm-3pm in the Library

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

SUNDAY April 28, 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

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2:30pm Concert The Greater San Diego Music Coterie-- Sound off Music

Sing-along in Parish Hall

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