



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

## THIS SUNDAY October 30 & BEYOND



This Sunday we'll celebrate All Saints Day, our namesake and one of the most important feasts of the Church year. It's an especially appropriate day for baptizing and for recalling our own baptismal vows, which we'll renew as part of the Mass. In this renewal we'll reaffirm the basic tenets our Christian belief, as we do every Sunday, as well as how we will live those out. These include participating in the worship of the Church at Mass and regularly repenting and returning to the Lord. We also promise, with God's help, to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace, and to respect the dignity of every human being. We make these promises because in the measure that we keep them, we reveal the love of God the Father in Jesus to the world around us.

While everyone who lives this way will definitely share a certain quality, that doesn't mean that we're all the same, and we see that in the communion of the saints. They come from all times and places, all walks of life; some holy from the start, some experiencing profound conversions to the Faith. That's so important because none of us can reveal God fully on our own, yet we each have the potential to reveal some facet of his glory in a way that no one else does. So when God comes into our lives, He doesn't obliterate who we are; He's the one who's given us all of our gifts, talents, and personalities and He cherishes them. Instead we are like the burning bush, which was made dazzling and brilliant by the fire of God's presence, but attracted Moses precisely because it was *not* consumed. At baptism we become "temples of the Holy Spirit," and it's deep within our hearts and souls, in the depths of who we are that the Holy Spirit resides. It's here that the Holy Spirit is constantly working to empower us (never

forcing us!) to grow in freedom and virtue, dwell in peace, and enter more fully into the life of the Holy Trinity.

If you want to get to know God, pray for the help of the Holy Spirit to get to know who you are and who God has made you to be. None of us are perfect, but nothing about us is accidental. What are the formative events in your life? Who has shaped you? What delights you and stirs everything in you? What are the things that seem to bring some kind of heaviness whenever you encounter them?

Thinking and praying on these things allows us to meet God in the silence of our hearts, where He can show us the fullness of who we are and how beautiful we are meant to be. Then, just like the saints, by His light shining through our hearts, we can reveal who He really is to the world.

Father McQueen II

## Readings for this Sunday

Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14   Psalm 149   Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17   Matthew 5:1-12

## Calendar

SUNDAY:            9:30a Solemn Mass (Church)

                         11:00a Annual Stewardship Brunch (Parish Hall)

                         —*The entrance to the church is on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue*—

*Note: Child care is provided at the 8:00a, 10:30a Mass, Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.*

MONDAY            7:00p (AA) Doctors' Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY:        Noon Mass (St. Mary's Chapel)

FRIDAY:           9:00a Morning Prayer (St. Mary's Chapel)

                         9:30a MASS (St. Mary's Chapel)

AA Meeting 6:30p Rainbow Bridge (Fireside Room)

                         8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)

                         8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY:       11:00a Rosary in St. Mary's Chapel

                         11:30a MASS in St. Mary's Chapel

                         Noon Potluck Luncheon in the Parish Hall