



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 August 2 & BEYOND

Love is an Unexpendable Source



We are living in times of pandemic, and the nation's economy is going through one of its worst crises. As a result of the public health measures that have been taken to protect the population, lots of people are jobless and businesses that cannot comply

with the necessary requirements have closed down temporarily; some of them have gone bankrupt and closed down for good. The government has given loans and grants to some businesses, and paycheck assistance to the unemployed. Even so, lots of people are counting their pennies to make ends meet, month after month.

Money is expendable, and so are material goods. When we consume them, we know there will be no more, for ourselves or anyone else. This notion is so ingrained in our subconscious mind that we spend our lifetime struggling with the question if we will have enough to keep ourselves and our loved ones alive. In a way, this also prevents us from being generous sometimes, because we fear that if we give away what we and our loved ones need, we will lack the basic things of life.

Such an attitude prevailed among the Jewish people after God freed them from the Egyptian slavery. During their pilgrimage on the way to the promised land, they

constantly feared that they would not have enough food or water to survive. They even entertained the ideas that it would have been better to stay in Egypt. But once and again God was willing to forgive their blasphemy because He understood their fears and provided them with what they needed and craved for.

Jesus' disciples were not so different in this respect when they realized that the multitude that had been following Jesus was hungry and the night was coming. They used worldly logic. Food is expendable. They had been with them for hours now and they needed to go back to their own towns and get food for themselves. Very logical. But not for Jesus. His remark must have shocked them: "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." Even so, they try to dissuade Jesus from what they think is an unattainable task. They explain to Jesus that the food they have is so little, so expendable, that it will never suffice.

Here is where Jesus' logic and the world's clash. When an act is guided by true love, there is no way anything can be expendable, simply because love is an unexpendable source. Not only was the multitude fed, there was leftover to be collected.

This pandemic has been devastating and we are all praying that is over as soon as possible. However, even among the great losses and human suffering, there have been acts of kindness, acts of selfless love. There have been donations of money, food and other needed items like never before. Thanks to this, lots of people who would have gone hungry or cold have had enough to eat and wear. And the ones who have donated have had the greatest of blessings in their lives, the multiplication of love for themselves and for the whole world. For the more love you share, the more you receive. It is an inexhaustible source.

As Paul states in his letter to the Romans, there is nothing in this world or in the invisible realms that can separate us from the love of Christ. Not even the worst of hardships, like this present pandemic, not even death. "In all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us". Indeed. For His love comes from the Unexpendable Source.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Nehemiah 9:16-20 Psalm 78:14-20, 23-25 Romans 8:35-39 Matthew 14:13-21

CALENDAR

SATURDAY Societies of Mary Day of Devotion – August 1
Reading of the Rosary by Fr. Carlos at 11am
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

Note: Starting this Sunday, August 2, Sunday Mass will be held in All Saints' Courtyard at 9am. All other gatherings will be Zoom meetings. Visit our web site for the Zoom link (see below).

SUNDAY: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost in All Saints' Courtyard
9:00am Service

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

FRIDAY In Dialogue with Scripture at noon
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

SUNDAY The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00am Mass in All Saints' Courtyard
Recorded Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org