



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 January 17 & BEYOND

Keep the Light Shining



The Season after the Epiphany of our Lord is about how Jesus, the Light of the World, is made known to others at different moments of His earthly ministry. But it is also about how Jesus makes it clear to His followers how this Light is meant to shine for the world, not

only in His person, but in all those who choose to become His disciples.

Being Light means, above all, being one who can dispel the darkness of ignorance, selfishness, and lack of love that so much abounded in Jesus' world and in our present world. Quoting those who have given witness to the Light, like the prophets in Holy Scripture, can be of help in casting out the darkness, but it is mainly through our own personal and communal lives that people can better see the Light, and that could be the best incentive to follow Jesus' Way of Love.

In his first letter of the Corinthians, one of the letters that scholars agree is unquestionably written by Paul, the Apostle reminds his addressees of all the blessings that Jesus' self-sacrifice on the cross has brought them, and how thanks to this high price paid by Our Lord, they are now sanctified and justified in His name

and the Spirit of God. He also makes it clear that, by becoming one with Christ in our baptism, our own bodies are members of Christ Himself, and temples of the Holy Spirit. That reminder should serve as a shield against falling back into the darkness, letting our Light be snuffed out.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, there is a story of Jesus meeting Nathanael, one of His followers. At first, Nathanael did not believe that Jesus could be the Christ, simply because He came from Nazareth, a town that is not even mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures. When Jesus mentions that Nathanael had been under the fig tree before, when He was obviously not physically there to see him, Nathanael changes his mind and proclaims Him the Son of God. Then Jesus says something to him that we should all pay close attention to. He says that he will see greater things and that the heaven will be opened to him, and he will see the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

In other words, Jesus is telling Nathanael that he will receive the Light, total illumination, a full communion with the Creator and the whole of creation. That is the glorious destiny that Jesus has promised for the followers of His Way of Love. His Light is to become our Light, and this our Light is to shine bright to cast out the thick darkness of our world.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 6:11b-20 John 1:43-51

CALENDAR

Note: Sunday Mass is now via Zoom at 9am until further notice. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in the courtyard. All other gatherings will be Zoom meetings. Visit our web site for the Zoom link (see below).

SUNDAY The Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am Mass via Zoom

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

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

TUESDAY Noon Mass in All Saints' courtyard

THURSDAY 5:00pm The Study of the Gospel of Mark with Vicki Garvey
Join Zoom meetings from our web site with Vicki Garvey and afterwards with Fr. Carlos and All Saints' participants

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9:00am Mass via Zoom
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