



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 — June 27 & Beyond

Sharing in Generosity



Both the Old Testament reading from the Book of Deuteronomy and the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, for this Sunday, tell us about the gift of sharing in generosity.

In the first reading Moses, speaking on God's behalf, reminds the people that there will always be some in need on the earth, so they must lend and give generously, not expecting anything in return or figuring out when the year of forgiveness is coming so as to withhold a loan, lest one not receive the pay.

The motive for lending or giving should not be the expectation of the payback, but generosity, without any grudge. In the Old Testament writings, the Law is given as a command from God, and there is always a punishment to be expected for not fulfilling it, and a reward for being faithful to it.

As Paul himself states in his writings, the Law was needed when God's people were like children needing an overseer to take care of them, but as mature people of God in Christ's New Covenant, we no longer need to be guided by commandments that promise us chastisement or rewards, but by the law of generosity, which is the law of pure love.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells his readers about the abundant sharing in generosity that has been shown by the churches in Macedonia, and asks them to follow this example in giving to those in need from other churches as part of their ministry. In his exhortation, Paul uses the example of Jesus Christ Himself, who being the richest in gifts from God, became poor—gave Himself up to death on the cross—for our sakes.

It is clear from the example that Paul's understanding of riches is not limited to material wealth, but to all the gifts with which we human beings have been endowed by God. But he points out that there should be a just balance between those who have less and those who have more, so that we are all called to give out of our abundance with generosity to those who possess less, including our material wealth. In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, we read the passage in which Jesus, when asked by one of the leaders of the synagogue to heal his twelve-year-old daughter, does not hesitate to share the healing gifts that God provided Him with, even to the point of using them to bring back a dead person to life, when all those who surrounded Him laughed at Him in disbelief. Was Jesus expecting anything in return? No, not even recognition. He strictly ordered the family not to say anything about what had happened.

This is the real way of generosity. Generosity is not measured in the amount of what is given, but in the loving way that what is given is shared with others.

When moved to give to others, let us not think about what we may receive in return, but about the good that others are going to receive thanks to our generosity. That alone should make us more than happy. No matter how little we think we have to share, in terms of treasure, time or talent, it may mean the world to the ones who receive it.

There can be no greater punishment than depriving ourselves of the wonderful joy of sharing in love, and no greater reward than partaking of the tremendous life-giving joy of sharing our gifts in total generosity, following the example of our Lord and friend, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Psalm 112 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 Mark 5:22-24, 35b-43

CALENDAR

Note: We are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer are held in All Saints' St. Mary's Chapel.

SUNDAY The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary's Chapel

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

SATURDAY The Societies of Mary Day of Devotion in St. Mary's Chapel

11:00am The Rosary

11:30am Mass

12:15pm Potluck Lunch in the Parish Hall

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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 Gifts

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