



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 — July 11 & Beyond

Marked with the Seal of the Holy Spirit



In the first chapter of his letter to the Ephesians the Apostle Paul exalts God for His abundant grace and love towards those who have been redeemed and adopted as His children through Jesus' blood.

This letter is addressed to the saints in Ephesus who are faithful in Christ Jesus. Throughout verses 1 to 14, Paul expresses his thankfulness for the glorious destiny of all those who, like the faithful Ephesians, have believed and followed in Jesus' salvific Way of Love and are consequently joint heirs with Him of God's reign of love and peace, for the praise of God's glory.

Paul speaks of a mark that distinguishes those who are destined for this communion in which God is all in all--the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

In our baptismal liturgy we learn that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own for ever.

The seal we receive is given through God's grace, and not earned by our righteousness. As we acknowledge our faults in our way of thinking and acting, and make honest vows to live a new life guided by Christ's Way, we are granted the grace of the promise of God's Spirit as our guide and counselor, as our comforter and defender, and constant reminder of God's truth in the way that Jesus Christ has shown us.

This is the Spirit that enables us, in spite of our weaknesses, to keep up the redemptive work started by our Lord Jesus so many centuries ago. It redeems us and at the same time uses us to redeem others, by inspiring our words and our actions, by keeping us in the way of love and truth in the middle of the most adverse circumstances, and by showing Christ's salvific power through wondrous acts of healing and reconciliation.

In all this, if it is the Holy Spirit that guides and enables us, there can be no personal boasting for any humble sign that as part of God's Holy Assembly—the Church—we can make. All the recognition and glory belong solely to the Spirit that does the work through us.

If we are ever in doubt about whether a message or action has been inspired by God's authentic Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, we must first make sure that no personal boast and no personal gain is being made on the Spirit's behalf. Then we must ask whom it serves. Does it serve Christ's Way of Love? Is it faithful to Christ's true message in Holy Scripture? If these questions are answered in the affirmative, we have authentic inspiration by the Holy Spirit. Otherwise, it may be from any other spirit but God's.

Jesus' first disciples were sent out by Him two by two to proclaim God's salvific plan, to cast out unclean spirits, and to restore abundant life. The Holy Spirit was with them and enabled them to do all these life-giving deeds. But even so, the recipients of these healing acts had to be open to the Spirit's grace for this to happen. No one can be restored against their own will.

As it happened then, it continues to happen nowadays. We must not give up in the proclamation—through words and deeds--of God's salvific plan made possible through Christ's sacrifice and the wondrous power of God's Holy Spirit. But we should not get stuck with those who refuse to hear. If they are not ready yet, they may come a time when they hear and turn to God. We should simply move on, and

Speak to those who are willing to hear and receive God's gracious salvation. The Holy Spirit needs us to do the work, and there is no time to waste.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:7-13 Ephesians 1:1-14 Mark 6:7-13

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 Seventh 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

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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 Gift

An Anglo-Catholic Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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