



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 —October 16 & Beyond

"The Work of an Evangelist"



In his second letter to his disciple and church leader Timothy, Paul encourages him to continue doing his evangelistic work firmly and consistently.

It is noteworthy to consider that Paul starts by reminding Timothy of what he has "learned and firmly believed", knowing also from whom he has learned it, and making reference to how from childhood he has known "the sacred writings that are able to instruct for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Sometimes when we read Paul's letters we tend to forget that the New Testament as such did not exist in his time. It was his writings that came to make up a good part of

the New Testament, together with the four Gospels that were accepted as canonical, and other writings from other apostles.

So it is clear that the sacred writings Paul is referring too are the Hebrew Bible, or Old Testament—as it is known among us Christians.

It is good to remember this, and also that Jesus always referred to this Hebrew Bible as the scriptural basis for all He said and did.

However, Paul adds in his letter to Timothy, “through faith in Christ Jesus”.

It was a thought shared by all New Testament writers that in Jesus Christ all Scripture is recapitulated and fulfilled.

What the resurrected Jesus did when He accompanies the two disciples on the way to Emmaus was precisely this. He showed them how all the Scriptures ultimately relate to Him as the fulfillment of all that has been prophesied.

Paul insists in the value of Scripture for all those who are to proclaim the Good News of

Salvation. He says to Timothy, “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for corrections, and training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.”

It is worthwhile noticing here that he highlights how the proper knowledge and interpretation of Holy Scripture is essential in order to be properly equipped for the work every authentic follower of Jesus must carry out.

When we think of evangelists, maybe people like Billy Graham come to our minds, but we forget that Jesus Himself commissioned His followers to “go and make disciples of all nations...and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

That commission has been given to all who call themselves Christ’s followers, so yes, it is given to you who are reading this—if you call yourself a Christian, and to me who am writing it.

Paul is also well aware of all the hardships that Timothy and all those who engage in proclaiming the Good News are going to face, so he urges him to “be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching.”

A sound knowledge of Scripture plus a great deal of aid and inspiration from God’s Holy Spirit of Truth will be needed to carry out this essential task.

Apart from this, we need to be invested with the proper character and disposition of a true follower of Christ, so that as Paul entreated Timothy to do, we may also “always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, and carry out our ministry fully”.

The Rev. Carlos Expósito

Readings for The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Psalm 121 Luke 18:1-8a

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 Chapel.

SUNDAY Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints’ Church

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

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

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

Christian Formation every second and fourth Sunday of the month at

Noon. Topic: Communicating with God Rector’s Study

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Flower Room. Taught by Fr. Carlos

FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary Chape

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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
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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