



# 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 13, 2023**

**“The Urge to Save Others”**



There is great frustration when one knows how someone could be taken away from a life of misery to a much better life; one knows what the way is, and yet, the other person simply does not seem to care and even refuses to hear you.

Most of us have faced a situation similar to the one described above, with a relative or friend, or maybe it has been the other way around, and you are the person whom someone has tried hard to save without success.

Nevertheless, Jesus has warned us all about the possible hypocrisy of trying to help others when we ourselves need greater help. First, we must remove the beam from our own eyes so we can see better to remove the straw from our neighbor's eye.

Even so, there are people who authentically feel really distressed when they fail to be able to lead others to the way of true and abundant life, once they have experienced it themselves.

Jesus also warned His disciples that the Good News of God's Reign of Love would not always be accepted. Although He certainly commanded His followers to spread the Good News of Salvation to the known ends of the world, He also told them to shake out

even the dust of the earth from the places where the message was not received, and simply move on to where there were people willing to hear and heed God's Word.

St. Paul was a relentless Apostle. He was called by our Lord Jesus Christ to carry the Good News to the Gentiles, which was a hard task indeed.

He found opposition at first from the rest of the Apostles, who were convinced that salvation was only for those who followed the Law. And he also found opposition from the Jews who refused to hear of any "New Way" and considered his preaching heretical.

At the same time, making converts in the pagan world was not an easy task. Paul went through many ordeals during his ministry, and even after he had founded some churches among the Gentiles, he often found that they were somehow following the old pagan ways and had to admonish them frequently.

But Paul could never forget who he was. Although he understood that his mission was mainly directed to the Gentile world, his love for his own people never allowed him to feel content.

In his Letter to the Romans Paul states, "I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

Paul was indeed a true follower of Him who would value others' salvation to the point of self-sacrifice, the Christ who gave Himself up on the cross for us all.

As true followers of Christ, we must also have this urge within us to share the Good News of Salvation with the rest of humankind.

Going beyond any limited concept of kinship, our present global world also demands from us Christians a global way of contemplating salvation.

Being content with our own salvation and those of our limited circle of family and friends would make us poor Christians indeed.

The Great Commission is not an option. It is a must.

Fr. Carlos

Readings for The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Jonah 2:1-9 Romans 9:1-5 Psalm: 29 Matthew 14:22-33

## CALENDAR

Note: We continue worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer at 10:00am are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel

**SUNDAY August 13, 2023 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://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** Meets this Sunday August 13 and August 27 at Noon in the Rector's Office. Book Study: "God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible" by Adam Nicolson

**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 Chapel**

**SUNDAY August 20, 2023 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://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** Meets next on Sunday August 27 at Noon in the Rector's Office. Book Study: "God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible" by Adam Nicolson

## **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

An Anglo-Catholic Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego  
[www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)