



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 — April 14, 2024

Walking in the Light



Though the Evangelists never attempted to define God, since they knew our human mind could never grasp the Unknowable, in St. John's letters we do find these phrases telling us something about God, "God is Love", and "God is Light."

These are not attempts at definitions, but rather, ways of expressing how we humans might experience the divine.

Saying that God is Light gives us an image, a perception that is familiar to us, and one that is so dearly loved and cherished by us all.

Physical light is what allows us human beings, and so many other living creatures in this world, to perceive the world which surrounds us. We have other ways of perception, of course, but it is through the sense of seeing—which can only work in the presence of light—that most of our perception of the world takes place.

Throughout the history of civilization the presence of light has been the best ally of humankind. When humans discovered how to make fire and illumine the darkness of the night, that was one giant step forward in human development.

Darkness was for the first humans the worst enemy. Not being able to perceive their surroundings made human beings an easy prey for predators whose sense of sight was much sharper than that of humans. This is why evil was likened to darkness since time immemorial.

In our modern world, so brightly illumined by electrical lights that in some cities it is almost impossible to see the stars, we may have lost some of the significance that light had for our ancestors. But the use of light in a figurative sense, as the agent which dispels the evil in the world—which is in turn likened to darkness—is still easily perceived by contemporary humans.

It is no mere coincidence that in the Bible story of creation, light appears as the first thing that came into existence. Light reflects God's very essence because it is perceived as a synonym of goodness.

But light is also figuratively perceived as what is true, what is not concealed, as the opposite of devious contrivance and deceit.

In this respect, walking in the Light means behaving with honesty, transparency, and clear purpose in life.

One of the things Jesus spoke strongly against during His earthly ministry was hypocrisy and deviousness.

Walking in the Light, therefore, does not imply that we are sinless or do not need to confess our sins. Just the opposite, if we pretend that we have no sin, we are certainly walking in the darkness, and there is no redemption for us.

When we are authentic in our words and attitudes, when we recognize our faults openly, and genuinely desire to be forgiven and change our ways for the better, we are living in God's Light and we are walking towards an ever brighter light.

As John the Evangelist said in his First Letter, "If we walk in the Light, as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

May we always walk in the Light, that we may also become the lights which together will illumine and dispel the evil darkness of the world.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 98:1-5 1 John 1-2:2
Luke 24:36b-48

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday during Lent Great Litany, Via Crucis held in All Saints' Church

SUNDAY April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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

Recording of Mass available at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

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

Adult Christian Formation will meet the end of April

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class on Thursdays, from 1pm-3pm in the Library

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

SUNDAY April 21, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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4:00pm Concert Grossmont Master Chorale with Guest artist, Tasha Smith-Godinez, harpist in All Saints' Church

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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