



# 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 26 & BEYOND

### The Truest of Longings



Being content with what we have achieved in our lives can be a satisfying feeling. It can bring us calm and a feeling of self-assurance for a while. But if that feeling lingers too long, it will make our lives stagnant and not very productive. It is the constant longing for greater achievements that make people's lives more fruitful. This

is what has led to the material, intellectual and even spiritual progress of humankind. Paradoxically, it seems that we are never content, never totally satisfied. We always feel there is more to be gained, more to be achieved.

Why is this so?

We have been created in God's image and likeness. God's very essence is being creative. He made us so much like Him that we cannot help being creative as well. We are not automatons. If we were, we would simply feel totally realized by carrying out the routine tasks that our material sustenance demands. But thank God we are

not that. We are so much more. Our nature draws us to want more, to do more, to crave for more.

There is nothing wrong with being non-conformists. It is part of our nature to always want to improve our lives. The problem is that in our search for improvement we may select the wrong goals. We do not always realize that our final goal is God Himself, becoming more and more like Him, so that we find the real satisfaction, the real realization of our personal and communal lives.

Certain achievements in our lives can bring us closer to God's purpose. When doctors and scientists discover a wonderful cure for a disease; when laws are passed that make life more just and equitable for everyone; when devices that make our lives less burdensome are made available to all, and constructions make life more agreeable to everyone, these achievements bring our lives closer to God's intended life and love giving purpose.

Solomon wished to have wisdom to govern the people with justice and God conceded it to him gladly. His longing was in line with God's longings.

In the series of parables that Jesus uses to give us an idea of God's Kingdom, there are two people who make the wisest choice in their longings. The man who finds the treasure in the field and the merchant who wants the pearl of great value do not hesitate in putting all their other longings aside to pursue the only one they know will bring the true fulfillment, the true realization in their lives.

It may all start with a small spark of wisdom from the Spirit, as small as a mustard seed or a measure of leaven. But it will eventually spread out and fill our whole lives. Then true lasting peace and satisfaction will fill our lives so completely that we will no longer thirst, and rivers of living water will spring out from us, for all those who need to come and drink God's life-giving love freely.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-34 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-49

## CALENDAR

**Note:** Starting next Sunday, August 2, Sunday Mass will be held in All Saints' Courtyard at 9am. All other gatherings will be Zoom meetings. Visit our web site for the Zoom link (see below).

**SUNDAY:** The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00am Service  
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

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

**FRIDAY** In Dialogue with Scripture at noon  
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**SATURDAY** Societies of Mary Day of Devotion  
Reading of the Rosary by Fr. Carlos at 11am  
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**SUNDAY** The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00am Mass in All Saints' Courtyard  
Recorded Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)