



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 November 29 & BEYOND

No idle Wait



Advent is said to be the time of hopeful wait. The Word Advent itself is derived from a Latin root meaning *coming*. It is a time of getting ready for He that is coming to our lives.

It can be looked at from three different perspectives.

A past or historical perspective: Advent is seen as the preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the great mystery of God's incarnation on earth in the baby Jesus. From this perspective, we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate this wonderful mystery once more in our lives, and to reflect on its significance for our lives and the life of the world.

A present perspective: Advent is seen as a way to prepare ourselves for a new beginning, a new way of being that is a better reflection of God's image in our lives. In this sense, we prepare ourselves through the reading of Scripture, meditation and prayer, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to let Christ be born in our lives and take hold of them, be our guide and ruler.

A future perspective: Advent is seen as a time of preparation for the accomplishment of God's will in this world. We get ready for the end of times, so to speak, even when we have no notion of when it will take place. We carry on our lives in the present with the sure hope of our glorious, resurrected life in the future. To this end, aided by the Holy Spirit, we do our best to follow Jesus' Way of Love at all times, spurred by the hope of a new wonderful world that not even in our dreams we can get a glimpse of.

It is not hard to realize that these three perspectives are inextricably intertwined and even though our focus can be one of the three at a given moment, the Advent Season considers the three of them at the same level of relevance. The first week of Advent this year, for instance, focuses on the future perspective or the end times.

Whichever the focus may be, however, one thing is always clear. As Christians we are called to live in God's eternal Advent, because our lives are always about what we hope for with certainty, even though it is not still present. Such is the genuine Christian hope. And the wait needs to be fruitful, filled with loving activity.

It is as if we were awaiting the most extraordinary guest into the homes of our lives. We need to get rid of the clutter, the dirt, the useless stuff, and clean up and adorn, and make adequate space for our favorite guest to stay. No time to be idle. There is a lot to be done while we hopefully and prayerfully wait.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9a Psalm 80:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Mark 13:33-37

CALENDAR

Note: This Sunday Mass is held in All Saints' courtyard at 9am. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in the courtyard. All other gatherings will be Zoom meetings. Visit our web site for the Zoom link (see below).

SUNDAY The First Sunday of Advent

9:00am Mass in All Saints' courtyard

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

TUESDAY Noon Mass in All Saints' courtyard

FRIDAY Noon Mass with Discussion and Insights into
Sunday's Lectionary at the Meditation.
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

SATURDAY Societies of Mary Day of Devotion
11:00am Rosary in All Saints' Courtyard
11:30am Mass in All Saints' Courtyard

SUNDAY The Second Sunday of Advent
9:00am Mass in All Saints' courtyard
Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org