



# 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 September 20 & BEYOND

### A Life Worthy of the Gospel of Christ



In the first chapter of his letter to the Philippians, Paul shares his inner contradiction between his deep longing to be with Christ already and the need to continue sharing the Good News of Jesus' Way of Love with as many as he can. Despite the irresistible

attraction of the former option, he decides that following the latter is God's will for the time being, since he is still on earth. There is another good reason for wanting to remain in the flesh: the vital need to support the communities that he had founded.

As Jesus' disciples and heirs of Paul's legacy, we are also called to follow in their steps. Our great hope is to abide in Christ's luminous presence, and we strive to live our lives in such a way that the temporary things of life do not lead us astray from the eternal ones. In other words, we use the temporary goods of this life in such a way that they prepare us for the true life in communion with our Lord and Savior, and we long for the moment when this communion can be fulfilled.

What this means in practical terms is that we value this life as part of God's plan for us. We are joyful and thankful for the good things, for the great people that we share

our lives with, for the learnings that even harsh times bring to our lives. But we always treat the present time as pilgrims on the way to a better place. We Christians should always be on the go, aiming at something higher and better, not letting ourselves be lured by the false promises of the present world.

But at the same time, a good Christian life has a purpose that goes beyond the personal aspiration of abiding in Christ's light. Jesus' Way of Love is clearly a way of sharing, of caring for one another. There can be no real happiness, no authentic joy in our lives unless we feel that others are partakers of our joy. Therefore, the Good News needs to be proclaimed and lived out so that others can also share in our happiness, and their souls can also receive the blessing of Christ's saving love.

We are living in very confusing times, in which fear and hatred abound, social media responding to powerful influencers have practically become the new rulers of this world, and many are even afraid to speak out the truth of Jesus' Good News of Salvation for all. In challenging times like these, it becomes imperative to ask the Spirit of Truth for deep discernment, and for the strength and courage to speak and act out Christ's saving message for this world. We have been entrusted this mission by Christ Himself, and we cannot let Him down.

The temptation to follow the easy way is always present. But "wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction..." Only by resisting, by opposing the misleading fads and trends of the moment, with deep discernment, rooted in prayer and Scripture, with the help of our brothers and sisters in Christ, can we overcome evil and be bearers of Christ's true Way. Then our lives will certainly be, like Paul's, worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-27 Matthew 20:1-16

## CALENDAR

**Note:** All Sunday Masses 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00am Mass in All Saints' Courtyard  
Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

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

**FRIDAY** Fridays at Noon – Discussion and Insights into Sunday's Lectionary  
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**SUNDAY** The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00am Mass in All Saints' Courtyard  
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