



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 26 & Beyond **Exalted in Humbleness**



In the Fourth Chapter of his letter, the Apostle James reminds his readers (and us today) that the only way to be exalted by our Creator is by submitting ourselves to His will and purposes for us.

What God wills for us is that our lives become one with Him and with one another in a loving communion where justice, harmony, and healing abound; and divisiveness, selfishness, and exclusion have no place.

In order for this to be possible our lives must be lived in alignment with our Creator's life-giving purpose.

The forces of evil, both from this world and the invisible realms, have only one purpose: to oppose God's plan of total reconciliation by enticing us humans into ways that make us self-centered, caring only for our own satisfaction and lowly

desires, and using our fellow human beings and the rest of creation as the means to attain them.

In the end, the sad truth is that the attainment of these desires will never give us complete satisfaction. There is a deep thirst in our souls for the true life--the abundant life that can only be attained when the purpose of our life turns outward, toward the satisfaction of those who are in need.

The need can be both material and spiritual, and when we find our greatest joy and satisfaction in supplying this need to others, we begin to share in God's loving nature which was revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

This will require that we stop judging others' behaviors, as if we were the makers of the Law, and focus more on aligning our thoughts, our attitudes, and our deeds with the Father of Lights. No law is more perfect than the law of love, which is stated in the Gospels as a summary of two different commandments from the Old Testament: the love of God, and the love of our neighbors.

Put together, these two aspects are totally coherent with God's reconciling plan for us. We love our Creator out of pure gratefulness for our creation, preservation and all the blessings we constantly receive from Him in our lives. When we recognize God's infinite love for us, our natural response is to love Him. But the concrete way this love can be shown in our lives is in our relationships with others.

We human beings have been created to live in relationship with our Creator, with one another, and with the whole of creation. We are not separate islands. When we harbor the illusion that we are self-sufficient entities, we are under the influence of the Adversary—the evil one that wants, above all, to separate us from God's life and love.

As soon as we recognize our total dependence on our Creator and our loving co-dependence with one another, we start to be back on the right track. We acknowledge our humbleness before God, and then we begin to be filled with His Holy Spirit—the Spirit that fills us with abundant life and truth.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 4:7-12

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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

Recording of Mass available before noon at 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 at the coffee hour in the Parish Hall (11:30am)

Fr. Carlos leads us through Gary Nicolosi's book "A Concise History of the Book of Common Prayer"

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

WEDNESDAY Spanish Classes 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Hall taught by Fr. Carlos Expósito

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

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Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

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

Greater San Diego Chamber Orchestra Concert at 3pm in the Parish Hall

Music by Arnold, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, Borodin

Dr. Angela Yeung, Director; Soloist Mary Boles Allen, mezzo-soprano

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