



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 — October 10 & Beyond

We Are Christ's House



Most of us live or have lived in houses at a point in our lives. Those who do not have a house to live in know how miserable life can be when there is no place you can call home. And yet, even if we have a roof over our heads we do not always feel that is a place we can call home.

A house, unlike a tent, for instance, has a more permanent character. It is a dwelling place--a place where you stay for extended periods in your life and where you place the things you need in your own personal way. It is also the place you share with your beloved ones and where you can also learn the sense of community.

According to John's Gospel, when Jesus felt His time to go back to the Father was at hand, He said to the disciples "In my Father's House there are many places to live."

Communion with our Creator, in this sense, was perceived by Jesus like living in the same house with Him. This communion was thus extended to all His children because He wants them to share it with one another as well.

In our modern western world, this image of a common house with a multitude of rooms might not be so popular any more. We would rather have Jesus say, “in my Father’s city there are many houses to live.” But that is not what Jesus said.

True communion with our Father cannot exclude our sense of communion with one another. And yes, communion implies breaking down our dividing walls and being willing to share common spaces of trust, mutual care, and confidence. This is not easy. It takes a lot of help from the Holy Spirit to move in this direction.

What we are used to doing is keeping ourselves separated from the rest, by not trusting anyone—or almost no one, by demanding that “our space” be respected, by living self-centered lives where we only include our closest family members and a selected group of friends, by lifting up walls of indifference and exclusion and pretending that each person must take care of themselves.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews has a remarkable statement about houses. When he talks about Moses’ faithfulness to God, he uses the biblical expression “was faithful in all God’s house” meaning that he was faithful in the whole mission that God gave him.

When referring to Jesus, however, he acknowledges that Jesus was not faithful as a servant in God’s house, but as a son. Moreover, he affirms that Jesus Himself is the builder of the house, which gives Him greater honor.

And then, as a conclusion, the writer of this letter uses the most remarkable of all statements related to houses. He says we are the Lord’s house if we hold firm in the confidence and the pride that belongs to hope.

In what sense can we be God’s and Christ’s house?

In the sense of profound communion. Our Creator and our Savior both want to dwell in us. They want to come and make a common life with us all, sharing our joys, our sadness, our conflicts, our plights, our love.

But that can only happen in a communal sense. Notice that this writer does not say “we are His houses”, but “His house.” The same house is shared by all. We become the living structures where our God inhabits us in community.

The Apostle Paul had a different way to express it. He said we are “temples of the Holy Spirit”. The idea is quite similar, but Paul’s expression can be interpreted in a more individualized way.

What the writer of this letter is pointing to, however, is a communal way of making the presence of our Lord known to all through our confidence and hope in the Good News, and through the actual living out of this hope in which we share the wonderful news of salvation with one another in the biggest of all houses: God’s House of Love.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:1-8, 12 Hebrews 3:1-6 Mark 10:17-31

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 Twentieth 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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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