



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 17 Beyond

Approaching God's Throne Boldly



In his fourth chapter, the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews starts by referring to the Word of God. From what the writer says here, we cannot know for sure whether he is referring primarily to Christ, as the incarnate Word, or to God's Word in a more general sense, or to both without making a dichotomic difference here.

The writer uses a singularly dynamic way to describe God's Word. It is, foremost, a living and active word, not just something of the past to remind us how to behave properly. And it is sharp and piercing like a two-edged sword. There is no location in the physical or spiritual realms where it cannot reach and do its transforming work.

Although this depiction can apply to the Holy Scriptures, it is obvious that it may refer, and probably refers to God's living Word in a much broader sense, probably including the Incarnate Word of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The fact is that right after this depiction of God's living and active Word, he refers directly to Jesus, the son of God, as our great high priest, the one who has passed through the heavens. It is clear that for the Hebrew people the image of a high priest was perfectly familiar.

This high priest, however, unlike the ones in the Jewish religion, is not supposed to be in God's presence just once a year—on the Day of Atonement—to offer propitiatory sacrifices for the sins of all. He had offered Himself as the actual lamb without blemish for the life of the world, once and for all, and is now sharing God's presence in the heavenly realms.

But in spite of His divine nature and His being one with our Creator, Jesus is also the high priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses, our temptations, because He is totally human as much as He is totally divine. He suffered all our human limitations, weaknesses, and was probably tempted by the evil one much more than any other human being. But He came out victor.

No other heavenly King than our God--who knows us better than ourselves, not just intellectually, but because He became flesh as one of us--can feel as we feel and love us as we are.

As the gracious and all-loving God that He is, He allows us to come to His throne, not because we have earned this right by our good deeds, but through our trust in faith that He who loves us unconditionally will always be willing to give us the help we need.

Our loving Father and His Son--our Savior and Lord--are always ready to offer us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, all the help we need to overcome our weaknesses, our fears, our temptations, so that we can be full partakers in the inheritance of God's reign of Love.

Let us then, with this assurance, boldly approach His throne, and obtain His gracious help on our path to becoming the true sons and daughters we are meant to be.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:35-45

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 Twenty-first 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

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 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"

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

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