



# ALL SAINTS'

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## 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 — February 6 & Beyond

### "Proclaiming the Good News"



We Christians are all familiar with the phrase *the good news*, which we also know is the equivalent of the English word *gospel*.

But do we ever really stop to ponder deeply on what the phrase entails? Why good news? What is particularly good about it?

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 15, the Apostle Paul reminds these brothers and sisters in the faith of the good news that he proclaimed to them, and they gladly received.

First of all he reminds them that they stand in that news. It is that good news that makes them be the community of faith they are. Without it, the community they form part of would have no sense at all.

Second, he insists that they are actually being saved through this good news, if they hold firmly to it.

Why does this good news save those who hold firmly to it?

Paul goes on to explain that this is what he received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and then appeared to his closest followers, to multitudes of believers, and even to him, by the grace of God, although he had persecuted the church of God, and did not consider himself worthy of being called an apostle.

So this is his proclamation, which is the same of the other apostles, and what the faithful have come to believe.

Perhaps we also need to be reminded of what this good news is really about.

The main points ought to be clear, but we sometimes get lost in so many bypasses and bifurcations that we lose track of the essential message that was proclaimed to us, and that we are being urged to proclaim.

Christ died for our sins. And this is in accordance with the scriptures. It is a fulfillment of what the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings of the Old Testament essentially proclaim.

What this means is that Jesus Christ not only talked about and practiced God's all-encompassing love for all, but He gave Himself in love so that we might have abundant and real life.

He did not only show us about God's love, so that we might follow the path that leads to abundant life, He offered Himself in sacrifice so that His ultimate self-giving could conquer the powers of evil and death, not only for Himself through His glorious resurrection, but above all, for all those who would follow His way.

This is the essential message of the Christian faith, and we must stick to it with all our being if we are to be saved.

Proclaiming that Jesus was an example of a life lived in unconditional love, that His teachings were the best, and we had better follow them, is good news. But it is never enough.

The real goodness about the news of Jesus Christ goes far beyond that.

His life, death, and resurrection radically changed the course of the history of human life. It opened for us the access to a real and abundant life, a resurrected life in God's love. But this cannot happen by mere imitation. It is not by our own striving that we will attain it.

It is by His grace, by His sacrifice, by His defeat of the powers of evil and death that the way is now open to us. It is by His will that the Holy Spirit has been given to us to support us and guide us on the path to salvation. That is the really good news that we have received. It is the greatest news that anyone could ever hear.

It would be so selfish to keep it to ourselves. We need to spread it out to the ends of the world. And that is exactly what Jesus Himself has commissioned us to do.

Let this be a good reminder for us as well.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany

Judges 6:11-24a Psalm 85:7-13 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

## 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

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

Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children**

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

**1:00pm Mass in Spanish St. Mary Chapel**

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Flower Room. Taught by Fr. Carlos

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

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**Christian Formation** gathering at 11:30am in the Rector's study

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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