



# 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 — July 3 & Beyond

"Bearing the Marks of Jesus"



This Sunday's readings bring us another section of Paul's letter to the Galatians (6:1-10, 14-18). In this part the Apostle's main intention is to insist on the way Jesus' followers should deal with one another in true gentleness and mutual love and respect, kindly restoring those who trespass, and bearing one another's burdens in the community, but also having each person take responsibility for their own work.

He also warns against any kind of boasting, for the only thing Christ's followers may glory in should be the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this is the only boasting Paul allows himself to indulge in.

When talking about Jesus' cross, Paul asserts that the world has been crucified to him and he to the world in Jesus' cross. The Apostle's focus is now solely God's reconciling

mission handed down to him by Jesus Himself during the encounter on the road to Damascus.

This zeal that Paul shows in spreading out the good news of salvation as far and wide as he possibly can, showing the transforming power of Jesus' Way not only in his message but in the example of his own life, is essentially what Paul means when he claims that he has been "crucified to the world, and the world to him."

What seduces and attracts most people no longer means anything to Paul. By centering on Christ and His salvific mission, every other attachment has lost any power over him, and not even circumcision--the outer mark of belonging to the chosen people--has any value to him anymore.

As he himself points out, it is "a new creation" that really counts. Being created anew in Christ by the Holy Spirit means being so transformed that our old attachments, old concepts and prejudices, and old allegiances all lose their value and place in our lives as long as they no longer reflect Jesus' radical Way of Love.

But it also means that our faithfulness in following Jesus can and will often bring about trouble to our lives. There will be those who despise us, try to discredit us, or even hate us. We may even suffer violence for standing firm in our faith and living out Christ's radical Way of Love.

Paul's firm conviction in Jesus' Way brought him all sorts of clashes with the religious and civil authorities. He was scourged and imprisoned, and during some of his travels he was shipwrecked too. When he said, "for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus" he was literally talking about painful physical marks.

His commitment to Jesus' Way was no joke. He had no easy life in a comfortable place. He was totally driven by the zeal of the mission Jesus had entrusted him, and he carried it out relentlessly.

Paul, Peter, and the rest of the disciples all bore the marks of Jesus consistently in their lives. So did most of those who followed them. They are the true marks of unconditional love that we, the present-day disciples, are also called to bear.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito. Rector

Readings for The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-16 Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 Psalm 66:1-8 Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

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

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

**Christian Formation** every second and fourth Sunday of the month at

11:30am Studying *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newell

Rector's Study

A Spanish Mass will be held on the first, second, fourth (and fifth)

Sundays each month at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

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 Chapel

SUNDAY The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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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