



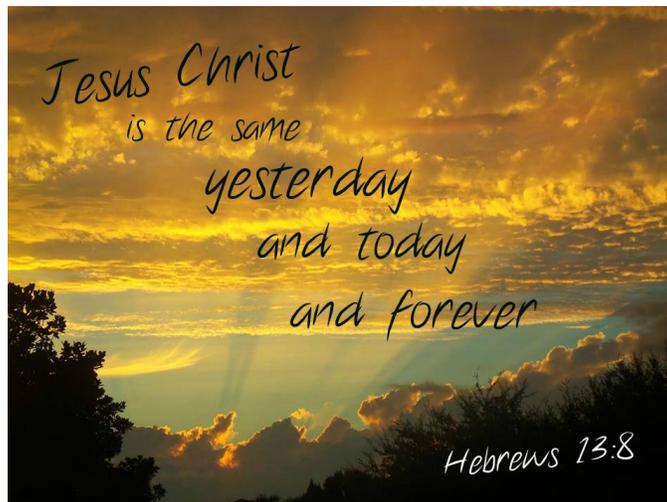
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"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 —August 28 & Beyond

"The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever"



Hebrews 13:8 has one of the most quoted phrases in Christian circles: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

The first thing that comes to our mind when we hear or read this phrase is the idea of immutability. Jesus Christ is God. He is the Second Person of the Trinity; therefore, He is as immutable as the Divinity is. His love never changes. It remains forever.

This is reassuring enough for all of us His followers. Knowing that we can count on His love today, and always, just as His first followers did, is wonderful.

There may be other aspects to consider in this phrase though.

It is also a reminder of the timeless validity of Christ's teachings. Jesus' radical Way of Love, which He taught both with His words and His deeds throughout His life on Earth, is not dependent on time, location, or circumstances.

We may have to adapt the way in which we practice this unconditional love to the specific situation we live in, but the principle remains invariable: the Christian Way of living is based on the selfless sharing of our talents and goods with the others, particularly with those who suffer the most

The writer of Hebrews asks us to have compassion for the needy, the prisoner, the ill-treated, always remembering that we are as vulnerable as every human being. *Compassion* is a word that implies a deep empathy that makes us put ourselves in the other person's shoes, and not look down on them from above, as the word *pity* may suggest.

The writer also reminds us that faithfulness in our life-long love relationship, and purity of heart and mind are intrinsic virtues in those who follow Jesus' Way.

He then reminds his readers that love of money, or greed, can only lead us astray from this Way of Love. We need to put our full trust and confidence in our Creator and know that He will provide for our essential needs. We should also trust that nothing or no one can be against us when we faithfully follow His Way.

Last, but certainly not least, the writer of Hebrews appeals to our good judgment in imitating the life of those who, being leaders in Christ's Way, have shown in their own lives the good fruits of their faith.

It is also in this sense that the phrase that heads this article can be read. There is a continuation of Jesus' Way of Love in His followers of every generation that will not cease with time. It is as if His presence were actualized in each of His true followers in every place, and at every moment.

"Let brotherly love continue", says the writer at the beginning of this chapter. And he thus expresses the idea of the ceaseless flow of Christ's love that moves from Jesus Himself through all of His followers in every place and time.

Yes, we are called to be the grace channels through which Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito. Rector

Readings for The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiasticus 10:7-18 Hebrews 13:1-8 Psalm 112 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 Twelfth 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

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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

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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

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