



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 —January 15 & Beyond

Illumined by the Light to Be Light



On the Second Sunday after Epiphany, the Collect asks God to grant that His people (and this includes those of us who claim to be Jesus' followers), illumined by Christ's Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth.

In other words, the Collect reminds us that He who is the light of the world, and whose manifestation we are reminded of during the Epiphany season, is pure and shining light, glowing with His Father's glory, which is also His, and that we are called to let His radiant light shine through us to dispel the darkness in this world.

Christ's Word and Sacraments, of which the Church universal is the custodian and dispenser, are the main means of grace through which this light illumines the lives of those who open their hearts and minds to Jesus' Way of Love, and let Him be the ruler of their lives.

Unlike the blinding lights that are used to focus attention on stage stars, Christ's light is not meant for us to shine so as to be filled with worldly fame and vainglory, but to

share Christ's light with others, so that the light multiplies and expands infinitely, until all the darkness that the forces of evil bring about in the world are dispelled, and Christ's light becomes all in all.

As the prophet Isaiah says, speaking in God's name and referring to God's anointed One, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

How can we, as God's faithful people, contribute to make salvation reach the ends of the earth?

The Apostle Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, gives us clear hints as to how this can be made possible.

He gives thanks to God for this community of followers of Jesus' Way in Corinth "because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus."

Then he proceeds to explain how this grace has been made manifest in this community: "for in every way you have been enriched in Him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you."

So it becomes clear that the spread of the Good News of salvation to others—what we call evangelization—depends, first and foremost, on Christ's grace, and on His grace only, and that the grace that has been bestowed upon us is then enriched by abiding in His love and strengthening our mutual ties in the community.

It is then our duty to grow in our faith by getting to know God's Word and His teachings, by being nourished through His Sacraments, so that both our words and our lives can reflect His light ever more closely, and our testimony can bring others to the true light as well.

No one can make Christ's light shine for others if they do not carry this light in themselves. We have been called to be Christ's light so that others can find their way and become His light for others in turn.

Rev. Carlos Expósito

Readings for The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Psalm 40:1-10 John 1:29-41

CALENDAR

Note: We continue worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer at 10:00am are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY January 15, 2023 The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 Meets at Noon in January on the 29th

Topic: Communicating with God--Meets in the Rector's Study

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 January 22, 2023 The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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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