



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 — June 16, 2024

Always Confident



Where does trust and confidence come from? Obviously the naive nature we are all born with does not last long in our lives.

Unfortunately our experiences throughout the years teach us that not all the people we come in contact with are to be trusted. There is so much deceit and cheating in this world!

But life also teaches us that there are some people who really love us and we can put our trust in. Those are the people who have proved to us with their attitudes and behaviors that they have a genuine desire to share the very best in their lives with us, and feel great joy in making us happy.

Parents and other close relatives, spouses, and real friends can be among those we put our trust and confidence in. It would be really hard to live our lives if we felt there was no one we could really trust.

But the first and foremost source of trust for all Christians is Jesus Christ Himself, and His and Our Heavenly Father, through the mediation of His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, who sustains us and defends us against all the deceits in this world.

This trust and confidence that as followers of Christ we possess does not come from a blind and naive belief, as some have maliciously suggested. Jesus' words and actions, which He Himself declared to come from His Father, are the ultimate proof of the genuineness of His love for all humankind, and for all of creation.

No deceiver would ever live a life of self-giving love, even to the point of self-sacrifice on a cross. People can deceive others with beautiful words and feigned love, but when it comes to real self-sacrifice, only the true lovers of souls remain.

So we trust in Jesus' words because He showed His followers, without any trace of doubt, that He is God's incarnate Word. And what He taught His disciples and has been handed down to us throughout the centuries, thanks to the four Gospel writers, those who wrote the Epistles, and the Book of Revelation, is the greatest news of all for humankind.

This is the Good News of everlasting and abundant life for all--the news that this ordinary mortal life is but the shadow of the real timeless and abundant life we are all gracefully given by our Creator, if only we are willing to be partakers of this wonderful gift.

The God who has life in Himself and has given His Son this life, has also promised to make us partakers of the true life if we follow His Way of Love, which is the only true Way of Life.

What we, as Christ's followers, ultimately learn by imitating Christ's Way of Love, is that this is the only genuine way in which life gets real meaning and purpose, and true joy. When we live our lives following the world's fads and ways, we live in mutual distrust and lack of confidence, always trying to overstep others so as to gain recognition and amass wealth, and we deceive ourselves thinking this will bring us true joy.

Once we realize how useless and empty this self-centered way of living is, and turn to Jesus' Way of Love, we can then start to live the real life of self-giving love, and have a foretaste in this mortal life of the true life we are all called to inherit, together with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Although while we are in this mortal body this real timeless life is not visible to us, and we can only dimly imagine its splendor and wonder, we, as St. Paul says in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, "are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

In any case, whether still in our mortal bodies or already clothed in immortality by the Lord, as St. Paul also states in the same letter, “we make it our aim to please Him (the Lord).” For to please the Lord is not to be subservient to a whimsical ruler, but to follow the only way we know for sure that will lead us to everlasting, true, and abundant life.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Ezekiel 31:1-6, 10-14
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Mark 4:26-34

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday during Lent Great Litany, Via Crucis held in All Saints’ Church

SUNDAY June 16, 2024 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints’ Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at 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

Adult Christian Formation meets next on Sunday June 23 at noon in the Rector’s Office and Library

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class on Thursdays, from 1pm-3pm in the Library

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