



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 30, 2024

The Wealth of Generosity as God's Abundant Grace



Grace is perceived as what is given to us undeservingly, freely, and abundantly, especially by our Creator. When we think of God's abundant grace, some of the things that come to our mind are this wonderful and beautiful creation itself, our creation and

preservation, all the good things that the earth gives us, and especially God's unconditional love, shown to us in every single breath we take, but above all, in our redemption through His Word incarnate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A somewhat different way to perceive God's abundant grace in our lives, however, is presented by St. Paul in his Second Letter to the Corinthian converts.

In the eighth chapter of his letter, St. Paul speaks about "the grace of God that has been granted to the churches or Macedonia." When one reads this, the first thing that may come to one's mind is that St. Paul is going to speak about abundant goods or spiritual gifts that have been poured upon this particular congregation.

Surprise! What St. Paul refers to is their overflowing wealth of generosity, shown during a severe ordeal of affliction, which has enabled them to give, amid extreme poverty, but with abundant joy and generosity, so that those in greater poverty might not be in need.

One thing St. Paul points out here is their voluntariness in doing this. He says, “they voluntarily gave according to their means, and beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints.”

So, then St. Paul is urging Titus to encourage the church at Corinth to do the same, but as he clearly points out, “I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.”

According to St. Paul, this generosity was first and foremost shown by Jesus Christ Himself, “that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.”

The richness St. Paul is referring to is not precisely material wealth (though we know that Jesus of Nazareth, although not really wealthy, was a person who was not lacking in essential goods.) Jesus Christ emptied Himself of all the glory pertaining to Him as God incarnate, and even died a shameful and cruel death upon a cross to lead us to salvation and abundant and real life.

Come to think of it, although perhaps not the first thing that comes to our mind when we think of grace, there is probably no greater abundance of grace in a faith community that when it shows its willingness, with overflowing generosity and joy, to share what they have with those in need.

This generosity is a reflection of God’s unconditional love in our human realm. It is an authentic love-driven act, because we are expecting nothing in return, but the great satisfaction of having contributed so that others do not lack what we have.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Psalm 112
2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 Mark 5:22-24, 35b-43

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 30, 2024 The Sixth 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 at www.allsaintschurch.org
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 July 14 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

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