



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 — October 13, 2024

We Are His House



We humans being God's house seems like a strange claim to make, but this is literally what the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews says in chapter 3.

We are more used to the idea of being let in His house, as Jesus says in John's Gospel, when He states, "in my Father's House are many rooms." I am sure a great number of people are familiar with this passage, which is often used in funeral services.

Henri Nouwen, the well-known Dutch priest and writer of books on spirituality, said that we humans either live in the House of Fear—when we live a self-centered life, thus isolating ourselves from our Creator and from one another—or we live in the House of Love (God's House), when we are in harmony with God's purposeful loving life for all.

We could also say that most of us spend our lives in an in-between state, sometimes living in one or the other House, until we are finally ready to move permanently into God's House.

The idea of moving into God's House has often been associated with our passing to a new life dimension after death. However, this change of habitation can already take place while we are in our human bodies, and death does not necessarily imply that our true being is immediately transformed and is ready to inhabit God's House of Love.

Christianity is, above all, an incarnational faith. It starts with the firm conviction that Jesus Christ, whom we willingly follow, is God become flesh. This is stated at the very beginning of John's Gospel: "and the Word became flesh, and lived among us..."

Jesus Christ's main mission on earth was a reconciling one. He came to remind us who we really are in God's true being, as His sons and daughters. In other words, Jesus' true identity points our true identity in God to us.

Just as Jesus Christ incarnates God in His person, and thus becomes God's House for us all, we are called—as Christ's authentic followers—to become God's House in this world.

When the Church is called God's House there is an implicit truth in the phrase. At a simpler level of understanding, people think of churches as the places where God's presence becomes more easily perceived, just as the Jews thought of the Temple in Jerusalem as the place where God inhabited.

However, the true meaning of Church as the assembly of the saints gives us a truer and deeper meaning of this phrase. We are in fact God's House. We, as true followers of Him who incarnates God perfectly, are also meant to live in such a way that God's love for all becomes our way of life.

In the words of the writer of Hebrews, "Christ...was faithful over God's House as a son, and we are His house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope."

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 3:1-6 Psalm 90:1-8, 12 Mark 10:17-31

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The Sunday service time is 10:00am, Tuesday Noon Mass

SUNDAY October 13, 2024 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at w.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 will meet this Sunday, October 13

at noon in the Library

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY 1:00pm in the Rector's Office -- Devotional Service followed by a Bible Study session based on the readings for the Sunday of that week.

SUNDAY October 20, 2024 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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Adult Christian Formation will meet next on Sunday, October 27

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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