



# ALL SAINTS'<sup>5</sup> 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 — May 12, 2024

### Having the Son's Life



The Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter is Ascension Day, and what the Church Universal celebrates on this day is Christ's full and ultimate perfect communion with the Creator, which constitutes also a pointer to our hoped-for full communion with Him and all of creation.

This common union (communion) with God, with one another, and the rest of the creatures on the planet in our Christian faith is not seen as the obliteration of our own uniqueness as individuals, but as a voluntary loving obedience to do God's will, which is the greatest good for all of His creatures.

In fact, as the Apostle Paul has pointed out in his First Letter to the Corinthians, Christ's body on earth, known as the Church, is made up of distinct and unique members—each of us—which put together in harmony can carry out Christ's reconciling mission in this world.

Life in the Christian sense—particularly in the sense that John the Evangelist gives it—is much more than breathing, eating, and reproducing. It is even much more than any temporary self-gratifying pleasure can give.

True and abundant life, also called eternal life in the gospels due to its timelessness, is above all a life characterized by the abundance of unconditional love. Such was the life that Jesus lived on this earth, with the intent to show us God's life and love in human form.

Jesus life was not only the perfect image of God's love incarnate; He is also, and above all, the Way to follow to attain such life, both at a personal and communal level.

During His ministry on earth one of Jesus' main goals was to train disciples who would in turn train others to be His followers in His Way of Love. This training involved not only the oral teaching of principles, but also experiencing this love-giving life with Him, and ultimately witnessing His self-sacrifice on the cross, and His victory over the powers of evil and death.

His disciples were also witnesses of Christ's Ascension to the Father, and though the physical separation from their beloved master afflicted them, they were soon overwhelmingly filled with the Holy Spirit, as Jesus Himself had promised them, and they began to bear witness of Jesus' very life in their own lives, working out powerful signs of His life-giving love.

These powerful signs, together with the outstanding mutual love they showed to the world, brought about the conversion of thousands in a really short time, who in turn became new witnesses of the Son's life for others.

Christ's life as the perfect image of God's life, is the life we—as Christ's followers—long to have with all our being. If by being born anew as true sons and daughters of God we also become His children, then we also have the Son's life in us.

As John the Evangelist states in his First letter, “God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life, whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” We certainly want to have this life.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-26    Psalm 47, 1  
1 John 5:9-11    John 17:11b-19

## 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 May 12, 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://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 Sunday May 12 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**

**SUNDAY May 19, 2024 The Day of Pentecost -- Whitsunday**

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

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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