



# 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 2, 2024

### A Treasure in Clay Jars



Clay was a common material to make jars and many other vessels in ancient times. It is still used nowadays in many parts of the world. Its great advantage is its almost ubiquitous availability. Its great disadvantage is the fragility of the containers made with it: they can break easily if they fall from a certain height, or are struck by a heavy object.

In biblical literature we find clay as a symbol of all the elements of earth, in the image of humanity being made by God out of clay. Even the name Adam is taken from the same root as earth (or clay). This image reminds us of our common origin with all that exists on our planet, and it also reminds us of our physical finitude and fragility.

The Bible also tells us from the very start that we have been created in God's image and likeness, which points to the indwelling divinity in our nature. It sound puzzling, but the Hebrew Scripture recognized and embraced this apparent contradiction gracefully, although the Book of Genesis points out that God's first intentions were to create us as immortal beings, and decay and death only crept in as a result of sin.

Jesus Christ's great mission on this earth was to lead the way back to God's first intention through reconciliation with Him, with one another, and the rest of creation. He not only showed us the way through His teachings, but through His own life, which epitomized God's Way of Love.

He gave Himself in loving sacrifice, and experienced a terrible form of dying, thus defeating the powers of evil, and arising from physical death in a glorified new embodiment, which is the resurrected life.

In this way, Jesus Christ embodied the abundant and real life of which, we, as His followers, can also be partakers.

It is a glorious and enlightened form of life in Christ, but Jesus Himself also taught us that we should not boast of attaining it, because it is not something we earn through our merits, but a wonderful grace granted to us freely, just because our Creator loves us infinitely.

As followers of Him who gave Himself in loving sacrifice, in this mortal life we should also be ready to face trials and hardships, decay and death. We have the greatest of all treasures that God has given us freely through Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us: true and abundant life in our resurrection, but as St. Paul reminds the converts at Corinth in his second letter to them, this treasure is given to us in our mortal decaying bodies, "in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

St. Paul also points out in this same letter how Jesus' true followers should endure all these afflictions, which are the result of the clash with the dark powers that oppose being reconciled with God's Way of Love. In their fearful blindness and ignorance the followers of such powers perceive this Way as a threat that will deprive them of the illusory treasures they cling to.

As we gradually come to value the real treasure that God has given us in Christ our Lord, it will shine more and more in our hearts, and as St. Paul also says, we will be given "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for The Second Sunday after Pentecost: Deuteronomy 5: 6-21  
Psalm 81:1-10 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-28

## 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 2, 2024 The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 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

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