



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 9, 2024

Renewal Day by Day



Renewal is what makes biological life possible. All living organisms must constantly be renewed if they are to survive. When renewal is no longer possible, death ensues.

Although our bodies are always being renewed, the law of gradual decay is also at work from the very moment we are born. In some people this decay progresses faster than in others, depending on genetic or other environmental factors, and in our case—as human beings—also depending on our conscious choices. In the end, however, we all waste away, and die.

Our faith, which is based on Scripture, speaks of a different kind of renewal though. It is the renewal which our resurrected life in Christ brings us, and is totally independent of the natural law of biological decay and death.

As God has life in Himself, so does His Son Jesus Christ; and as He has promised us, so will we be partakers with Him of this resurrected and glorious life in full communion with our Creator, with one another, and with His whole creation.

The resurrected life we Christians believe in is not just a resuscitation from biological death. This has been done in the past, by some of the prophets like Elijah, and by Jesus Christ Himself. It is done quite often nowadays when people suffer cardiac arrest, and there are numerous testimonies of people who have had near death experiences and have been brought back to life.

But these people's bodies continue to deteriorate with time, and they eventually die. Although in many cases these near-death experiences have had a great impact in their lives, making them reevaluate its meaning and purpose, and giving them a totally new perspective, the inevitable biological death takes place for everyone. These people, nevertheless, may experience spiritual renewal.

Renewal from a spiritual perspective has a totally different meaning. It means that our lives are transformed from within in such a way that the things that seemed of the greatest importance now seem insignificant, and what we really value is our relationship with the Source of All that is—our God—and our mutual loving relationships, which include not only our fellow human beings, but all the beings on this planet.

In this new perspective, as St. Paul points out in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, “we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.”

We may experience this spiritual renewal as a result of our spiritual awakening when we let Christ's life become our lives. What happens to our lives while we are still in our mortal bodies—which are subjected to the laws of biological decay—is like a foretaste of our true resurrected life in Christ. In fact, it could be seen as a sort of resurrection in our lives.

Our true and final resurrection, however, will take place when we are gloriously raised to the new incorruptible form of life, where God is all in all, and we are one with Christ, with one another, and with the whole of creation.

In such hopeful expectation, as we spend our days in our mortal bodies, as St. Paul also stated in the same letter, “even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure.” So, do not lose heart.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for The Third Sunday after Pentecost: Genesis 3:8-21
Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Mark 3:20-35

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 9, 2024 The Third 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 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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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