



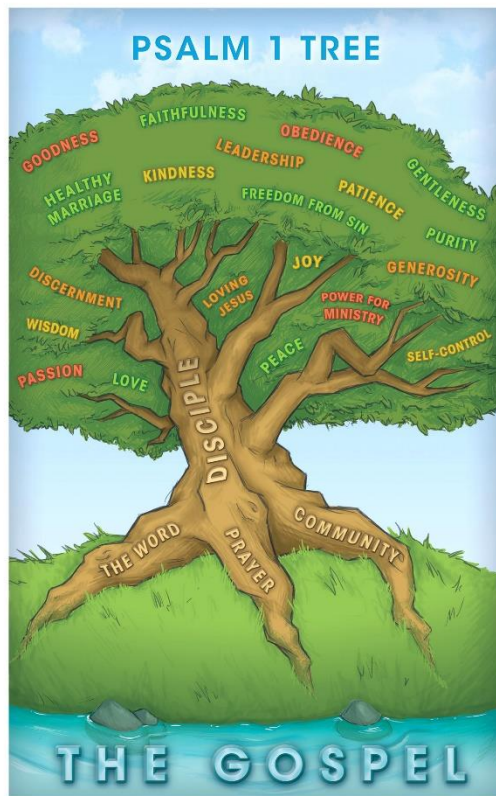
# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

*"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 — February 16th, 2025**

**"Trusting in the Right Source"**



## **Trusting in the Right Source**

On this Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, our readings invite us into a powerful reflection on the source of our trust and the consequences of where we place our faith. In Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Psalm 1, we encounter two distinct images: the contrast between those who place their trust in human beings or "mere mortals," and those who put their trust in God. These texts invite us to examine the foundation of our trust and how it shapes our lives.

Jeremiah's warning in the first reading echoes the psalmist's praise, urging us to recognize the difference between placing our faith in human power versus divine strength. Jeremiah 17:5-6 begins, "Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make flesh their strength." These words speak

to the fleeting nature of human endeavors—those who trust in their own abilities or the power of others will ultimately wither, like a shrub in a parched desert. The prophet contrasts this with those who trust in God, comparing them to trees planted by water, constantly nourished and strong, even in times of drought. It is a vivid metaphor for the sustenance God provides for those who rely on divine promises over human solutions.

Psalm 1 reinforces this message, contrasting the way of the righteous with the way of the wicked. The righteous are described as trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, while the wicked are like chaff blown away by the wind. The psalmist reminds us that true stability and fruitfulness come from grounding ourselves in God's law, not from seeking the fleeting, empty promises of the world.

This theme is echoed in our Gospel reading from Luke 6:17-26, where Jesus offers a series of blessings and woes. In this passage, we encounter two different kinds of people—the blessed and the cursed, the poor and the rich, the hungry and the satisfied. The Gospel shifts the perspective of what constitutes true wealth, true satisfaction, and true joy. Jesus calls us to look beyond what the world esteems—material wealth, comfort, and worldly success—and instead to place our trust in God's promises. To follow Jesus means to embrace the deeper, lasting fulfillment that comes from living in alignment with God's kingdom, even when this contradicts the logic of worldly values.

But as we reflect on trust and faith, we may wonder how we can anchor ourselves in God when the world so often pulls us in other directions. The Epistle reading from 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 offers an answer, even if it may seem somewhat unrelated. In this passage, Paul reminds the Corinthians that the foundation of Christian hope lies in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If we place our trust in human reasoning alone, the resurrection appears impossible, absurd, even foolish. But the resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate testimony that, while human logic may fail, God's power is limitless. This proclamation—that Christ is risen from the dead—shows us the ultimate truth upon which our faith is built. It is the decisive answer to the question of where our trust should lie: not in human logic or worldly powers, but in the life-giving, death-defying power of God.

As we walk through this week, let us consider where we are placing our trust. Are we relying on fleeting human strength, or are we being nourished by the eternal source of God's faithfulness? The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that no matter what the world throws at us, God's power is greater. He is the one who gives life, and our ultimate trust must rest in Him.

May we, like the tree planted by the water, be rooted and grounded in God's love, trusting not in the transient, but in the eternal promises of our Savior. And, as we journey toward Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, let us rejoice in the hope of the resurrection, which assures us that God's promises are true, and that our faith in Him will never be in vain.

**Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector**

**Readings for *The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*:**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10 + Psalm 1 + 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 + Luke 6:17-26**

## CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

**SUNDAY - February 16, 2025 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children**

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

**Vestry Meeting in Rector's office, Noon**

**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 February 23, 2025 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

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Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

**Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children**

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

**Christian Formation for Adults (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

Youth and adults around Noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

## **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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