



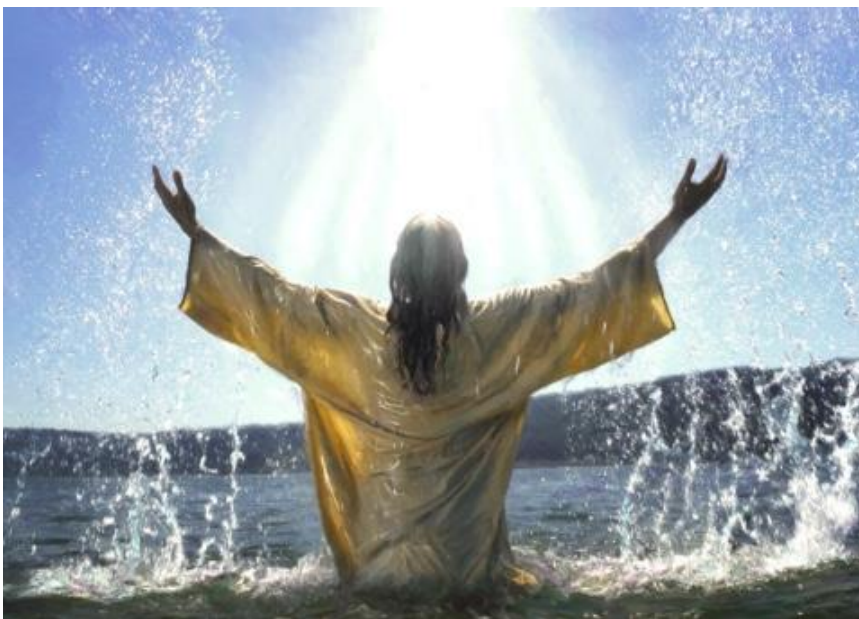
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"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 — March 9th, 2025

"Forty Days with Jesus"



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During the Epiphany season, most of our Gospel lessons focused on the manifestation (or revelation) of the divinity of Jesus. The visit of the Magi, the baptism of our Lord, the changing of water to wine at the wedding at Cana, the Transfiguration, and the calling of Peter, James, and John all reflect the special relationship between Jesus and

God the Father. After the baptism of Jesus, for example, a voice from heaven proclaims, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3: 22).

On Ash Wednesday, the tone of the lessons changed with emphasis on fasting and repentance. On the First Sunday in Lent, we hear about Jesus's forty days of fasting in the wilderness and can see how the temptations of Satan point to the human nature of our Lord. The forty days of fasting, of course, provide the basis for our own observance of the forty days of Lent. Throughout the season we recall how Jesus responded to temptation in the words of the first Proper Preface for celebrations of the Eucharist in Lent: "Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose

grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.”

In addition to recalling how Jesus resisted temptation, this Proper Preface also looks forward to Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord. The theme of Resurrection can also be found in the first two lessons for the First Sunday of Lent. In St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans, he declares that “if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10: 9).

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy explains how to conduct the annual offering of the “first fruits” of the harvest. Commentators suggest that this offering is part of an ancient ceremony observed before the building of King Solomon’s temple (I Kings 6: 1-38). After the priest takes the basket of first fruits, the worshipper is to recite key elements of the story of salvation history. During seven years of famine Jacob went down to Egypt, where the Hebrew people lived as aliens and became a great nation. Later the Egyptians oppressed the people with hard labor. But “the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression” (Deuteronomy 26: 7).

And then comes a short summary of the highlight – the story of the Exodus that will be read as we begin our observance of the Resurrection at the Easter vigil. “The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders.” (Deuteronomy 26: 8).

Even as we begin our journey through Lent, we look forward to the Resurrection, the event at the heart of our Christian faith.

Written by Edward Heck, on behalf of Fr. Carlos, Rector

Readings for the *First Sunday in Lent*

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 + Romans 10:8b-13 + Luke 4:1-13 + Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

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 March 9, 2025 The First Sunday in Lent

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at 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 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Youth and adults around Noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at 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