



"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 – AUGUST 10TH, 2025

“WHERE LOVE TRANSCENDS TIME AND SPACE”

Looking Forward to Our True Homeland

Leaving behind the place where you were born and raised is always hard. There is a strong sense of belonging that begins to form in everyone as soon as they are capable of perceiving what surrounds them. However, the world has been, is, and will be full of people who leave their homeland behind, looking for new opportunities in their lives, even at the cost of this great nostalgia.

But those of us who have migrated and found much better conditions in the new place, even if we are grateful and more than glad to have made the change, always feel there is something lacking.

I am not referring to the nostalgic feelings here, but to something that goes deeper. It is a sense of being “strangers and foreigners on the earth”, as the writer of Hebrews states in chapter 11. And it is a good thing if we have these feelings.

Not having them would imply that we are all content with what this ordinary earthly life offers us, and that we are glad to abide by its customs and values. In other words, that we are “conformed to this world”, as the Apostle Paul has so aptly put it.



Being conformed to this world, no matter if it is the world in the times of Jesus and Paul, or our present world, implies accepting the injustice, the lack of love, the wars, the atrocities that greed and hatred fuel, the inevitability of decay, sickness and death, and the hopelessness that such an acceptance implies.

In chapter 11 of his letter, the writer of Hebrews explains what faith consists in. Due to the limitations of our earthly perceptions, the only way we can have an inkling that there is a homeland that transcends all this hopelessness is through “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Materialists have always accused people of faith of the “irrationality” of their tenets, but the fact is that even the most renowned scientists have to acknowledge that there is a limit to what science can explain. This should not surprise us, since the world we live in is only perceived by our senses in a limited way, which can only be enhanced to a certain degree by technology, and our objective minds cannot grasp the transcendent.

But through faith we come to realize that what is real goes beyond what can be perceived by us, and we trust that our loving Creator has a plan for us that we can only dimly glimpse through our faith at present. This is what in biblical terms is known as “God’s Kingdom”, or “the Kingdom of Heaven.”

The longing for this new true and abundant life—a resurrected and glorified life, as it is depicted in the Gospels—is what spurs us to stop being conformed to the “world”, and to open our hearts and minds so that we can be formed anew by the mind of Christ. The more we are ready for this repentance, for this atonement in Christ our Lord, the sooner this transformation or transfiguration will take place in our lives.

Being “ready” for the coming of Christ, as I see it, is not looking at the sky and the clouds to see if He will come in a physical body. (Forgive me if that is your belief, I respect literal interpretations nonetheless.)

Let me suggest, however, that what Paul and Jesus Himself emphasize is the constant openness of our minds and hearts to be more and more attuned to Christ’s mind, to His radical Way of Love, which is the only way to the true and abundant life that He wills for all, and the only way back to our true homeland: living in His presence in the “place” where time or place no longer matter, because love transcends them.

By procrastinating this openness, we are doing ourselves the greatest of disservices. But not only to ourselves, but to those who we come in contact to, because we then become examples of those who “conform”, instead of examples of those who are transformed. And, worst of all, we do a disservice to our Creator, who counts on each of us to hasten the coming of His Kingdom.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 15:1-6 + Psalm 33:12-22 + Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 +
Luke 12:32-40

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY **August 10th, 2025 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 AM 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 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

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

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