



*"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 – SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025**

## **THE TRUE LIFE, MEANT FOR US TO ENJOY**

### **Taking Hold of the Life That Really is Life**

Rich and abundant life. Real life. Life everlasting. These are phrases we Christians are all too familiar with. But do we really know what this kind of life is like?

There is a tendency to think of these terms as referring to a wished-for future, an afterlife, a life in a new dimension, as some also say more recently. However, our faith actually points to a kind of life that has a timeless quality, and if that is the case, there is no point in placing it only in a future dimension.



Our faith teaches us that God's rule, His kingdom of abundance, love, justice, and mercy for all, which is our hope as Jesus' followers, has already been inaugurated, and will come to its total fruition in God's fullness of time.

In his first Letter to Timothy, chapter 6, the Apostle Paul is advising about the way to live our lives as true followers of Jesus' Way. First of all he stresses how good it is to be content with what we have in this world. Since we come into the world with nothing and leave it in the same condition, it is more than wise to be content with having our basic needs covered instead of fretting after the fleeting wealth of this world.

St. Paul identifies the love of money as "a root of all kinds of evil." As opposed to this kind of futile and harmful pursuit, St. Paul proposes the pursuit of "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness", and compares this pursuit to "fighting the good fight of faith, and taking hold of the eternal life."

To those who possess wealth in this world, St. Paul's advice is "not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." And he adds the admonition that "they are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."

So the real treasures we must strive for are not exclusive possessions, or money, or any kind of social status, but things that we already "possess" because God has shared them with us, and the only way we can enjoy them fully is by expanding them to the rest of our fellow human beings, and the rest of the creatures in this world.

These things may be material blessings that we share with others, but above all, they are the love, the consolation, the presence that we share with those around us, particularly with those who are suffering or in greater need.

Unlike exclusive material wealth, which can only be more for someone if it is less for someone else, these true riches multiply and grow exponentially the more we give them out to others. They are what define the true life, the one our Creator has always meant for us to enjoy.

We will partake of this heavenly treasure if only we show others the mercy that God has always shown us, especially in the person of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave Himself up for us to give us the life that really is life.

*Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector*

## READINGS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Amos 6:1a,4-7 + Psalm 146 + 1 Timothy 6:6-19 + Luke 16:19-31

# 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      September 28th, 2025    Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 AM 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 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

**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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