



*"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."*

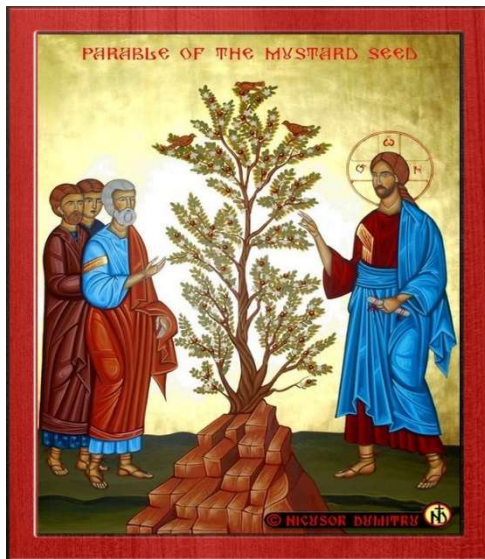
**Our Vision:** *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

**THIS SUNDAY – OCTOBER 5TH, 2025**

## **THE TRUE FAITH, MEANT FOR US TO LIVE**

### **Rekindling the Gift of Faith**

The Collect for this Sunday reminds us of God's great mercy: "You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve." It is a prayer of both humility and confidence—confessing our weakness, yet resting in the abundance of God's mercy poured out in Christ.



This theme resonates deeply with Paul's words to Timothy in the Epistle (2 Timothy 1:1-14). Writing from prison, Paul exhorts his young companion not to lose courage, but to "rekindle the gift of God that is within you." Paul insists that faith is not grounded in our strength, but in the grace of God revealed in Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. The Spirit we receive is not one of fear, but of "power and love and self-discipline." God gives more than we ask or deserve, equipping us for faithful witness even in times of hard trial.

The other readings echo this call to steadfast trust in God's abundance. Habakkuk laments the violence and injustice he sees all around, yet he decides to stand watch, listening for God's reply. The answer comes: "The righteous live by their faith." Psalm 137 voices Israel's grief in exile—how can they sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? Yet even in sorrow, the psalm teaches us the power of lament as honest prayer, trusting that God hears even when our words are raw with pain. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to "increase our faith," and his reply points them not to quantity but to quality. He speaks of a living faith, no matter how small, that obeys and trusts God's Word.

Taken together, the readings remind us that God's mercy does not shield us from struggle, but strengthens us within it. When we feel powerless, discouraged, or unworthy, God calls us back to the gift we have already been given: the Spirit who renews our courage, restores our trust, and empowers us to serve.

This Sunday follows immediately after the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a saint who lived this truth with startling clarity. Francis did not rely on worldly strength or riches. He trusted God's mercy so deeply that he embraced poverty, simplicity, and service. His life was a living testimony to the Spirit of "power and love and self-discipline"

at work in human weakness. His love for all creation, and his joy in serving the poor and forgotten, bore witness to the abundance of God's gifts, which are always more than we ask or deserve.

As we reflect on these readings in the light of Francis' witness, we are invited to ask: where might God be calling us to rekindle the gift of faith within us? What does it mean for us, in our own time of anxieties and divisions, to live not by fear, but by trust in God's mercy? Jesus tells us that even the smallest seed of faith is enough to uproot despair and open new paths of hope.

May we, like Francis, learn to live by that faith: humble, joyful, and courageous, trusting that God is always more ready to hear than we to pray, and always more ready to give than we dare to imagine.

*Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector*

## READINGS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 + Psalm 137 + 2 Timothy 1:1-14 + Luke 17:5-10

# 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     October 5th, 2025     Seventeenth 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 next Sunday, October 12 (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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