



"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 26TH, 2025

CHARITY IS WITHOUT RESENTMENT

Hoping with Faith; Living in Charity

We are all familiar with the three cardinal virtues: faith, hope, and charity. St. Paul mentions them in 1 Corinthians 13, and points out that the greatest of these is charity.



Modern translations of the Bible often use the term love to refer to charity, and perhaps this is more appealing to modern ears, particularly because the original meaning of charity (which is the Latin equivalent of the Greek *agape*) has somewhat been lost in its association with charitable works and charity organizations, which tends to make us think of “charity” as some kind of giving a little—or even a lot—here and there to the dispossessed.

However, what charity actually means is unconditional love. It refers to the love that Christ displayed for all humans, and the one that He urged His followers to display. It is not so much linked to feelings, but to the practice of good deeds directed to all of our fellow human beings, and to the whole of creation.

How is our faith, and the hope in true and abundant life that it entails, linked to charity?

Our faith can be viewed as the instrument that enables us as followers of Christ's Way to make His life our own, and to embrace His mind and heart unconditionally. We know this is the goal, and we strive towards its full attainment, though we also know it is a gradual process that only through the empowering of the Holy Spirit in our lives can ultimately be completed.

The hope that our Christian faith brings us as followers of Jesus' Way is the true, abundant, and timeless life lived in God's full presence that He has promised us. The wondrous real quality of this life can only be dimly glimpsed in our present condition, and that is why faith is our main resource to embrace it.

But if we believe that the true abundant life which we aspire to have is our hope, we also need to understand, not only with our intellect, but mainly with our hearts, that such life has of necessity to be a life of sharing and self-giving love, a fully charitable life.

A selfish life centered in our false self—the one who believes in the illusion that the accumulation of wealth or the attainment of social prestige will give them true joy—is not compatible with the charity that Jesus proclaims as the only way to live our lives.

Charity is always humble and oriented to the others. Even when you know that others are not being charitable to you, the charitable person always humbly shows love even to those who are indifferent or even hurtful to them.

In St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, he tells his disciple that his physical life is coming to an end. He probably knows so because he has gone through trial and as he states, "at my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me." So with very little in his favor he expects to be condemned to death. Even so, St. Paul states, referring to those who deserted him. "May it not be counted against them!" This is a clear display of charity.

His charity is intricately linked with his faith and hope in the true life. In this same letter he states, "But the LORD stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The LORD will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sirach 35:12-17 + Psalm 84:1-6 + 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 + Luke 18:9-14

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 26th, 2025 Twentieth 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