



"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 – NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025

A SONG OF FAITH AND HOPE

In the Midst of Doubt, the Redeemer Lives

This Sunday's readings call us to a deep and steady faith in the face of uncertainty, loss, and the mystery of life beyond death. The Collect prays that God would "purify our conscience" so that we may "perfectly love" and "worthily magnify" God's holy Name. That purity of heart, that clarity of vision, comes not from avoiding struggle or mystery but from trusting God even when we cannot see clearly.



Our first reading, from Job 19:23–27a, brings us into one of the most profound affirmations of faith in all of Scripture. Job has lost everything: family, health, livelihood, and the comfort of friends. Yet in the midst of his lament, he cries out: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth." Job's world has fallen apart, but his faith holds fast to one truth: that God is living and faithful. His confidence is not based on his present circumstances, but on the conviction that God will ultimately make things right, even beyond the grave.

The cry "I know that my Redeemer lives" has echoed through centuries of faith, sung in cathedrals and whispered at gravesides. It is the voice of hope that refuses to be extinguished by suffering. In Job's words we hear both defiance and trust: defiance against despair, and trust in the God who redeems all things.

Psalms 98 joins that same theme of trust, but on the other side of redemption. Where Job's words rise from anguish, the psalmist sings in triumph: "Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things." God's victory is not just personal but cosmic. The Lord "has remembered his mercy and faithfulness" to all creation. The psalm invites us to look ahead, beyond our present struggles, to the fullness of God's saving work.

In the Epistle (2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17), Paul urges the church to stand firm amid confusion and fear about “the day of the Lord.” False rumors and anxieties were troubling the believers, but Paul reminds them that they are “beloved by the Lord,” chosen for salvation through sanctification and truth. His exhortation to stand firm and hold fast to the traditions they were taught echoes Job’s faithfulness. When the world feels uncertain, we return to what we know to be true: the living God who redeems, sanctifies, and strengthens us for every good work.

Finally, in Luke 20:27–38, Jesus is confronted by the Sadducees, who deny the resurrection and challenge him with a theoretical question about life after death. Jesus responds not with argument but revelation: God “is not God of the dead, but of the living; for to Him all of them are alive.” In that moment, Jesus affirms what Job foresaw in faith, that our Redeemer lives, and that God’s life is stronger than death itself. Resurrection is not an abstract idea for Jesus; it is the very character of God revealed in love.

Across all these readings, the thread is clear: faith in the living God transforms how we face both life and death. Job’s cry, the psalmist’s song, Paul’s encouragement, and Jesus’ revelation each draw us back to the same truth: we belong to the God of life, who redeems, restores, and renews all things.

The Collect this week asks that our consciences be purified so that we might “perfectly love” and “worthily magnify” God’s name. That purification does not mean perfection in understanding; it means being refined by trust, a trust that endures when answers fail. As we gather this Sunday, we are invited once again to join Job’s declaration with the psalmist’s song: “I know that my Redeemer lives,” and therefore, I will “sing to the Lord a new song.”

In that song, faith and hope become one voice: the voice of the living, redeemed people of God.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Job 19:23–27a + Psalm 98 + 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5,13–17 + Luke 20:27–38

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 November 9th, 2025 Twenty-Second 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