



*"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 30TH, 2025

### WHEN ONE MUST BE READY

#### The Time is Always Now

The Advent Season always starts with the message about the end times. And since it is a season pointing to Christmas, we may wonder why.

The fact is that this season of the Christian Year, the first one, lasting four weeks, has a threefold time perspective.

It looks to the past in the sense of reminding us of the time when God became incarnate in Jesus Christ our Lord.

It takes us to the present when it reminds us of the need to prepare to receive our Lord Christ in our own lives here and now.

And it looks to the future when, as in this week's readings, it makes reference to the consummation of time, when God becomes All in All, and we share in Christ's glorious resurrected life in all its fullness.

I have always thought that our lives as Christ's followers should be a perpetual Advent. After all, it should be lived out in such a way that we are constantly reminded of how God became flesh, emptying Himself of all heavenly glory, and not only lived as one of us, but even gave Himself up for us in a shameful and cruel death on a cross, that by His death He might overcome the powers of darkness and death that enslave us.



It should also be lived in such a way that we show forth in our lives that Christ Himself is our Lord and King, as this Sunday's Collect so aptly puts it, "...give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility..."

Notice it says, “now in the time of this mortal life...” The petition is for our Creator to grant us right now the grace to do away with the works of evil, with the worldly ways of selfishness and undue self-centered greed which keep us enslaved to sin and death, and deprive us from the true abundant and real life based on the authentic joy of sharing and self-giving that Jesus Himself showed us during His earthly life.

The Collect also points to the consummation of time, to the fullness of His reign, when He will be All in All, by stating, “that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal...”

However, the fact that this second part of the Collect starts with the word “that” clearly shows us that this will be a consequence of what we, through God’s grace, do in the here and now of our lives.

The sense of present, of the now in people’s lives, whether they lived centuries ago, live in the present, or will live in the distant future, is common to most of the readings for this Sunday.

In Psalm 122 we read, “Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem...To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.”

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul states, “You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake up from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers.”

And in St. Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus prompts His followers to be always ready, in the now of their lives, with these words, “But about the day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father... Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The time is now. Always now. Let us not procrastinate.

*Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector*

## READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-6 + Psalm 122 + Romans 13:11-14 + Matthew 24:36-44

# 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 30th, 2025    First Sunday of Advent**

**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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