



"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 – JANUARY 18TH, 2026

DISPELLING DARKNESS, AROUND OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Shining with the Radiance of Christ's Light

The season after the Epiphany is a constant reminder of Christ as the Light of the World for those who already follow Him, and those who will be brought to Him as new followers.



Light is what dispels the darkness. Even the smallest of lights can shine powerfully in total darkness, and make the greatest difference, making the invisible visible, allowing us to walk with safety where we used to stumble and fall.

This is the reason why light has been used a symbol for revelation, for real knowledge as opposed to ignorance or confused knowledge, for emancipation from the dark powers of sin that keep us enslaved to our own petit self-serving motives, for true and abundant life lived in God's all-embracing love.

Life and light are closely linked. Plant life on our planet cannot survive without the sunlight, which enables the photosynthetic process that energizes all plant life on the earth. If plant life disappears, the rest of the living creatures on this planet cannot survive. This happens at a really literal biological/chemical level.

True and abundant life, the one that God has given us, which goes beyond our mere biological existence, is based on our spiritual connection with the source of all creation. The revelation of this truth, which unfortunately may remain unknown to many, has come to humanity through different means.

It is somehow intuited by all because our true being is of God. It is also revealed through the observation of nature and its wonders, which leads many to think that such grandeur can only be the result of a loving Creator. It has been revealed to humankind through inspiration by the Holy Spirit, which has been put down in writing throughout the centuries. But it has been ultimately revealed to all in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord, He Himself being the Word made flesh.

In his prologue to his Gospel, St. John the Evangelist declares, “In Him (Jesus Christ) was life, and that life was the light of men...” Here again we see the identification of true light with the real spiritual life which has been meant for us all since the beginning of creation. And we can also see the identification of God’s incarnate Word with this true light.

Right after this, the Evangelist declares, “The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.”

This declaration reminds us that there is darkness in the world that needs to be dispelled, and this darkness can never overcome the true light. Christ’s victory over death and the powers of darkness, both of this world and the invisible ones, is the ultimate proof of the truth of this statement.

But what about us His followers? Jesus Himself said to His disciples, “You are the light of the World.” He knew His passage on this world would be temporary, but His followers throughout the centuries would keep His light shining.

This Sunday’s Collect asks the Creator, “Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory...”

In St. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 1, he writes, “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in Him, in speech and knowledge of every kind...”

Let Christ’s light also illumine us that we may shine forth His radiance, and dispel the darkness that surrounds us, so that others may also see the light.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 49:1-7 + Psalm 40:1-10 + 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 + John 1:29-42

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 **January 18th, 2026** **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.all saints church.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.all saints church.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.all saints church.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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