



*"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 – APRIL 12TH, 2026**

## WHAT HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO US

### The Reconciling Mission

If asked what our mission as Christ's true followers is, the straightforward answer will always be the same: our mission is not really ours, it is God's and Christ's mission: to be reconciled to God, to one another, and to the whole of creation, and to promote this reconciliation in others.

The Christian people are the people of the Resurrected Christ. There would be no Christian Church without resurrection. There may have been a worthwhile corpus of ethical teachings by Jesus, and perhaps a school of followers who would proclaim the truths He set forth both with His words and deeds, but not the Body of Christ on earth, as we know it today.



It was unquestionably the resurrection event which gave rise to the powerful movement that has transformed so many people for more than twenty centuries now. Jesus' first followers were totally transformed by His resurrection, and the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit in them which ensued, and this radical new movement spread like fire in a forest throughout the world in the next few decades.

This is what the Collect for this Sunday refers to when it speaks of "the Paschal mystery" that "established the new covenant of reconciliation." The fact that Jesus was raised by God to a totally new dimension of life—a life of complete and perfect communion with the Father and the whole of creation—is the ultimate proof that the powers of evil and death of this world have been defeated by God's unconditional love, which was perfectly manifested in His Son Jesus Christ.

But Jesus' resurrection is not an isolated event whose sole purpose is to show us that God's reconciling power of love is stronger than death. Jesus' reconciling mission is to be continued by His followers. They also need to receive the transforming power from above, the one which gives them what St. Peter in his First Letter calls "a new birth into a living hope."

This is what the Apostle John narrates in chapter 20 of his gospel, when he talks about the events in the evening of that Resurrection Sunday. Jesus not only appeared among the frightened and confused disciples, assuring them that He was indeed risen, and gave them His peace. He also breathed the Holy Spirit of true rebirth upon them, and sent them out in the reconciling mission that He had been preparing them for.

Jesus' words—spoken right after He tells His disciples to receive the Holy Spirit—“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained,” have brought about a lot of theological controversy throughout the centuries.

Some have used them as the proof that He bestowed upon His closest followers—the predecessors of today's ordained priests according to this interpretation—the power to pronounce the absolution of sins in God's name.

Others argue this may have a more universal meaning, making us all responsible for the reconciled or unreconciled state of humankind, depending on our willingness to forgive one another.

In either case, the link between our new resurrected life in Christ by the graceful infusion of the Holy Spirit in us, and our reconciling mission—a mission that Jesus Christ Himself has given us—is undeniable.

We Christians are the people of the resurrection. And we are the people entrusted by Christ Himself to carry out God's reconciling mission in the world.

*Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector*

READINGS FOR  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Act 2:14a, 22–32 + 1 Peter 1:3–9 + John 20:19 – 31  
+ Psalm 16

# 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**     **April 12th, 2026**     **The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**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