



*"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 – JUNE 7TH, 2026

# THE POWER OF OUR FAITH

### Righteousness of Faith

When we think of righteousness we usually equate it to the quality of thinking, speaking, and doing everything according to God's will, and we are right.

However, how can we be assured that this may be fulfilled in our own lives? We have the commandments, of course, and it would seem that striving to fulfill them would solve the issue, but what the people of Israel and all peoples have experienced throughout the centuries is that as much as we strive to be totally righteous by being strict followers of the Law, there is a flaw in our nature that hinders us from its total fulfillment.

This does not render the Law useless. In fact, Jesus Himself stated that He had not come to deny the Law, but to fulfill it to its fullness.

Throughout His earthly ministry, however, we notice how He at times clashes with the formalities of the Law that would interfere with its essential meaning. After all, the Law was given so that humankind could have the best possible relationship with the Creator, with one another, and with creation. Therefore, all the strict interpretations of the letter of the Law that would interfere with the Law of true justice, care for others, and unconditional love should be put aside.



What Jesus taught His followers was that all the commandments could be summarized in the overarching Law of true love for God and for humankind. Nevertheless, this does not make the fulfillment of God's Law easier for us. Actually it renders it harder to fulfill. The question is no longer about fulfilling this or that specific commandment, but about how consistently we show forth God's unconditional love for us in our own lives.

So we realize that our honest intention to align our will with God's loving will matters. God created us in His image and likeness, which implies He created us with free and responsible will. But we also realize that our efforts alone, no matter how hard we try, will not make this alignment a reality. This is where faith plays its crucial role.

Faith is that deep trust and conviction that God's promises for us are and will be fulfilled, not because of anything we may find reasonable according to worldly experience, but because we trust in His infinite power to make things possible, including the total transformation of our whole beings into an image that is more reconciled with God's original intention: the righteousness that reflects God's incarnate image in the world.

The readings for this Sunday all deal with the subject of true faith, and how this faith transforms lives for the better.

The prophet Hosea speaks of how the people, when they realize how their sins have separated them from God's healing grace, will be healed and restored again, not with an increase of sacrifices in the temple, but with the sacrifice of thanksgiving and steadfast love.

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, reminds the followers of Jesus' Way of how Abraham followed God's prompts, leaving everything behind him, and trusting in God's promises, even when his human evidence would contradict all these promises. Abraham's alignment with God's will did not come as a result of the strict following of rules, but from the deep conviction that God's promises would come true.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading we have a narrative that tells us about the faith of several people. The first one is a tax collector—a person that was despised as a server of the Roman Empire, and as one who profited by exploiting the people. When Jesus asks him to follow Him, he does not hesitate, and as Jesus sits at the table with him and other tax collectors and people who were considered sinners, they listen to Jesus' proclamation of the Good News of salvation, and their lives begin to be transformed.

Then a leader of the synagogue begs Jesus to resurrect his daughter, who has just died. Only someone with the greatest faith in Jesus would make such a petition, which contradicts all worldly logic.

While Jesus is walking to the leader's home, a woman who had been afflicted by hemorrhage for years has the deep conviction that if she only touches the fringe of Jesus' cloak she will be healed, and she does so. She is instantly healed of her disease.

And when Jesus arrives at the home of this girl, the mourning crowd laughs at Jesus' statement that the girl is not dead but asleep, but He raises her and everyone is a witness.

As a result, many people who witnessed this or heard of this sign were drawn to Jesus' Way, through faith in Him, even if what they had witnessed or heard was contrary to all human logic or experience.

This is how true faith works towards our alignment with God's loving will for us. May the Holy Spirit increase our faith so that we may begin to think, speak and act more rightly in our lives.

*Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector*

## READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hosea 5:15 – 6:6 + Romans 4:13–25 + Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26 +  
Psalm 50:7–15

# 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     June 7th, 2026   The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church**

Join Zoom Meeting from our website 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 to 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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