



"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 – AUGUST 2ND, 2026

HIS MISSION OF RECONCILIATION

Fulfilling God's Promises

When we think about the Church (not the building, but the actual Assembly of the Saints) nowadays, we may wonder if we as church members are fulfilling God's mission of reconciliation, which was the mission that we received from Jesus Christ Himself through His first followers.

This mission can only be seen as ours if we consider ourselves the channels of God's infinite grace, and not the initiators. The church did not have the initiative. It received this Great Commission from Christ.

What does this reconciling mission actually encompass? Is it even plausible to carry it out?

The reconciliation we speak of and endeavor to accomplish as Christ's followers of His Way implies that we as human beings be reconciled to our Creator, which means we attune ourselves to His loving will for us as members of the human family, and the rest of creation.

So this reconciliation is not just an act of forgiveness and a commitment to live in harmony—although we know from experience that forgiveness can be really hard in certain cases. It implies a profound transformation in the way we relate to God, to one another, and to creation in general.

This new way of relating can no longer be based on self-centered impulses and wishes. As much as the self-preservation instinct is useful in its own right, we cannot let our lives be governed by its extension to the rest of our relational life, and let egocentrism become the ruler of our lives.

When this happens we are prone to be exclusionary in our relationships. We are only interested in relating to those who can be of service to us. Even worse, we refuse to relate lovingly to those who differ from us, who think differently, who question our cherished ideologies or beliefs. We can even become indifferent to the suffering of those we consider outsiders or of no concern to us.



Even when we may claim to believe in God or be a part of His Church, our attitudes and actions speak much louder to identify how involved we really are in His reconciling mission. But this mission can only be carried out with the constant aid of the Holy Spirit, the Defender, the Counsellor, the Spirit of Truth.

This Sunday's Collect reminds us of this truth when it states, "Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness..."

In the words of the prophet Isaiah we read how the Lord God Himself has taken the initiative to make a covenant of salvation with His people: "I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David."

And St. Paul the Apostle, in his letter to the Romans laments the fact that the people of Israel, the people that God had made the depository of His reconciling covenant for all nations, have rejected His true Messiah. So much is his anguish and sorrow as an Israelite himself, that he says, "For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh."

In the feeding of the five thousand, according to St. Matthew, as in the other similar narratives that we find in all four Gospels, we have the key revelation of Jesus' true identity, as the divine shepherd and new Moses, who brings God's banquet, providing in overflowing abundance what humanity cannot provide for itself, while forming his disciples (including us here and now) to become the instruments through whom His reconciling gifts reach the world.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 55:1-5 + Romans 9:1-5 + Matthew 14:13-21
+ Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

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 August 2nd, 2026 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our website at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at 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 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

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