



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"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 22ND, 2025

"CLOTHED IN CHRIST, ONE WITH HIM"

One in Christ: A Word for the Second Sunday after Pentecost *Galatians 3:23–29*

In this week's Epistle reading from Galatians, Paul offers a radical and life-giving vision of identity and belonging in Christ. "For in Christ Jesus," he writes, "you are all children of God through faith." And then he goes on to proclaim one of the most boundary-breaking declarations in Scripture: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28)

Paul is writing to a community that—much like our own world—was struggling with division. The Galatian churches were wrestling with questions of who belonged, who was "in", and what cultural or religious criteria might grant someone access to the full blessings of life in Christ. Paul answers with unequivocal clarity: if you belong to Christ, you belong to each other. All the old divisions—ethnic, social, gender-based—fall away in the light of your primary identity as a child of God.



This message speaks directly to our world today, where identities and labels are often weaponized to separate rather than unite. Whether it is politics, race, gender, nationality, or class, our culture is saturated with divisions—sometimes subtle, sometimes stark. In some circles, we are encouraged to define ourselves over and against others. But Paul's letter cuts through all this noise with a gospel of radical inclusion.

To say that our main identity is found in Christ is not to erase the beautiful diversity of our lived experiences, but to reframe them. Your nationality, your occupation, your cultural background, your gender—these are real and important parts of who you are. But

they do not define your worth, your standing before God, or your belonging in the community of faith. What defines you is Christ.

This has profound implications for how we live together as the Church. In the body of Christ, there are no second-class members. No one is more valuable than another. The distinctions that so often divide us in the world are made irrelevant by the deeper truth of our unity in Jesus. Imagine what the Church would look like if we truly believed that—if we treated one another, across all lines of difference, as equally beloved children of God.

It also challenges us to reflect on how we view others—not just within the Church, but outside it as well. If we really believe that every person is someone for whom Christ died, then we are called to resist the urge to reduce people to categories, stereotypes, or enemies. We are invited to see, even in those with whom we strongly disagree, the possibility of brotherhood, shared humanity.

In the liturgical season after Pentecost, we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit and the birth of a Church that reaches across boundaries. Galatians 3 is a fitting reminder that the Spirit's work continues: forming us into a people where differences are not threats, but gifts; where love is not conditional, but constant; where unity is not sameness, but a shared life in Christ.

May we, as a parish family, strive to embody this gospel truth—not just in word, but in how we welcome, serve, and love one another. May we always remember who we are: God's children, clothed with Christ, and one in Him.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 65:1-9 + Psalm 22:18-27 + Galatians 3:23-29 + Luke 8:26-29

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 22nd, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org
Recording of Mass available before noon at 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 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