



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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 — November 24, 2024

We Make Up His Kingdom



The end of the Christian Year approaches with the celebration of Christ the King this coming Sunday. Those who put the Christian calendar together realized that there is no better way of ending the Ecclesial Year than by proclaiming Jesus Christ our Savior as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Book of Revelation closes the collection of Holy Scripture that we know as the Holy Bible, and in it this proclamation of Jesus as the supreme king is at the very beginning of the book. In chapter 1, the writer states, "...from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."

We follow Christ because we are convinced that there is no other to follow who would do for us what Jesus does. His Way of Love means exactly what the words stand for. By becoming flesh God's beloved Son emptied Himself of all the heavenly glory that He shared with His Father since before the beginning of creation, and lived as one of us, and even died a shameful and horrible death on a cross that we might have abundant and true life.

Is there a love that surpasses Christ's love? His love is so great and unconditional that not even the powers of darkness and death were able to retain Him. He is the supreme

Lord and King of all human and otherworldly powers. But His kingdom is not shown in violence or oppression of any kind, even if it would be violent suppression of the unjust rulers of the world. Christ's Kingdom is, in His own words, "not of this world."

It seems paradoxical to many that the most powerful of all kings cannot simply suppress all evil in the world through His intervention. This has led some to unbelief in His promise to restore all creation to God's governance of justice, peace, and harmony for all. But Christ's will and the Father's will are one. And God created us free from the beginning—even free to make the wrong choices. It is only through our willing turning to God's Way of Love that the world will be transformed into what God has always meant it to be.

If we declare that Christ is our supreme ruler, then we need to be aware that we are the ones who make up His Kingdom. A kingdom is not made up of a king only. There is a kingdom only when there are people who are under the king's rule.

Unlike earthly kingdoms or other types of earthly government, though, where most of the time those who govern care little or nothing for those who are governed, and where an elite class usually takes advantage of most of the people, the King we serve is one who is willing to give His own life for us, and wants us to share in His glory at all times.

The task that He gives us, then, has nothing to do with satisfying a ruler's whimsical demands, but it is the task of putting into practice His Way of Love, in words and deeds, so that others may also become part of His blessed Kingdom of reconciled and true life with His Father and our Father.

As the writer of Revelation puts it, when he refers to Jesus Christ our Lord, "To Him who loves us and freed us from our sins by His blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King
Daniel 7:9-14 Revelation 1:1-8 Psalm 93 John 18:33-37

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The Sunday service time is 10:00am, Tuesday Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel.

**SUNDAY November 24, 2024 The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King
10:00am Mass in All Saints’ Church**

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at w.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

Adult Christian Formation will meet this Sunday, November 24
at noon in the Library

.....**Greater San Diego Music Coterie Concert** with Emily Ortlieb, Soprano
and Andrew Garrett, bass at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall

TUESDAY November 25, 2024 Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel.

THURSDAY November 26 1:00pm in the Rector’s Office -- Devotional Service
followed by a Bible Study session based on the readings for the Sunday
of that week.

**SUNDAY December 1, 2024 The First Sunday of Advent
10:00am Mass in All Saints’ Church**

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Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am.

Adult Christian Formation will meet next on Sunday, December 8
at noon in the Library.

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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