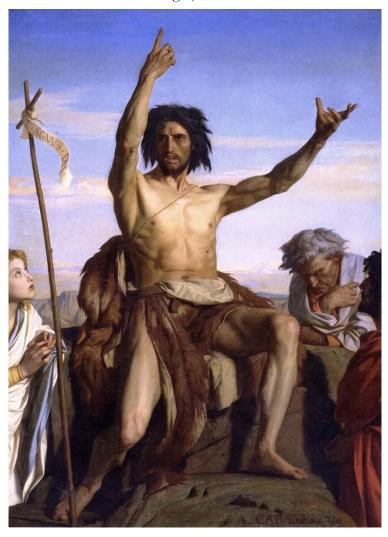
ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

San Diego, California



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

December 7, 2025 10:00 AM | **Mass** Welcome to All Saints' Mass in our church or by live-stream, especially if you are a newcomer or visitor! Please help us to get to know you by introducing yourself to our rector, Fr. Carlos, if you are here in person.

We hope that you will find in this bulletin everything you need to make your link to our community a joyful one. In it you will find the text for all of the Mass prayers and readings.

The symbol + indicates when to make the sign of the Cross. It is also customary to make a discreet bow at the name of Jesus.

ON THE COVER

John the Baptist (1849) Alexandre Cabanel (1823-1889)

"Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire'".

ALL SAINTS' MISSION STATEMENT

"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."

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 gifts
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

MASS SETTING: Missa Penitentialis

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake! J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN — Please stand



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.

Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889);

desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant:

Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The candle is lit.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Colossians 3:15

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace.

All: Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. +

All: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE — Please kneel

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name.

Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, + pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

KYRIE (Missa Penitentialis)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The LORD be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Advent 2

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FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10 — Please be seated

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 72:1-8 — Sung by the choir

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea, * and from the River to the ends of the earth.

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

> "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Please stand

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All sing: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All sing: Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

The LORD be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

All: Glory be to thee, O LORD.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the LORD.

All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON — Please be seated.

The Rev. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

NICENE CREED (Hymnal #759) — Please stand

I believe in one God,

All sing: the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven.

(Kneel for next 3 lines)

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the LORD, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Please kneel

Celebrant: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the

world.

Today's service is offered to the greater glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We also commend to the LORD all those who are displaced or suffering from storms, fire, hunger, or conflict across the world.

Litanist: LORD in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for thy Holy Catholic Church throughout the world. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem; the Anglican Communion, Stephen Cottrell, interim Archbishop of Canterbury; and today for the Church of Bangladesh; for Sean, Presiding Bishop, Susan, the fifth Bishop of San Diego, and Carlos our rector, and his family. For the clergy and people of the Good Shepherd, Bonita. For our sister parish, St. Thomas the Apostle, Hollywood, and Canon Ian Davies, Rector.

Litanist: LORD in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Eastern Europe, the Middle-East, and the nations of Central Africa. We pray for Donald, our President, Gavin our Governor, and all those in authority.

Litanist: LORD in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad and for the family and friends who await their safe return. In this parish we pray for: Kyle, Caelan, Noah, Tua, Jordan, Cade, and Cole. We also pray for the officers, crew, and families of the Balboa Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

Litanist: LORD in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the city of San Diego, and all who live and work in this neighborhood of Hillcrest, especially our new, incoming neighbors and the new Montessori School in our education building; for all those who are unemployed or homeless; for our own families, and for our Parish family, that we may grow in faith and love. We pray for the director, staff, and families of WIC.

Litanist: LORD in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

LORD, send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, for all prisoners and captives; and your blessing upon all those who have asked for our prayers, privately, especially those suffering from addictions, their friends and families; and for those whose names are attached to the prayer chain on the chancel entrance wall.

We especially pray today for: Elaine, Maureen, Louise, Carson, George, Pamela, Sydnee, Briana, Christian, Ruby, Verna, Antonio, Robert, Tina, Tanya, Tony, Twyla, Monique, Ellen, Susan, Tiante, Betty, Joe, Amadeus, Matthew, Deborah, Jennie, Mrs. Tsui, Jack, Delaney, Michelle, Hunter, Fr. Gaylord, Norma J., Pat, Lois, Jo-Darlene, Norma L., Nidia and family, Kaeliana, Kathryn, Ellie, Wayne, Garrett, and Prince.

Litanist: LORD in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, for those who have died recently, especially Dori Tremper, Lauren Craven, and Aida Hernandez.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Betty Lockridge, Edith Thrumston, and Arthur Farnham.

Litanist: Rest eternal grant to them O LORD +

People: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Father, we give thanks for the example and prayers of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary and all Thy saints, and now join them in offering our own prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings.

At this time, additional petitions and thanksgivings may be said quietly or silently.

Celebrant: LORD in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

PEACE — Please stand

Celebrant: The Peace of the LORD be always with you.

All: And with thy Spirit.

Please stand and exchange a sign of the peace of Jesus Christ with your immediate neighbors by greeting one another and saying: "Peace be with you."

OFFERTORY SENTENCE — Please stand

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:1-2*

A collection will be taken during the Offertory. Anyone who would like to make their contribution digitally (e.g. via credit card) may do so by scanning the QR code on the back cover.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — Please be seated

All Saints' Choir

And There Shall Come Forth a Rod

Joseph Roff

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots, and the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord,

Amen.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER — Please stand

LORD, accept the gifts thy Church offers thee with joy, since in fulfillment of thy will thy Son offered himself as a lamb without blemish for the life of the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Music: Bereden väg för Herran, melody from Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697; harm. Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan, 1939, alt.

LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST — Please stand

Pray Brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: May the LORD receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit and that of all His Holy Church.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The LORD be with you.

All: And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Let us give thanks unto our LORD God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O LORD, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS (Missa Penitentialis)



PRAYER OF CONSECRATION — Please kneel

All glory be to thee, O LORD our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O LORD, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; + and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our LORD;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal #722)

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All sing: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

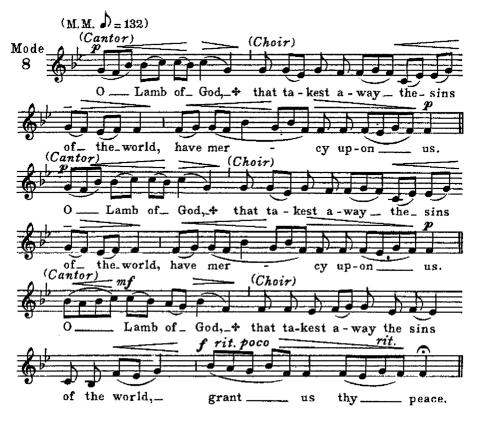
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

AGNUS DEI (Missa Penitentialis)



PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful LORD, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs
under thy Table.
But thou art the same LORD whose property
is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious LORD,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ.

And to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. *Amen.*

THE INVITATION

Behold the Lamb of God, + behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

All: LORD I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are unable to receive communion, or do not yet receive, are invited to come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest rather than holding out your hands.

COMMUNION HYMN — Please kneel



Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I believe that Thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray Thee to come into my heart.

I unite myself with Thee and embrace Thee with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.

Let nothing separate me from Thee; let me serve Thee in this life until, by Thy grace, I come to Thy glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - Please kneel

Almighty and everliving God,

All: We most heartily thank Thee
for that Thou dost feed us,
in these Holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious
Body and Blood of Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
And dost assure us thereby of Thy favor
and goodness towards us;

And that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; And are also heirs, through hope, of Thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that Holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

NOTICES — Please be seated

Birthday Prayer

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth, May seasons of joy be given. May God in his mercy prepare you on earth For a beautiful birthday in Heaven. *Amen.*

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE ANGELUS — Please stand

The Angel of the LORD brought the tidings to Mary:

All: And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the LORD is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

Behold the handmaid of the LORD:

All: Be it unto me according to thy word.

The Hail Mary is repeated.

And the Word was made flesh.

All: And dwelt among us.

The Hail Mary is repeated.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee O LORD, pour thy grace into our hearts: That as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His cross and passion + we may be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN — Please stand



Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. Music: St. Joan, Percy E. B. Coller (1895-?)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sleepers, Wake!

Robert Lau



ALL SAINTS' MASSES & GATHERINGS

• Every Sunday: 10:00 AM – Mass

On Sundays we continue worshipping <u>in our historic church</u>. The Sunday service will be on Zoom.

The following worship services will be held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

- Every Tuesday: 12:00 PM, Noon Mass
- Every Thursday: 1:00 PM Devotional Service

There is a short devotional service in the Rector's office. During this Advent Season, it will be followed by the study of the *Walking with Mary* Advent Series. Join us either in person or via Zoom; find the link to join these sessions in our weekly digital newsletter or enter the link below into your web browser:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87935063092?
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SPECIAL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

 Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children Ages 5-12

Sundays from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM in the Parish Hall, taught by Lucretia Locke. For registration, call (619) 298-7729 or email us at info@allsaintschurch.org.

• Christian Formation — Book Study

Happening next Sunday, **December 14th**. See the next two pages (p. 28, 29) for further details on our book for this season, "Culture Shift: Leading a Growing Church in Uncertain Times" by Gary Nicolosi.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

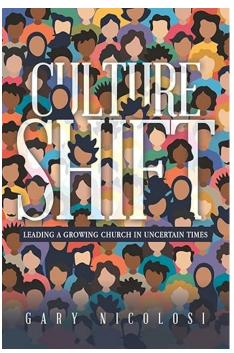
Culture Shift: Leading a Growing Church in Uncertain Times By Gary Nicolosi

Dear All Saints' parishioners,

As part of our needed continuous Chirstian formation as Jesus' disciples, during this time of Pentecost and beyond, I am inviting you to join us in the study of the book to the right.

We will conduct the study on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, continuing on next Sunday, December 14th, in the library at noon!

For those of you who do not attend in person regularly, but would like to join us in the study sessions, there is an opportunity to join us via Zoom; find the link to join on the first page of the Parish Notices (p. 27).



ABOUT "CULTURE SHIFT"

"These are difficult times for churches. Less than half the population in the United States and Canada are now members of any church, and the percentage of people who call themselves Christian or even believe in God is rapidly declining. And yet, churches still have the potential to grow into vibrant, life-giving communities that engage the culture, attract new members, do good works and share the good news of God's amazing love in Jesus.

"Culture Shift" surveys the history of a changing culture to explain the conditions which the Church confronts and the challenges it must address. It details three major culture shifts that are impacting the church and then offers a framework for an effective missional response.

The heart of the book consists of seven workshops that will be especially helpful to vestries, parish councils, evangelism and church growth committees, or even in a parish forum. Any of the workshops may be used without copyright permission.

These workshops include:

- Ministry in an Emerging World
- Building a Missionally-Effective Church
- Change and Paradigms
- Marketing the Church
- Worship Planning
- Building a Better Stewardship Campaign
- Diagnostic Tools for Strategic Ministry Planning

With his extensive experience in ministering to urban, suburban and rural churches, large and small, Gary Nicolosi is convinced any church can grow if the leadership and members desire to grow and are willing to pay the price."

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

Advent is already here! We are entering the time when we think about Jesus coming into the world to save the world. It is easier to envision when we are reasonably comfortable in our homes. However, imagine not having the assurance of shelter, food, safety. Please pray for those folks, and remember them in your contributions to our projects.

We are sharing your generosity with financial gifts of \$600 to Trinity Theatre and \$600 to Monarch School Project.

We are also sharing your generosity with a financial gift of \$300 for the Scripps Mercy ER clothing drive.

Regarding the clothing box in the back of the church—please ONLY new sweats in sizes L and XL.

Your faithful generosity is always appreciated . . . Thank you!!

Your Social Action Committee

EUCHARISTIC VISITOR MINISTRY

We are in need of more Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs)! Under Father Carlos, the ministry of LEV has been revived at All Saints' Church. They go out after Sunday Mass and Tuesday Mass, doing no more than two visits a day. There are currently only three LEVs but many more parishioners in need of their ministry. We would like to serve more of our shut-ins in a timely manner. Help would be greatly appreciated!

Eucharistic Visitors are members of the congregation who are licensed by the Bishop to take the Blessed Sacrament "in a timely manner" to those who are unable to attend a regularly scheduled celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the church or chapel.

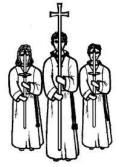
If you would like to add a name to the list of those to be visited, please contact Fr. Carlos or Ed Heck:

(rector@allsaintschurch.org)

(edheck46@gmail.com).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

Sundays from 10:00 to 10:45 AM



Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall taught by Lucretia Locke.

For registration, call (619) 298-7729, or email us at info@allsaintschurch.org.

Formación Cristiana y clases de Primera Comunión para niños y niñas

(de 5 a 12 años) Domingos de 10 a 10:45 AM, en el salón parroquial.

A cargo de Lucrecia Locke. Para la matrícula llame al (619) 298-7729

o envíenos un correo electrónico a esta dirección:

info@allsaintschurch.org.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND POINSETTIAS

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

All Saints' parishioners are invited to assist with the cost of Christmas altar flowers and greens, as well as the dedication of a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. All of these flowers and greens will be used to decorate the church and the courtyard for Christmas.

Requests for the poinsettias must be completed and submitted to the church office by Friday, December 19th to ensure that all names will be in the Christmas bulletins. We are always happy to accept donations for altar flowers and greens!

The cost for each named memorial Christmas Poinsettia will be a donation of \$28. Your payment should accompany the Flower Request form located at the front and rear of the church or by calling the Church office. Payments may be made by cash or check. Please let us know if your donation is for altar flowers or poinsettias on your check.

DECORATING AT ALL SAINTS!

On Saturday, December 20th, we will be decorating the church and courtyard for the Christmas season, and we could use your help! Be there at 9:00 AM; bring gloves and clippers, and we'll provide coffee and water.

There are lots of jobs to do: Watering poinsettias, putting bows on sconces, cutting and placing greens, designing altar flowers, and lots of other small tasks!

All are welcome, and no experience needed!

If you have any questions, feel free to call or text Sue Johnston at (619) 840-0629.

Many thanks!

WALKING WITH MARY ADVENT SERIES

As we approach the season of Advent, a season when we are called to quiet our hearts, to look for light in the shadows, and to prepare room for the coming of Christ, we do so in the midst of the increasing noise of Christmas preparations and the chaos of the world. It can feel impossible to sit in the anticipation while the demands of the world chant with increasing fervor, "Let me in!" In this time of anticipation, few figures embody waiting, hope, and courage more profoundly than Mary.

Chosen to bear the Son of God, Mary stands at the intersection of heaven's promise and earth's need.

Her story is not only one of miraculous birth but of radical trust. Through her words, her silence, her courage, and her song, we see what it means to believe that God is doing something new, even when we cannot yet see it.

This three-week study offers the opportunity to pause and breathe; to walk with Mary as she prepares to bear God. With each step of her journey from angel's greeting to the stable's stillness, from wonder to worship, she reveals God's revolutionary love. We hope you will come and walk with Mary. And as we reflect on her response, may we find ourselves renewed in faith, ready to receive Christ who comes to us born in a manger, born to change the world.

If you're interested and wish to read online, copy this link into your browser:

https://edsd.org/AdventStudy

SAFE CHURCH, SAFE COMMUNITY

Our diocese offers the following information for everyone regarding any sort of misconduct within the church community:

REPORTING MISCONDUCT

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego considers the reporting and investigation of misconduct to be of critical importance. Reporting enables the diocese to protect the complainant, the respondent, and the larger community. It also allows the diocese to assist with the spiritual, psychological, and emotional needs of all concerned during and after the report of misconduct.

To learn more, please visit edsd.org/safe-church-safe-communities/reporting-misconduct/

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During the Offertory, you may make your contribution digitally (e.g. via credit

card) by scanning the following QR code:



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