ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

San Diego, California



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF **ADVENT**

December 14, 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

St. John the Baptist in Prison, Visited by Salomé (Mid-17th cent.) Guercino (Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, 1591–1666); speculated

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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

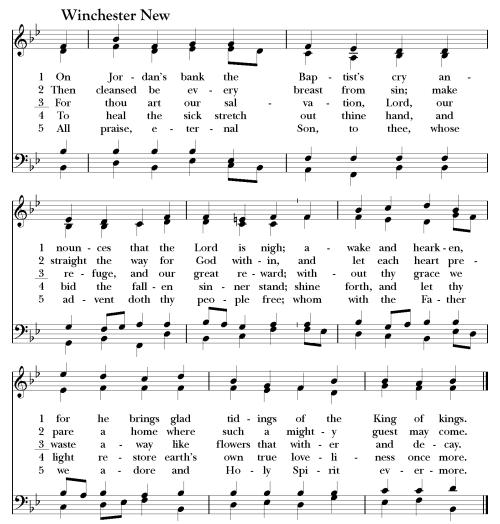
CELEBRANT: The Rev. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

MASS SETTING: Missa Penitentialis

ORGAN PRELUDE

Variations on Veni Emmanuel David Lasky

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - Please stand



Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant:

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

The candles are lit.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Isaiah 55:12

Let us pray:

Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world.

Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete.

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.

Stir up thy power, O LORD, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

All: Amen.

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FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10 — Please be seated

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 146:4-9 — Sung by the choir

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;
- Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

A Reading from Paul's Letter to James

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — Please stand

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All sing: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

All sing: Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

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.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; for Sean, Presiding Bishop, Susan, the fifth Bishop of San Diego, and Carlos our rector, and his family. For the clergy and people of St. Michael's by-the-Sea, Carlsbad. 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 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Camp Pendleton

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 Colmena Academy.

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., Kaeliana, Kathryn, 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 Tom Callard (Priest).

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: D. Blair Lawson, Rebecca Stewart, Julie DeForest, Stan Avery, and Garry Green (Priest).

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

Creator of the Stars of Night

Dale Wood

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light.

O Christ, thou Saviour of all, we pray thee, hear us when we call.

To thee the travail was known that made the whole creation groan.

Till thou, Redeemer, shouldest free thine own in glorious liberty.

And when the world drew on toward night, thou camest, not in splendor bright.

As monarch, but the humble child, of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At thy great name of Jesus, now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:

And things celestial thee shall own, of things terrestrial, Lord alone.

Come in they holy might, we pray; Redeem us for eternal day.

From every power of darkness, when thou judgest all the sons of men.

To God the Father, Got the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

Laud, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

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: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: Bristol, from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621

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.

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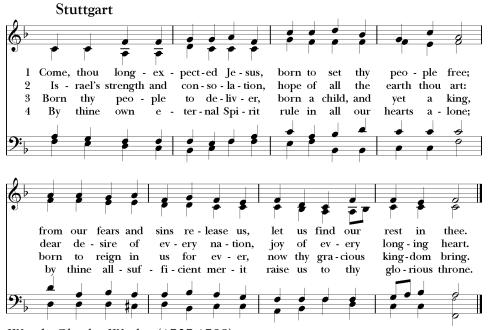
THE INVITATION

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: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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 you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. 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.

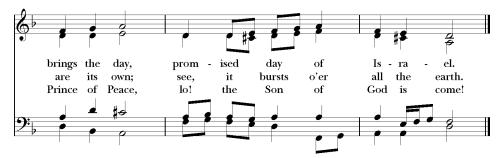
DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - Please stand





Words: John Bowring (1792-1872)

Music: Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Hark! The Glad Sound Paul Manz

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.
- Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Musical Offering-Christmas Music: Organ, Choir, and Carols at 8:30 PM; Sung Mass at 9:00 PM.

• Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day: 10:00 AM – Mass

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? pwd=SWRHaGxOUXU2VXZqTzhGNnhSYStLUT09

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 on the Sunday of December 14th—today!. See the next two pages (p. 29, 30) 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

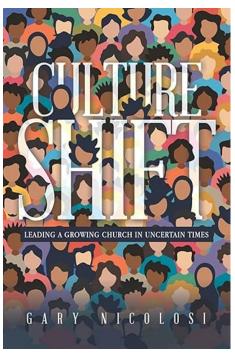
Culture Shift: Leading a Growing Church in Uncertain Times By Gary Nicolosi

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 <u>today</u>, the Sunday of 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. 28).



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.

IN MEMORIAM: THE REV. TOM CALLARD

FROM BISHOP SUSAN BROWN SNOOK

Dear Friends in Christ, It is with great sorrow that I write to let you know that Fr. Tom Callard, the rector of Trinity Escondido, died this morning of pancreatic cancer. He died peacefully with his family at his side. I was able to visit and anoint him yesterday afternoon, and pray with his family.

Fr. Tom was a deeply beloved and faithful priest, husband, father, and friend to many. He brought his gifts of joy and hope to Trinity and served our diocese as president of the Mexican board of Comunidad de Luz, our migrant shelter in Tijuana. Before he came to Escondido, he was dean of the cathedral in Western Massachusetts, and also served as a missionary with the Episcopal Church in Honduras. He was a remarkable priest who was truly a beacon of God's light in this world.

I ask your prayers for Tom's wife and grown children, as well as his mother and sister. All of them were able to see Tom and speak with him in the hospital. He assured us all of his faith in Christ and his assurance of the hope of the resurrection. I ask your prayers also for the congregation at Trinity, who will mourn his passing. Service arrangements will be announced once they are made.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.

FROM CANON GWYNN LYNCH,

CANON TO THE ORDINARY OF OUR DIOCESE

"Dear friends,

As part of our strategic planning process, we are conducting a Landscape survey through Holy Cow Consulting. This survey is open to all of our members throughout the diocese and is an important part of the work we'll be doing over the next several months. A similar survey was conducted during Bishop Susan's calling process, and it helped shape the amazing work that has been done here during her episcopate.

All parishioners are highly encouraged to respond. We want to hear from you!"

The link to respond can be found in the All Saints' Weekly Newsletter.

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.

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!

OUR STEWARDSHIP



The Stewardship Committee thanks parishioners for their generosity during the Fall Pledge Drive. On Ingathering Sunday, Father Carlos presented and blessed 24 pledge cards, with \$99,179 pledged for general operations, \$3,070 for the choir soloist program, and \$2,900 for Altar flowers.

Pledge cards for 2026 will remain available on the tables at the church entrances, because it's never too late to pledge.

AN UPDATE ON TOYS FOR TOTS

Thank you all for supporting the USMC Reserves annual toy drive. The need was great, as the number of "Tots" was substantial! All Saints' came through and demonstrated Christian charity to those deserving children (1 Cor. 13:13). This has been our third year of embracing what seems to now be a good parish tradition. We have grown each year—thank you all for your kindness!

- Jimmy Hansen



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Special Christmas and other yearend offerings have long been part of the year-round stewardship program at All Saints' Church. During Father Paul Satrang's years as Rector, we often heard the suggestion that the amount of our Christmas gift to the parish should more or less equal the amount we would spend on a gift for a family member. Christmas offerings include checks designated as "Christmas" gifts, cash and checks placed in "Christmas offering" envelopes, and loose offerings at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Dav Masses.



All Saints' also welcomes other yearend gifts that not only strengthen parish finances but may also provide a tax break for the giver. For those who have previously created a donordirected trust, it is a simple process to request that money from the trust be distributed to All Saints' Episcopal Church.

We also welcome gifts of appreciated securities but note that anyone considering such a gift should contact Business Administrator Theresa Krist as soon as possible, as it often takes a week or more to finalize arrangements for such donations.

POST-SERVICE BOOK SHOW

Following today's Mass service, a book-show will be held by Kathryn Bunch!

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

HURRICANE RELIEF FOR JAMAICA



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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Organist & Choirmaster Robert MacLeod

Soprano: Emily Ortlieb Tenor: Dennis Williams Baritone: John White

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

card) by scanning the following QR code:



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