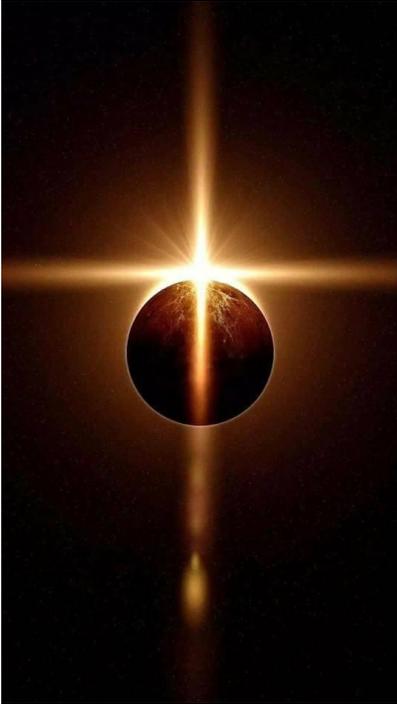




ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

THIS SUNDAY September 3 & BEYOND

“Let love be genuine; hate with is evil, hold fast to what is good...” (Romans 12:9).



In Paul's letter to the Romans (circa 56 A.D.), he writes beautifully of the kind of Christians we should be. It is important to understand that Paul is writing about the way we reveal ourselves to others: inside and outside of the church. In this passage there is both guidance and hope. Paul invites us to model the love and life of Christ, following our Lord's example of sacrificial love.

Imagine living in genuine love with one another! In Christ, we are called to a new relationship of love, joy, and hope. Paul envisions a church which displays love and compassion to all people in need. This week, it is important to remember in our prayers and actions the many needs of the victims of Hurricane Harvey. This terrible disaster is one of the worst seen in our country, it is devastation of record proportion. Thousands of families have been displaced, and their homes and communities destroyed. Roads have been turned into rivers, as many thousands have sought to receive basic needs of shelter and food. It is hard to imagine that everything you have worked for has suddenly been swept away.

“Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers,” (Romans 12:13).

This is a crisis that will not go away in a few days or even several weeks. The recovery from Hurricane Harvey is estimated to cost many billions of dollars and will take years of rebuilding for full recovery. This is an excellent time to make a donation to Red Cross or our own Episcopal Relief & Development organization (<http://www.episcopalrelief.org>).

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer,” (12:12).

I'm saddened to know that Father McQueen is leaving All Saints', as he and his family move to Austin, Texas. We will miss him very much, but I join you in wishing him well in his new life and ministry.

While we are entering a period of transition, we live in faith and rejoice in hope. The future is in God's hands, and All Saints' is in a position not only to survive, but to thrive. I have faith in God and in the people of All Saints' who make this parish such a special place.

That's why I chose the picture of the eclipse for today's meditation. An eclipse suggests darkness, as the moon passes before the sun. But, the sun still shines in overwhelming brightness, even in the darkness. The photo captures a moment of grace when a beautiful cross of light shines beyond the eclipse. There is joy and hope, because the light of Christ shines in our hearts.

Father Steven L. Schuneman

CALENDAR

SUNDAY: 8:00a Low Mass (Church)
 10:30a Solemn Mass (Church)
 —*The entrance to the church is on 6th Avenue*—

Note: Child care is provided at the 8:00a, 10:30a Mass, Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

MONDAY 7:00p (AA) Doctors' Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary's Chapel)

FRIDAY: 9:00a Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel (Temporarily Cancelled)
 9:30a Mass - St. Mary's Chapel (Temporarily Cancelled)

AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)

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