



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 — December 5 Beyond

Making Way for Salvation



Advent is the season of waiting in hopeful expectation for the coming of our salvation.

It is the season that reminds us of how God's chosen people were called to prepare the way for Salvation,

which broke through historical time more than twenty centuries ago.

It also calls to make way for our own salvation in the here and now, and assures us of the coming of a time when God's Reign of Love will be all in all, and for the rejoicing of all.

St. Luke the Evangelist, as he clearly states in the introductory lines of his Gospel, had the intention to recount the wonders of Jesus' life and ministry in an orderly manner, so he makes it a point to refer to the historical background surrounding the events he narrated. In this way he also makes it clear that the marks preceding the major salvific event he is depicting show us how eternity and time intertwine, how heaven and earth come together in God's salvific plan.

The voice of John the Baptist, who refers to Isaiah's prophecies, calls his contemporaries to repentance, i.e., to a transformation of mind that brings about a totally changed life that better reflects God's will.

One of the features that should call our attention in St. Luke's message about this preparatory time is that it is not a time of inactive waiting at all.

The passage is full of action verbs: prepare, make, fill, make low, make straight, make smooth.

So the preparation time is not idle time. It is not a "wait and see" time. It is a time in which we are all called to act, to make way, and this making way entails to work hard for the transformation of the path that our Salvation--incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ--is to tread, in order to make it smooth for Him to tread on it.

This preparation is not supposed to mean that unless we prepare the way Salvation will not happen. It will happen with our cooperation and also in spite of our opposition. However, if we are to be part of it, we need to engage actively in it.

Luke's Gospel, with its detailed references to history, also reminds us that it is in our own time, in our present circumstances, that we are called to make the way smooth for Jesus to break through our personal lives, and through the lives of our communities, so that we may all be transformed by His radical love and bear witness of His love to the whole world.

Then, as St. Luke says, quoting Isaiah, "all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 Psalm 126 Philippians 1:1-11 Luke 3:1-6

CALENDAR

Note: We are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY The Second Sunday of Advent

10:00am 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

1:00pm Mass in Spanish St. Mary Chapel

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

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

3:00pm Music Coterie Concert – Christmas Spirit in the Parish Hall

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

WEDNESDAY Spanish Classes from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Rector's Office taught by Fr. Carlos Expósito

FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary's Chapel

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Christian Formation gathering at 11:30am in the Rector's study

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