



# ALL SAINTS'

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## 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 — March 27 & Beyond

### "Lost and Found"



In his second letter to the Corinthians, in chapter 5, the Apostle Paul deals with the topic of our reconciliation with God as Christ's main mission.

To be reconciled with God means to be brought back to friendship or harmony with Him, and in this particular case Paul is referring to God's redeeming work through Jesus Christ, which makes us a new creation or re-creation—new creatures that can now live in a harmonized state with the Creator.

Although Paul uses the term *new creation* he does not mean that in Christ we have become alien creatures from another world, totally disconnected from God's primordial creation. If he had meant that, he would probably not have used the term *reconcile* to refer to this new kind of relationship between the Creator and His human creatures.

What Paul is pointing out here is that thanks to God's unconditional love and grace, which in the fullness of time has been manifested to us in Christ as His incarnate Word, all the trespasses that get in the way of our communion with God and with one another

can be done away with through our repentance and His forgiveness, which puts us back on the right track to the House of God's love.

In other words, Paul assures us that through the power of God's love and grace, we are restored to our true selves in God—the living image of our Creator on earth.

At the same time, in this letter Paul makes emphasis on our reconciling mission as Christ's followers. Just as we are reconciled to God and made a new creation in Christ, we have been given the mission to be ambassadors of Christ's reconciling mission for this world.

Our mission, then, is to bear the Good News of God's unconditional love and grace towards all, and to show forth both in our words and our lives, that just as we can go astray and depart from God's House by following our own selfish whims, and waste away the wonderful gifts that our Creator has endowed us with, He is always willing to take us back as His sons and daughters, as long as we truly repent, and restore us to the harmonious communion with Him and with one another we have always meant to share.

As the Parable of the Prodigal Son depicts, our Creator's joy is the greatest when one of His lost sons or daughters is found again, and reconciled to Him. But God's joy and love is so all-encompassing that He wants to share it with the rest of His creatures.

God's loving care is for all, and none of His creatures is left out of it. But even when we can recognize that someone has been a great trespasser and wasted their God-given gifts away, if they turn back and return to the Father's House, we should also share in His rejoicing, instead of feeling angry or resentful for the return of the lost sheep to their fold.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Four Sunday in Lent

Joshua 4:19-24, 5:9-12 Psalm 34:1-8 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:11-32

## 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 during Lent Friday 11:30am in St. Mary Chapel The Great Litany followed by the Stations of the Cross

SUNDAY The Fourth Sunday in Lent

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at [www.allsaintschurch.org](http://www.allsaintschurch.org)

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**Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children**

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

**Christian Formation** at 11:30am *Studying Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newel – Rector's Study

**1:00pm Mass in Spanish St. Mary Chapel will be held on the first, second, fourth (and fifth) Sundays. Everyone is welcome.**

TUESDAY: Noon Mass in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel followed by a fellowship snack in the Flower Room.

THURSDAY Spanish Class 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Flower Room. Taught by Fr. Carlos.

FRIDAY The Great Litany, at 11:30 am followed by the Via Crucis (the Stations of the Cross) at Noon in St. Mary Chapel

SUNDAY The Fifth Sunday in Lent

**10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church**

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### **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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