



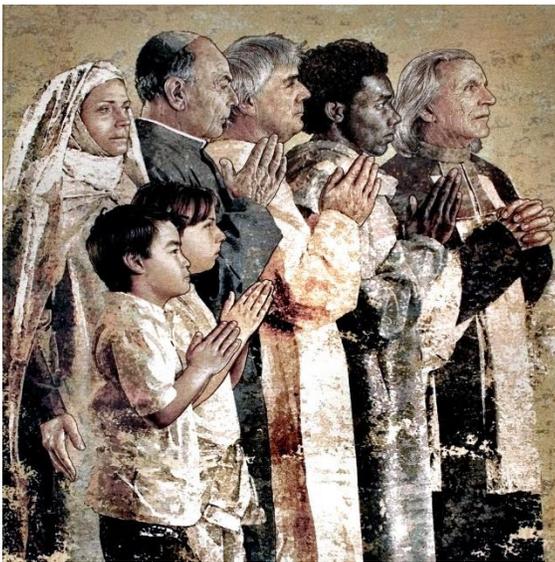
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"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 — July 17 & Beyond

"The Mystery Revealed to God's Saints"



In his letter to the Colossians, the Apostle Paul reminds the new converts to Jesus' Way of Love in that city of their condition prior to Christ's reconciling work carried out through His self-giving sacrifice: they were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds.

In stark contrast, they are now being presented holy and blameless before Christ--on condition that they remain faithful and steadfast in the faith

they have received, and without shifting from the hope promised in the Good News they have heard.

Paul's intention is certainly not to make them feel ashamed of their past pagan way of thinking and living, but to highlight the wondrous nature of the new life they have been offered, and to stress the relevance of following this new way steadily and also maturing in it, so as to be partakers of the promised glory that has been revealed.

Paul uses the term *mystery* to refer to this revelation granted to the followers of Jesus' Way. A mystery is, by definition, something not understood or beyond understanding.

What Paul wants to emphasize here is that the Word of God had only been partially revealed through prophets and sages in ages past, but is now fully revealed as the Word incarnate, Jesus Christ Himself.

In Jesus Christ, who is God's Word living with God's people, and reveals to each of us our true nature in God as His sons and daughters, the veil that covers our hearts and minds and keeps us separated from His river of life when we shut ourselves off to the flow of His unconditional love through us, is totally lifted if we choose to follow His Way of Love.

Partaking in His abundant life-giving love is the greatest of blessings for all creatures under heaven, and this is the Good News that Paul felt he was compelled to proclaim.

The mystery revealed to His saints, to the ones who devote their lives to follow His Way faithfully, and grow in its knowledge and practice until maturity is reached, is not an enigma to be deciphered by the use of secret codes or strenuous intellectual scrutiny and effort, but is gracefully and freely offered to all those who willingly partake in His Way.

As servants of God and Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, each of His followers has been commissioned, just as Paul has, to proclaim to all "the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in us, the hope of glory."

It is thus imperative that as Christ's followers, just as Paul did, we diligently engage in "warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom", so that just as he said to the Colossians, each of us can also affirm, "for this I toil and struggle with all the energy that He powerfully inspires in me."

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito. Rector

Readings for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-14 Colossians 1:21-29 Psalm 15 Luke 10:38-42

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

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

Christian Formation every second and fourth Sunday of the month at

11:30am Studying *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newell

Rector's Study

A Spanish Mass will be held on the first, second, fourth (and fifth) Sundays each month at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

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

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

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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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