

"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 – JUNE 15TH, 2025 "JOY OF TRUE WISDOM"



#### The Joy of True Wisdom

One way or another, we all have some kind of intuition that enables us to realize when we are in front of a wise person. Throughout my life I have had teachers and mentors that had a lot of accumulated knowledge, gotten from books or other sources, but just a few whom I instantly recognized as possessing true wisdom.

What makes a person wise is not how much they can quote from books, or how well they can put ideas together to make their point. This worldly knowledge is useful and important, and should not be despised. However, it can sometimes make us cynical and conceited.

Wisdom, on the other hand, shows itself as humbleness. Wise people acknowledge how little they actually know even if they have read and studied a lot, for they realize that the true wisdom does not

consist in the accumulation of data, or even knowing how to use this information coherently, but in reflecting in their lives the wisdom that comes from the Creator Himself.

When we get glimpses of true wisdom from nature, or from revelations that come to our lives in different ways, we are always filled with joy, for we then understand how everything fits a greater plan—one that unfolds with our cooperation or despite us—even when we go through really painful moments and may at times feel that nothing makes sense in this world.

In the Book of Proverbs, chapter 8, we find the notion of Wisdom in a personified way. Some theologians have proposed that this image of Wisdom could be likened to a prefiguration of the Second Person of the Trinity, and I am quite inclined to agree.

Even though Wisdom appears here as the first thing that God created, and in our Trinitarian doctrine the Son is not created but begotten from the Father, we find images of Wisdom accompanying the Father in His Creation, delighting in it, and the Father delighting in Wisdom.

Wisdom appears as "rejoicing in His inhabited world, and delighting in the human race", which reminds us of the love that Christ has for all created beings, but particularly for humankind, which He Himself redeems though His boundless love in self-sacrifice.

Another feature that reminds us of Christ in this section of the Book of Proverbs is that Wisdom says, "to you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live." The term "people " does not refer to a nation or race in particular here, but to all living humans. Such is also the universal call of Christ to salvation.

There can be no greater joy than the real understanding—with the heart rather than only with the mind—of God's plan of salvation for all, in whose economy the three Persons of the Holy Trinity take part in their unceasing divine loving dance in which they constantly indwell one another, and, most importantly for us all, continually invite us to be a part of it, and in turn invite others to join in.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

### READINGS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 + Romans 5:1-5 + John 16:12-15 + Psalm 8

## CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAYJune 15th, 2025Trinity Sunday (The First Sunday after Pentecost)10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' ChurchJoin Zoom Meeting from our web site at <a href="www.allsaintschurch.org">www.allsaintschurch.org</a>Recording of Mass available before noon at <a href="www.allsaintschurch.org">www.allsaintschurch.org</a>

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children Ages 5 - 12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Christian Formation for Adults (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) Youth and adults around Noon after the Mass in the Library Recording of Mass available before noon at <u>www.allsaintschurch.org</u>

#### **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