



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 6TH, 2025

"AFFECTION THAT CARRIES BURDENS"

Bearing Another's Burdens: Love Made Visible

As we move ahead in the Pentecost season, the Church invites us again this week to remember the twin pillars on which all the commandments rest: love of God and love of neighbor. This Sunday's Collect makes that clear in beautiful terms: "Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection."

That last phrase—united to one another with pure affection—finds a vivid and practical expression in Paul's words from Galatians 6. Writing to a community in conflict, Paul draws the Galatians' eyes away from self-righteousness or comparison, and turns them instead towards mutual responsibility. "Bear one another's burdens," he writes, "and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

This is a radical statement. Paul says the true keeping of the law happens not through ritual or rules, but through love expressed in action. It happens when we help someone instead of pointing fingers; when we walk alongside someone struggling, even if their burden is not one we fully understand. This is



the "pure affection" the Collect speaks of. It is not sentimentality, but self-giving solidarity.

Galatians 6 does not minimize personal responsibility; Paul is clear that each of us must also "carry our own load." But in the Gospel there is always room for both accountability and grace, personal growth and communal care. Paul's vision is a church where we neither hide from each other's needs nor lord over one another's failures.

In Luke 10, Jesus sends out the seventy to proclaim peace, to heal, and to say, “The kingdom of God has come near.” It is no accident that this sending out is communal. They go two by two, not as lone operators. Proclaiming the kingdom is a shared vocation, just like bearing one another’s burdens. We see the same pattern in Isaiah 66: a picture of Jerusalem not as a place of isolation or judgment, but as a mother who nourishes and comforts, whose joy is shared.

So as we mark this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. For many of us it will be coinciding with the rhythms of summer, travel, and even national holidays. Today it is worth asking: how are we making the love of God visible by loving one another? Where are we being called to bear someone else’s burden? And perhaps just as importantly, where might we need the humility to let others bear ours?

Paul ends this passage with a final word: “Let us not grow weary in doing what is right.” It is a timely encouragement. Loving well can be exhausting. Building a community bound together by pure affection is hard work. But it is also holy work, the work of the Spirit among us.

May that same Spirit grant us grace to be devoted to God with our whole hearts, and to love one another with the kind of affection that carries burdens, lifts heads, and makes the kingdom visible.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 66:10–14 + Psalm 66:1–8 + Galatians 6:1–16 + Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

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.

SUNDAY July 6th, 2025 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM 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 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Christian Formation for Adults (the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Youth and adults around Noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

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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