



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 13TH, 2025

“ONE FAITHFUL STEP AT A TIME”

The Word is Very Near to You

The Collect appointed for this Sunday is a quiet but profound plea:

“...mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have the grace and power faithfully to accomplish them...”

In one sentence, we ask God to meet us at the intersection of discernment and action – to not only help us know what is right, but to do what is right, with grace and strength. This prayer is as ancient as it is timely.

This week's Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy 30 (Track 2) complements this petition in a powerful way. As Moses speaks to the people of Israel, preparing them to enter the promised land without him, he reassures them that obedience to God is not out of reach. “The commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you,” he says. “It is not in heaven... Neither is it beyond the sea.” And then, the verse that quietly shines: “No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.”

That is a word for us, too. In an age of noise, uncertainty, and competing truths, it is easy to imagine that God's will for our lives is hidden in some far-off cloud of mystery. But Scripture insists otherwise.



The Word – God's instruction, God's invitation, God's very presence – is not remote. It is not locked away in a religious manual or buried in a theological debate. It is near. In your mouth. In your heart.

The Christian life is not about striving to pull God down from the heavens or crossing an ocean of difficulty to find holiness. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us – and now dwells within us by the Spirit. God speaks through Scripture, yes, but also in prayer, in the community of believers, in quiet moments of conscience, and in the daily choices we make. Sometimes what we “ought to do” is already stirring in our hearts before we even ask. The Spirit has planted the seed. We only need the grace and courage to act on it.

To be sure, it is not always easy. Knowing the right thing and doing the right thing are not the same. That is why we pray the Collect — because we need both insight and strength. We need both clarity and courage. We need, in short, the Word that is not only near but alive — shaping our mouths and guiding our hearts.

This week, and always, consider what God may already be whispering within you. Where is the Word close — not as a burden, but as a quiet encouragement? What action, small or large, might be God's invitation to faithfulness today?

As we continue our journey through this long season of Pentecost — the season of growth, mission, and discipleship — may we listen for the Word that is very near, and may we receive grace and power to live it out, one faithful step at a time.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 + Psalm 25:1-9 + Colossians 1:1-14 + Luke 10:25-37

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 13th, 2025 Fifth 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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