



"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 29TH, 2026

IN THE MIND OF CHRIST

Having Christ's Mind

Wouldn't it be great to have Jesus Christ's mind? We may think it to be greatly advantageous, since He was God's beloved Son and hence wholly divine. So having His mind means to be able to understand and know all, to master the laws of the universe and how to use them, and to understand human nature and the nature of every living being in this world.



Such great knowledge is something to be desired indeed. But wait, are we going down the right track here?

If this is so, how come Palm Sunday clearly reminds us how Jesus' path went from "Hosannas" to "Crucify Him" practically a few hours later? Couldn't He who knew all have averted this horrible thing from happening to Him? He certainly could, and yet, He chose not to.

Knowing "all", or knowing the way God knows, is totally different from what we sometimes imagine. To really know is not simply to have an infinite accumulation of information at our disposal. The real knowledge is not that of the mind that accumulates information with the sole purpose of attempting to maneuver circumstances in such a way that it suits the mind's self-centered interests, which usually include comfort, pleasure, and a sense of being in control.

But what life sooner or later teaches us is that there is no way in which the human mind can actually be in control. There will always be circumstances that overpower our human minds, and then pain, disillusionment, and frustration ensue.

In His prayer at the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed to God that the terrible passion and death that awaited Him would pass, but only if it was God's will, not His. The prayer may have been more rhetorical than a real petition, for Jesus probably already knew what the Father's will was, but I can only make conjectures here.

Knowing the Father's will for Him at that moment was terrible for Jesus. It would have felt better for Him to ignore it, but then, again, it is precisely this real and deep knowledge—the one which goes beyond what can be perceived as good or bad by our human minds—which made Jesus face His passion and death the way He did.

Jesus' passion and death was not an act of suffering for the sake of suffering. It was not the whim of a cruel God who decided that His perfectly innocent beloved Son had to suffer a horrible death so that our sins might be forgiven. His sacrifice becomes meaningful as an act of humanly incomprehensible unconditional love. His knowledge of what unconditional love really means only made sense if He clearly showed that He was willing to live it out to its utmost consequences.

But His deep knowledge of God's love also gave Him the assurance of the resurrected life that ensues after doing God's loving will. And those who were with Him at that time witnessed to it, so that we can all know this truth, even if our human mind is limited.

Probably no one has expressed better what having the same mind as Christ means than St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11, in what has been recognized as one of the first Christian hymns:

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Let us bend our knees and pray we can also have His mind.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21:1-11 + Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;

Isaiah 50:4-9a + Philippians 2:5-11 + Matthew 26:14 - 27:66
+ Psalm 31:9-16

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 **March 29th, 2026** **Palm Sunday**
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