



"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 21ST, 2026

THE COURAGE TO TRUST IN HIM

Living the New Life of Baptism

As we move deeper into the season after Pentecost, the Church invites us to reflect not only on what we believe, but on how we live. The readings appointed for this Sunday speak honestly about the challenges of discipleship while reminding us of the profound source of our strength: our union with Christ.

The Collect asks God to make us “have a perpetual fear and love” of His holy Name, trusting that God never abandons those whom He has established in His steadfast love. This theme runs through all the readings.

Jeremiah faces ridicule and opposition because of his faithfulness to God's call. The psalmist cries out from a place of rejection and suffering. In the Gospel, Jesus warns His disciples that following Him may bring misunderstanding, division, and even loss. Yet underneath these difficult realities lies a deeper truth: God remains faithful, and those who belong to Christ share in a life that cannot be overcome by fear or adversity.

St. Paul expresses this truth beautifully in Romans 6. Writing to Christians who have been baptized, he reminds them that baptism is not merely a religious ceremony or a membership rite. Through baptism, believers are united with Christ in His death and resurrection. “We have died with Christ,” Paul says, and therefore we are called to “walk in newness of life.”



This is a powerful image for Christians today. Our culture often encourages us to define ourselves by success, possessions, status, or personal achievements. Yet Paul points us towards a different identity. Through baptism, our deepest identity is found in Christ. The old self, captive to sin and self-centeredness, no longer has the final word. A new life has begun: a life shaped by grace, hope, and the transforming love of God.

Of course, this new life does not exempt us from struggle. Jeremiah's experience reminds us that faithfulness can sometimes be costly. The psalmist's lament shows that believers are not strangers to disappointment or suffering. Jesus Himself tells His followers not to be surprised when discipleship demands courage and sacrifice. The Christian life has never been a promise of comfort. Rather, it is a call to trust God even when the path is difficult.

This message is especially relevant in our own time. We live in a world marked by anxiety, polarization, uncertainty, and rapid change. Many people feel pressured to conform to the values and expectations around them. Yet the baptized Christian is called to live from a different center. Because we belong to Christ, there is no need to be governed by fear. Because we have died and risen with Him, we are free to choose love over resentment, forgiveness over revenge, generosity over selfishness, and hope over despair.

The good news of Romans 6 is that the resurrection is not only a future promise; it is a present reality. Every day we are invited to live more fully into the new life that God has already given us. Every act of kindness, every prayer offered in faith, every effort towards reconciliation, every step taken in obedience to Christ becomes a sign of that resurrection life at work within us.

As we gather for worship this Sunday, we must remember our baptism and renew our commitment to Christ. The same Lord who conquered death continues to lead, strengthen, and sustain His people. United with Him, we can face the challenges of our time with confidence, knowing that we are no longer merely living for ourselves, but are truly alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 20:7-13 + Romans 6:1b-11 + Matthew 10:24-39 +
Psalm 69:8-11,(12-17),18-20

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 June 21st, 2026 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our website at www.allsaintschurch.org

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

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5 to 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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