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 – October 4th, 2026

His Plan Prevails

Getting Your Priorities Right

As we mature and age, we come to realize that many of the things in our life which we thought were of the highest priority are not really significant, and the other way around. This is the result of life experiences, and also of the things we have learned from others, either directly or by reading what they wrote.



There is a rich lore of wise sayings, proverbs, and aphorisms available to all in our times, and thousands of books dealing with how to make the wisest choices in our lives. These range from the realm of relationships to career, business and other matters. Religious books, including the lives of Saints and Holy Scripture can also be cited among these sources for making good choices in our lives.

Nevertheless, the most significant transformations that reshape our lives always come from our inner convictions, and they are such that comprise the core of our living principles, the cornerstone whereupon our whole life is built.

Such transformation is what St. Paul refers to in chapter 3 of his Letter to the Philippians, when he states, "For His (Christ's) sake, I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith."

Regarding all the values and privileges that he—as a Pharisee—possessed before, as rubbish is a clear indication of a really radical transformation in his life, the kind of transformation that can only be carried out through deep faith in Christ, by the agency of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

After presenting the parable of the wicked tenants (Matthew 21:33-46), Jesus reminds the Pharisees of Psalm 118:22-24: "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes…" The most evident application here is, of course, the fact that they have rejected the message of the prophets and the Messiah Himself, but God's plan of salvation prevails nonetheless.

But the saying can also be applied to each and everyone of us if we want to become true followers of Christ's Way. Those principles which may have looked like nonsense to us when our lives were centered on the things that society values most: wealth, success, prestige, social recognition, etc., must now become the foundational principles of our lives: righteousness, humility, self-denial, loving care for the other, particularly for those whom society considers outcasts and enemies, and mutual forgiveness.

These are the grapes that God has always wanted to see as the abundant fruit of the vineyard that He Himself planted and lovingly prepared: His people, as the prophet Isaiah reminds the people of Israel in chapter 5: "For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are His pleasant planting; He expected justice but saw bloodshed, righteousness but heard a cry!"

As the Collect for this Sunday reminds us, we constantly need God's loving grace and inspiration for the true transformation of our lives to take place, and He is "always more ready to hear and we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve."

Therefore, let us join our voices with the writer of Psalm 80, when he says, "Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted."

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 5:1–7 + Philippians 3:4b–14 + Matthew 21:33–46
+ Psalm 80:7–14

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 **October 4th, 2026 The Nineteenth 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