



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 —September 25 & Beyond

"The Life That Really Is Life"



In his First Letter to Timothy, in chapter 6, the Apostle Paul entreats his beloved disciple to persevere firmly in the faith he has passed on to him, so that he can not only be saved by God's grace through Jesus Christ's sacrifice, but can also, as a church leader, be a

light that shows the true way of salvation to others.

This entails living a life that shows a deep inner transformation, a life steered by none other than Jesus Christ Himself, whom, according to Paul's words, "alone has immortality and dwells in inapproachable light, whom no one else has ever seen or can see."

Paul here refers to Jesus Christ in his divine transcendence, as he met Him on the road to Damascus, after which his life and life mission was totally transformed by His light.

After all, Paul never met the man Jesus personally before he was crucified and gloriously resurrected and ascended. His knowledge of this man is solely based on the disciples'

accounts of his words and deeds. But his deep knowledge of the Law and the Prophets enabled him to make the right connections that made him a true defender of Jesus' Way of Love.

In his admonition to Timothy, Paul reminds him of the virtues that a true follower of Christ needs to pursue: righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. But above all, he encourages him "to take hold of the eternal life."

How can we take hold of the real abundant life that God wants to give us?

The second paragraph of this section of the letter gives us a hint as to what is meant by "taking hold of the eternal life'.

Here, Paul instructs Timothy to command those who have material wealth "not to be haughty, or set up their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

And right after this, he tells Timothy what these wealthy people should do to gain eternal life: "They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future."

Life is about relating to others, and to the rest of creation. The very basis of mere biological life lies in mutual exchange with the environment and the other creatures that surround a living creature. A self-enclosed life is no life.

As human beings, we have acquired the peak level of individuation, which is great, because it enables human beings to display a uniqueness in their relationships that had never been achieved by any creature before. Human relationships reach a level of richness and diversity that make us co-creators with our Creator, and the greatest stewards of his whole creation on this planet

Unfortunately, individuation may also lead us to forget how dependent we are on our God, and on the rest of humankind and all other creatures. This is what may lead to self-centeredness, which is usually translated into a selfish drive to amass wealth and other possessions, even trespassing on other human beings and creatures, as if this could ever secure life for us.

Only when we wake up from this delusion, thanks to the Holy Spirit's transforming grace, can we find the true riches of life—the ineffable inner joy that comes from doing good to all, from sharing our goods with those in greater need, from loving unconditionally, always and everywhere.

Only then can we, as Paul says to Timothy, “take hold of the life that really is life.”

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito. Rector

Readings for The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1-7 1 Timothy 6:11-19 Psalm 146:4-9 Luke 16:19-31

CALENDAR

Note: We are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am 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 10:00am-10:45am

Christian Formation every second and fourth Sunday of the month at

11:30am Topic: Communicating with God Rector's Study

A Spanish Mass will be held this Sunday at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Flower Room. Taught by Fr. Carlos

FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary Chapel

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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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