ALL SOULS' — EPISCOPAL CHURCH —

Welcome Home. Peace Awaits.



The SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

07 December 2025 10:15 AM

A Very Warm Welcome to You!

Thank you for spending Sunday morning with us. **WHOEVER you are and WHEREVER you may** be on your journey of faith, you are welcome here. We're blessed by your presence, and we look forward to connecting with you. Except for the hymns, everything you need to participate in today's liturgy is enclosed in this service booklet; the hymns are in the blue hymnal.

Please join us for **coffee** and **fellowship** in the Community Building, across the plaza, or on the patio (weather permitting) after the service.

All ages are welcome; infants and children (and their accompanying noises!) enliven this service. All **children are invited to the Prayground** at the front of the church. Children leave the service for Children's Chapel after the Gospel lesson, and they return for Holy Communion.

If you are visiting, please fill out a "connect" card so we can let you know of upcoming events; prayer request cards are also available. Cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. To learn more about being a member of All Souls', please speak with **Father Douglas, our rector**.

Restrooms are located in the hallway adjacent to Catalina Boulevard; an usher can direct you to one.

Please silence your phone to maintain a worshipful environment and as a courtesy to others.

Father Douglas is happy to talk with you about joining or participating in the life of All Souls'; questions you may have or difficulties you may be experiencing; others who may need pastoral care; or anything else on your mind. You may reach him at 619-223-6394 x 12 (office), 619-335-8168 (cell) or dworthington@allsoulspointloma.org.

Worship & Devotions at All Souls'

Sunday, 8:00 AM (without music) and 10:15 AM (with music)
HOLY EUCHARIST

Tuesday, 9:30 AM
MORNING PRAYER (via Zoom)

Tuesday and Saturday, 4:00 PM CENTERING PRAYER

Saturday, 5:00 PM CELTIC HOLY EUCHARIST

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All children and youth are welcome, unconditionally. They are welcome to gather at our **PrayGround** at the front-left of the Nave. Materials for art and play are waiting there. During the sermon, children pre-K through fifth grade move to the Chapel, where we explore the gospel reading for the day. (We return in time for Communion.)

HOLY EUCHARIST

The VOLUNTARY A Voluntary

Orlando Gibbons (1583 – 1625)

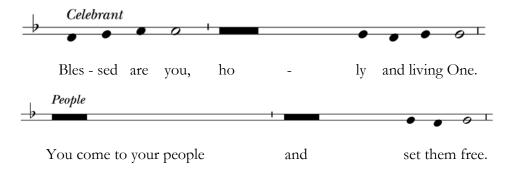
All stand, as they are able, at the ringing of the bell as the Procession enters

HYMN 65 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

During the singing of the hymn, the candle(s) of the Advent wreath are lighted

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All remain standing, as they are able



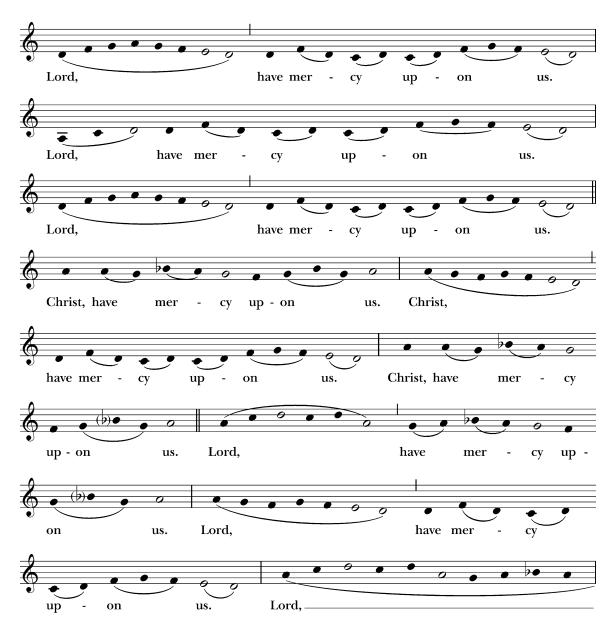
The COLLECT for PURITY

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The KYRIE ELEISON Mass 9 'Cum jubilo'

Sung by all





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The COLLECT of the DAY

Celebrant People The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

All may be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

us.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The PSALTER

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Sung by all



- Give the King your justice, O / God, * and your righteousness / to the King's Son;
- That he may rule your people / righteously * and the / poor with justice.

- That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, * and the little / hills bring righteousness.
- He shall defend the needy among the / people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush / the oppressor.
- He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure, * from one generation / to another.
- He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field, * like showers that / water the earth.
- In his time shall the righteous / flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the / moon shall be no more.
- Blessed be the LORD God, the God of / Israel, * who a/lone does wondrous deeds!
- And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. / Amen. Amen.

The SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

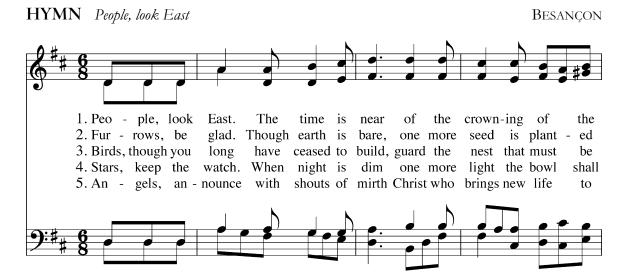
"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope."

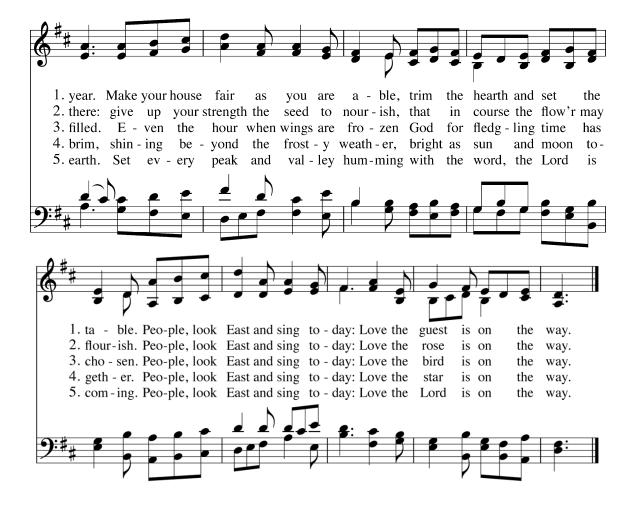
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, as they are able





Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The SERMON

The Rev Douglas Worthington, Rector

Following the Sermon, a brief silence is kept

The NICENE CREED

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

> We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

and his kingdom will have no end.

The PRAYERS of the PEOPLE For Advent

Celebrant O come, O come, Emmanuel. As we await your coming again in glory, which

began in your coming in a lowly manger, hear the prayers we make to you,

O God-with-Us.

Intercessor O come, O Key of David, and open wide our heavenly home: Make your

Church a beacon of hope and a source of healing, in an age that aches

for you. O come:

People O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily: Teach this nation's people and our leaders to wage your peace and model your humility. O come:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O come, Desire of nations, and bind in one the hearts of all humankind: Unite this fractious, striving world—already one, in God—in the generosity-of-spirit and selfless service that are your will for us. O come: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O come, O Lord of might, who, in ancient times, did give the law: Inspire us by your example to house the unhoused, feed the unfed, empower the unempowered and love the unloved. O come:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O come, O Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by your drawing nigh: Comfort the sorrowing, soothe the anxious and heal the unwell, including NN., and all those on our parish prayer list; as well as those whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). O come:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

O Come, O Branch of Jesse's tree, and give us victory o'er the grave: Take into your bosom all those who have died in faith, including NN., and all those on our parish prayer list; as well as those whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause); for your love of us knows no time or end. O come:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Celebrant

O come, O come, Emmanuel. We wait in lonely exile, it seems, for the advent of your grace, your power and your peace. Help us to know you not only as one who came and will come again, but also as one who abides with us even now: dwelling in our hearts, living through our works and praying all our prayers. All this we ask in your holy Name, O God-with-Us. *Amen*.

The CONFESSION of SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All may remain standing or kneel, as they prefer and are able

Silence is kept for personal confession

All Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy

Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The OFFERTORY

If you wish to make an online donation to All Souls', you may use this code



At the Offertory This is the record of John

Gibbons

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias*? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

(Text: John 1:19-23)

All stand, as they are able, when the alms of the People are brought forward to the Altar, at which the following blessing is said

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

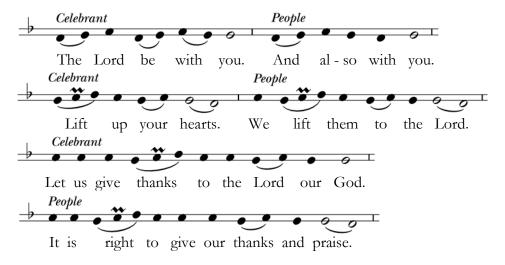
People And of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chronicles 29:14

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^{*} That is, Elijah.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

All remain standing, as they are able



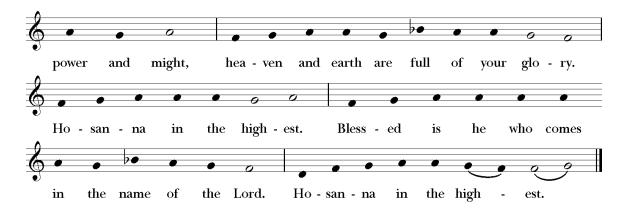
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when Jesus shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit Mass 18 Sung by all





All may stand or kneel, as they are able and prefer

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ΑII

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

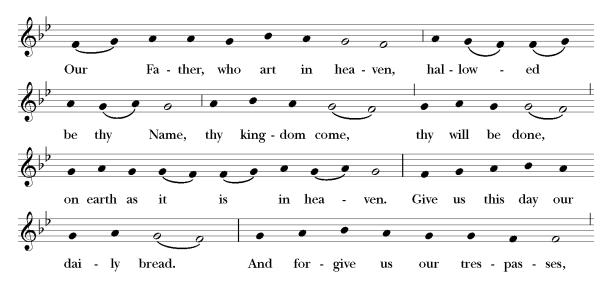
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

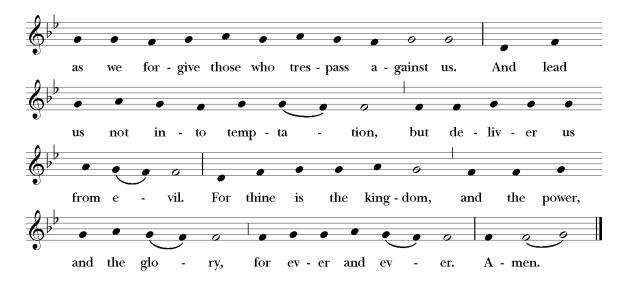
All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



The LORD'S PRAYER

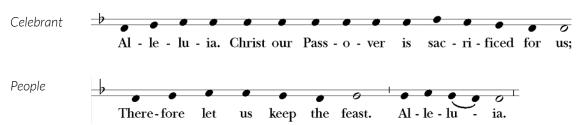
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



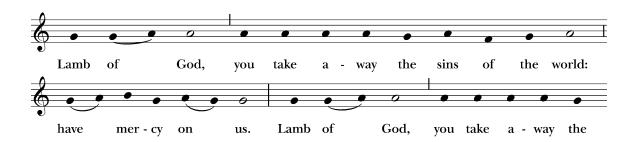


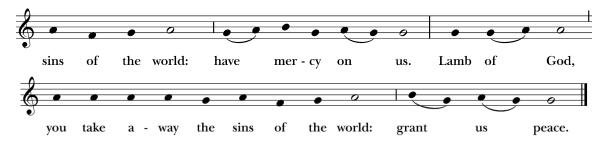
The FRACTION

A period of silence is kept



The Agnus Dei Mass 18
Sung by all





The MINISTRATION of COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the blessed Bread and Wine of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Hold out your hands for the Bread. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply inform the priest you desire it. If you wish to drink the Wine, consume the Bread when you receive it and drink from the chalice when it is presented to you. If you wish to have Bread dipped in the Wine, let the Bread remain in your hands; the chalice bearer will intinct it for you. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Bread and Wine, indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If it is difficult for you to come forward, inform an usher, and the Bread and Wine will be brought to you.

A Prayer Before Communion

The Book of Common Prayer

All are invited to pray this, silently, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

At the Communion Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Howard Helvey (b 1968)

The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought And pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.
(Text: Divine Hymns, Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784)

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All stand, as they are able

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

All kneel or stand, as they are able and prefer

The BLESSING

attributed to Teresa of Ávila (1515 – 1582)

HYMN 59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

MERTON

The DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The VOLUNTARY Conditor alme siderum (versets)

Jehan Titelouze (1562 – 1633)

Today, in our Diocese's cycle of prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bonita; and in our military cycle of prayer, we pray for Balboa Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh.

CELEBRANT

The Rev Douglas Worthington

VERGER Jack Northam CRUCIFER Todd McCracken CHALICISTS & TORCHBEARERS
Dylan Page and Maris Page

LECTORS

Mark Carroll and Lanita Carroll

Intercessor John Carroll

USHERS Betsy Northam *and* Hannah Roberts ALTAR GUILD AND FLOWER GUILD Christine Carta and Derelynn Kalafer TELLERS Hilliard Harper and Diane Holnback-Sooy

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Six services. In-person attendance: 265 people.
Online participation: 106 views.

Weekly Announcements

Complete details about happenings at All Souls' appear in our weekly eNews, published on Wednesdays. To sign up to receive this, please contact the Parish Office.

Midweek Dinner and a Movie, Wednesdays 6pm

Come for a light supper and a holiday classic! RSVP to office@allsoulspointloma.org or use the link in the weekly eNews. Suggested donation \$10. Dec 10: A Christmas Carol, featuring Patrick Stewart. Dec 17: The Man Who Invented Christmas, featuring Dan Stevens.

Advent Adult Forum Series, Sundays at 11:45 am

On the four Sundays of Advent, Fr Douglas will lead an adult forum series called "Scrooge's Journey to Christmas." Each week, we'll watch one of old Ebenezer's interactions with the Three Ghosts and then discuss his spiritual transformation—and share how it may help *us*, also, prepare for the Birth of Jesus in a new, deeper way.

GAUDETE Sunday and Youth Group Bake Sale, December 14

Next Sunday, December 14, we'll observe GAUDETE (Latin for Rejoice!) Sunday. Pink is the traditional color for this day—so wear something pink ... or we can provide you something! *Also*, plan to support our Youth Group during coffee hour as they raise funds for a special trip. Sample a variety of delectable treats as well as pink lemonade as we mark GAUDETE Sunday. Think Pink! (And maybe remember to have some cash on hand to support the bake sale!). For more information, contact Karissa.

Kids' Night Out: Christmas Edition! Friday, December 19, 4:45 pm - 7:30 pm Drop the kids off for games, crafts, pizza and a movie (with popcorn!). Please RSVP with the link in the weekly eNews or here or use the QR code.



Blue Christmas Service, Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm

If you find yourself in quieter, more contemplative ... perhaps an anxious, mournful or struggling ... place this year, please join us for our annual Blue Christmas Service, on Sunday, December 21, at 3:00 pm, in the Chapel. This will be a simple, quiet service. We'll sing calm carols; hear some affirming readings; reflect on our personal 'blues'; pray; light candles; and weave our 'blues' into a season of abiding hope and (however dimly) dawning light. A reception and time for mellow fellowship will follow.

Bach Collegium San Diego Free Concert December 12

Bach Collegium San Diego is offering a free concert, "A Continental Christmas," at All Souls' at noon on Friday, December 12. All are welcome!

Something to Share with the Congregation?

The deadline for submissions for the weekly bulletin and eBlast is Tuesday at noon. If you have something to include, email text and related images to office@allsoulspointloma.org.

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