

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



The mission of All Souls Church is to be a Christ-centered sanctuary where a diverse and inclusive community worships and serves. We live this mission through faithful celebration of the Eucharist, Christian education, and loving nurture of both members and neighbors.

Today

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Faith Forum

From Collect to Collage: Theology and Art

11 am Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Sara Palmer, Rector

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table.

*Healing Prayer is available at the Mary Chapel following Holy Eucharist

Please join us downstairs in the Undercroft after the service for coffee hour

Today's Readings

The First Lesson,

Isaiah 65:17-25

vEnessa Acham

Psalm 98

Chanted by the Choir

The Epistle,

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Will Stewart

Gospel,

Luke 21:5-19

Mother Sara

Prayers of the People

Artie Roach

From Collect to Collage: Theology and Art

Today we were blessed by parishioner and vestry member, vEnessa Acham with her presentation on Art and Spirituality at the Adult Faith Formation hour.



vEnessa Acham facilitated a brief discussion about collect prayers. Following the discussion, participants were invited to create art collages inspired by these prayers. Art materials were provided. All were welcome to tear and tape, and to cut and paste. If you missed vEnessa's presentation, do ask her or others about it and consider following this process for creating a collage at your home, at your leisure.

FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES

Sundays at 10 am, in the Conference Room

NOV. 16: *Art and Spirituality: A Conversation with vEnessa Acham*

NOV. 23: *A Spiritual Journey Interview with presenter, Mother Sara*

The following 4 Sundays in Advent:

NOV. 30: *The Spiritual Life, by Evelyn Underhill with Mother Sara*

DEC. 7: *The Spiritual Life, by Evelyn Underhill with Sebastian Wellford*

DEC. 14: *The Spiritual Life, by Evelyn Underhill with vEnessa Acham*

DEC. 21: *Pastoral Visit by Bishop Mariann Budde*



HEALING PRAYER AVAILABLE TODAY AT THE MARY CHAPEL

If you desire healing prayer, please come to the Mary Chapel following Holy Eucharist. There is no rush and the prayer ministers are prepared to pray with you and for you as long as needed.

THEMES AND VARIATIONS ORGAN RECITAL BY TOM ANDREW SUN., NOV. 23, 3:00 pm

We will explore how composers of several periods have used the Theme and Variations technique in interesting and diverse ways in their compositions. Pieces using original material and hymn tunes will highlight the use of this compositional technique.

Composers include Dieterich Buxtehude, Johann Sebastian Bach, Cesar Franck, Leo Sowerby, and Paul Manz.

Come and hear how different composers explored this compositional device in many different ways. Free and open to all! Donations to support All Souls Music program.



THANKSGIVING DAY, NOV. 27, 11 am HOLY EUCHARIST & POTLUCK

Join in for the potluck in the undercroft following the service for food & fellowship. Sign up online or on the welcome table



FORMER ALL SOULS INTERN ACCEPTS NEW CALL IN MISSOURI

In 2012, All Souls enjoyed the ministry of Brenda Peters Sol, our seminarian intern. After a dozen years as rector of St. Andrew's parish in Encinitas, CA, Mother Brenda will transition to lead Holy Communion parish in University City, MO beginning March 1st. We wish her well in her new calling.

ADVENT IS COMING

Sunday, November 30, 2025 through
Wednesday, December 24, 2025

OUTREACH COMMITTEE CLOTHING DRIVE

The Outreach Committee is planning a clothing drive to benefit So Others Might Eat, a local charity serving homeless individuals in Washington, D.C. (<https://some.org/>). We hope to collect clothing in Mid-January. We are hoping you will set aside things now as you go through your winter garments and find some that are in good shape that you no longer need. Please have them laundered or cleaned, but do not bring them in until we announce the date. Here is their “wish list”:



CLOTHING WISH LIST:

- ☉ New underwear for men and women, especially larger sizes (their greatest need)
- ☉ New or gently worn socks for men and women
- ☉ New or gently worn bras
- ☉ Casual shoes
- ☉ Belts
- ☉ Men's jeans and casual pants
- ☉ Men's shirts
- ☉ Sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets (cold season only)

*Thank you in advance for thinking of
your neighbors in need
over the coming holidays.*

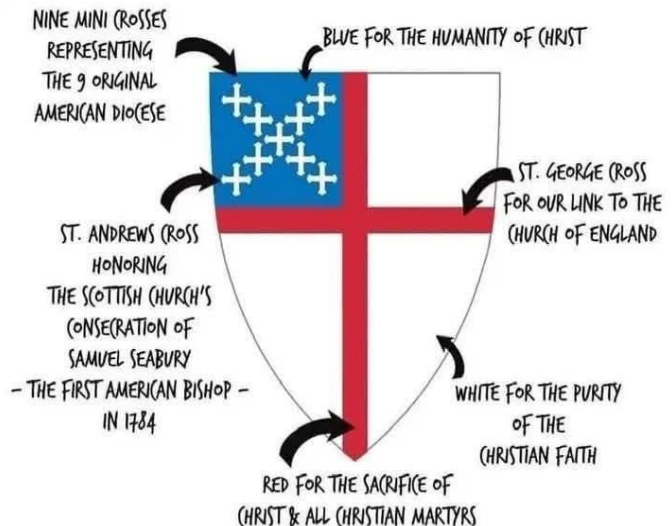
EPISCOPAL 101 BEGINS IN JANUARY



COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OUR BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

All are invited, whether longer-term members or newer parishioners. Mother Sara will facilitate a new series of seven (7) Episcopal 101 classes **beginning January 7th, 2026 and ending on Wednesday February 25th**. The classes will be held in-person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Conference Room here at All Souls. Come and ask all your questions, and make new friends in the dark and cold winter months!

**Have you ever wondered why the
Episcopal Shield looks the way it does?
Each element has a meaning:**





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