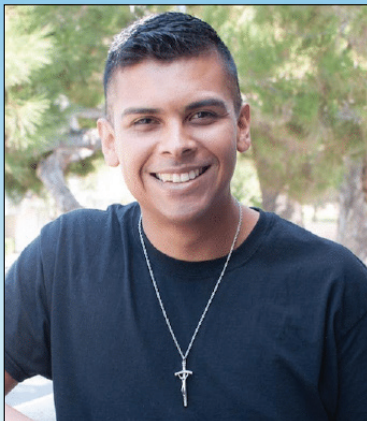


This Week at All Saints

Sunday, December 29, 2024 – Healing services

In-Person Worship or join us on Live-Stream <https://allsaints-pas.org/live-stream/>



Eucharist at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Thomas Diaz preaches.

Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. in the Church

Thomas Diaz preaches. Lydia Brown offers *I Will Trust in the Lord* by Green and *This I Pray* by Sorenson.



Healing Service & Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

In the Healing Service you are invited to come forward and experience the laying on of hands — an ancient tradition in the church and a powerful experience. As we

begin the year, let go of the past, whatever it has been, and welcome the new year.

Also during the service, prayer shawls knitted and crocheted by members of our community will be presented and blessed.



Walk the Labyrinth

Sunday, December 29, 8:30 a.m. –2:00 p.m. in Sweetland Hall

Revive your soul and renew your spirit this Healing Sunday by walking the Labyrinth, an ancient meditative practice. Step onto this sacred path and experience the Spirit's presence reaching out to you. The Labyrinth is a powerful metaphor for our shared journey of healing and wholeness. There's nothing to learn or figure out—simply put one foot in front of the other and allow the blessings of the walk to unfold. All are welcome to come, walk, and be refreshed.



New Year's Eve Eucharist

Tuesday Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m.

This special service is a great way to prepare for the New Year. **Canterbury Choir soloists** offer music; **Susan Russell** preaches. Validated parking is available at Plaza las Fuentes.

Children, Youth and Families



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Join Children, Youth, and Families Ministries!

Children, Youth & Families is delighted to be kicking off Godly Play, Seekers and other classes for spiritual formation this winter. Join us! Connect and build community with our dynamic team of volunteers while making an impact in the lives of our children and youth! Become a storyteller for our K-5th grade Godly Play program, or a mentor or volunteer for your 5-12th grade youth programs. Training and support provided. Scan the QR code to get started today and come say hello to the CYF volunteers on the lawn after church.



Programs for Children (Birth – 5th grade) at All Saints:

Sunday Morning Childcare for Infants Through Preschoolers 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Child Care is available for children birth-Kindergarten in the Seminar Room in Regas House from 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. Parents must sign their kids in and out .

Godly Play During Sunday service, children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited (after the gospel reading) to attend, which invites children to enter into our sacred stories, respecting their innate spirituality, and encourages them to use their curiosity and imagination to experience the mystery and joy of God.

Creative Worship Space for Families Available in the

Chapel Families are invited to worship together through art and play on our rug in the chapel during any part of the Sunday morning, 10:00 a.m. service. Families should stay with their children as this area is not staffed. All are welcome to sit in the chapel; please be understanding whenever our youngest members make a joyful noise.

Unidad Children's Choir All children in 1st–5th grade are welcome to join our wonderful children's choir. The program is free of charge and no auditions are necessary to join. **Thursdays, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., in the Choir Room.**



Programs for Youth (6th – 12th grade) at All Saints:



Acolyte Program All youth in grades 6–12 are invited to join one of our awesome Acolyte teams! It's a great opportunity to serve our church and our community while learning about our Anglican traditions. As an Acolyte, you'll work with a team, take on leadership roles, wear cool robes, and enjoy many donuts along the way. Plus, you'll make new friends and earn service hours for school! Come be part of something special!

Trouvères Youth Choir Want to join the family feel of a fabulous youth choir?

The program is free of charge and no auditions are necessary. **Wednesdays, 5:15–6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.**

Youth Dinners Join us in the fall for free dinners and great community every Wednesday from 6:30–7 p.m.

Youth Group for 6th–12th grade We will resume in the fall. We will meet every Wednesday to be in community together. We learn together, support each other and of course have fun together. Youth Group is a safe place to express who you really are. **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.**

Discord Server The youth at All Saints are posting and chatting 24/7 on our ASC Youth discord server. It's an easy way to stay connected and with channels like music, art, memes, book club, and so many more, there is a topic for everyone. Content will be monitored by vetted volunteers and staff. For youth only. Contact Merry for the link to join.

Not-So-Board-Game Night Every second Friday of the month, 6-9:30 p.m., we gather at All Saints church to play board games, eat snacks and hang out. It's tradition to end the evening with a murder mystery game. Who will win this time, the murderer or the town's people? Come and find out.

For general questions about our Children, Youth & Families program, please contact Merry Simkins at msimkins@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2733.

Stay Connected

Sunday, December 29

Journey of Faith – Sharing Group – 12:00–1:00 p.m., in the OCC Conference Room. A welcome space where you can drop in as your schedule allows. No commitments or sign-ups required. Explore your faith, share your story, and build meaningful connections in a supportive community. Information = Amanda McCormick: amccormick@allsaints-pas.org.

Monday, December 30

Monday Meditation Group – 6:45–8:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Beginners are welcome. Join us for quiet sitting and group meditation, accessible to all. Information = encam@att.net.

Grief and Loss Support Group – 7:00–8:30 p.m. (Zoom and the Sr. High Room) The Grief and Loss Group is open to anyone who has experienced a loss. Our members share from their hearts and in so doing find that being deeply listened to by a room of people who understand, their pain and sense of aloneness is eased. Facilitated by **Chris Folz** and **Richard Redman**. For Zoom information please email **Thomas Diaz** at tdiaz@allsaints-pas.org.

Brothers on a Journey (Zoom and the Jr. High Room) – 7:00–9:00 p.m. Brothers on a Journey is an affinity group for men to share about their lives in a safe and welcoming environment. Information = **Thomas Diaz** at tdiaz@allsaints-pas.org.

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve — Church Offices close at noon today.

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day — Church Offices are closed today.

Noon Healing Service – resumes Jan. 8, 2025

Prayer in the Taizé Style of Worship – resumes Jan. 8, 2025

Saturday, January 4

Overeaters Anonymous 8:30–10:00 a.m., in the OCC Conference Room Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a community of people who through experience, strength, and hope are recovering from unhealthy relationships with food and body image. All are welcome.

Information = **Thomas Diaz** at tdiaz@allsaints-pas.org.

Drum Circle 10:00 a.m. on the Playground. Join us for our outdoor community drum circle, led by **Brother Gerald Rivers** (<https://www.geraldcrivers.com/>), a Master Drummer and Djembe player. Drumming is an ancient communal spiritual practice, which roots us in the rhythms of God in creation and binds us to one another. Information = **Debbie Daniels** at ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.



Offerings Online

Women's Lectionary Online Bible Study

We are using Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney's *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*, Year C. Each online Bible study session begins with an oral reading of the week's scriptures and then proceeds to conversation grounded in those readings as well as in Dr. Gafney's notes which reveal the womanist perspective from which the lectionary was written. All are welcome! All Sessions will be on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Pacific standard time. Register [here](#) in advance here and you will be sent the link for the meeting. (The link will be good for the whole year)

Centering Prayer Tuesdays, 6:45–8:00 p.m., via Zoom

Centering Prayer is a meditation practice that is centered in the contemplative Christian tradition. A sacred word is chosen as your symbol of intention to consent to God's presence and action within. Your word is used to focus your attention so that when thoughts or sensations arise you return gently to the sacred word. The prayer is done in silence for a 20 minute period.

Link: <https://allsaints-pas.org/more/pastoral-care/centering-prayer/>

Recovery Eucharist Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Recovery Eucharist is designed for those recovering from any addiction and for those who support them in their recovery. Elements of the service are drawn from the Book of Common Prayer and the 12 Step readings.

Upcoming dates: Jan 1 & 15 Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87551078462> Meeting ID: 875 5107 8462

Looking Ahead

Events & Opportunities

Join us for an Interfaith Commemoration of Holy Innocents Day

Saturday, December 28, 5:30 p.m., in the Learning Center
Join us after Shalbbat ends (Havdalal). (Maghrib) Sunset prayer space available.

The Gospel of Matthew records that after the birth of Jesus; King Herod was furious when he realized that he had been tricked by the Magi. He ordered the death of all male children in and around Bethlehem who, were two years old and under. The child Jesus was not harmed because Joseph was warned in a dream to escape to Egypt with Jesus and Mary. Join us as we gather to remember all the Innocents slain over the prior 449 days of death and destruction in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and Yemen. Our program will include music, poetry and prayer. At the conclusion we will process to the archways of City Hall in a public call for ceasefire; release of all prisoners; more humanitarian aid, and a just and comprehensive peace.



Labyrinth Walk As We Celebrate the Feast of Epiphany

Sunday, January 5, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in Sweetland Hall

Come walk the Labyrinth Sunday, January 5th, as we join the Magi on their journey of amazement, wonder, and worship. All are invited to celebrate the joy and mystery of Epiphany as a part of your journey of faith.

As the Prophet Isaiah tells us, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (60:1)

The Way of Love

Next session will be Sundays, January 5 – February 9, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Guild Room.

The Way of Love is a way of life. The Way of Love program draws you into a deeper and richer relationship with God through the incorporation of spiritual practices into your daily life. It is a six week program which explores the practices of returning to / finding God again, scripture, prayer, worship, going beyond our boundaries, how we bless others, and rest. More than a program or a curriculum, it is an intentional commitment to a set of practices.

It's a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.

Register online here: <https://bit.ly/40ygl40>



Continuing Through January 7 Have Your Own Private Screening of The Philadelphia Eleven!

As this 50th Anniversary year comes to a close, *The Philadelphia Eleven* filmmakers want as many people as possible to be able to watch the film, so an online, on-demand option is being offered through the end of the year (November 27–January 7).

Get some snacks, invite some friends, and gather around.

Click here: <https://kinema.com/events/the-philadelphia-eleven-ielwpc>.

Facilitating a Small Group Training

Join us on Sunday, January 12, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Forum.

Come to learn skills and techniques to be an effective small group facilitator. This class includes discussions on creating a meaningful small group atmosphere, building inclusive conversation by establishing a covenant with your group, modeling active listening, and managing challenging issues. This class is led by the Leadership Support & Development Committee.

Information = Amanda McCormick, amccormick@allsaints-pas.org.

Register online here: <https://allsaints.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/49/responses/new>

AAPI Planning Retreat

Sunday, January 12, 12:00–4:00 p.m., in the Jr High Room

The AAPI Ministry at All Saints Pasadena invites AAPI-identifying members for a 2025 Planning Retreat. Thomas Diaz, Mark Chase, and Tim Rich will join us. It will be a time of growing in community and reflection, and for envisioning and planning for 2025.

For more information, please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/AAPIJan2025>

Information = Ana Camacho: acamacho@allsaints-pas.org

Interfaith Study Group presents:

Hard Conversations: Listening with Compassion, Sharing with Courage

Sunday, January 12, 5:00–7:30 p.m., at the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center 1434 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena 91107

Led by Aziza Hasan and Andrea Hodos of *NewGround: a Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change*. Violence in the Middle East has brought pain & anger into our local communities. How can we talk with one another in ways that increase understanding, rather than distrust, bias and dehumanization? Aziza & Andrea, executive and associate directors of NewGround have been acknowledged nationally for their expertise in supporting communities to better understand one another, especially in these most difficult discussions.

Please bring an open heart, a mind willing to listen and learn, and a vegetarian dish to share in our potluck.

Information = Debbie Daniels at ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.

If You Crochet or Knit, Consider Joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in the Regas House Lobby

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. We gather in community to share our prayers, our stories, the work of our hands and hearts while knitting and crocheting shawls to be given as mantles of healing to those in need of comfort. Prayer shawl participants have long known that working with hands is a meditative spiritual practice that quiets minds to hear God's clear voice. Please join us with yarn, needles, and prayer.

Information = Thomas Diaz at tdiaz@allsaints-pas.org



January Jazz Vespers: Ernie Watts

Sunday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. on the Chancel

Two-time Grammy Award winner Ernie Watts is one of the most versatile and prolific saxophone players in music. Summing it all up, Watts describes his ongoing journey: "I see music as the common bond having potential to bring all people together in peace and harmony. All things in the physical world have vibration; the music I choose to play is the energy vibration that touches a common bond in people. I believe that music is God singing through us, an energy to be used for good."

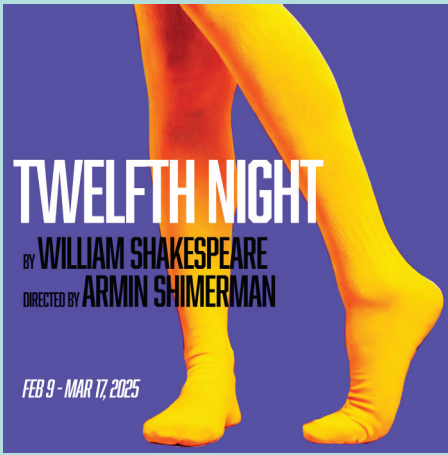
There is no charge. No reservations required.

Info = jazz@allsaints-pas.org, or www.erniewatts.com



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Shows with Theatre Ministry



Twelfth Night

Friday, February 14, 8:00 p.m., at Antaeus Theatre, Tickets are \$35.

"What country, friends, is this?"

Separated from her twin brother in a shipwreck, Viola is forced to make her own way in the kingdom of Illyria - where, disguised as a man, she discovers unrequited passion, double-crossings, hilarity, and yellow stockings.

Macbeth

Friday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., at A Noise Within, Tickets are \$51.

One of Shakespeare's most compelling and enduring works, this play depicts a tragic spiral of violence, propelled by unbridled ambition and the consequences of unchecked power. Set in New Orleans, this new production of *Macbeth* explores the unraveling of minds and the collapse of a marriage. Delve deep into the psychological turmoil of a king tortured by guilt, fate, and the corrupting influence of his own desires. Directed by Andi Chapman, acclaimed for ANW's *The Bluest Eye*, this production weaves themes of ambition, fate, and

guilt into a world of ancestral rituals and supernatural forces.



Topdog/Underdog

Friday, March 7, 8:00 p.m., at the Pasadena Playhouse Tickets are \$42.

Two brothers in freefall struggle to find their footing as they hustle their way through life. Haunted by the past and their obsession with street cons and cards, the brothers come to learn the true nature of their fate. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Suzan-Lori Parks' darkly comic fable is poetic, gripping, and unforgettable.

Jane Eyre

Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., at A Noise Within, Tickets are \$41.

Experience Jane's resilience and determination to live life on her own terms, from her early years of hardship and mistreatment to her eventual pursuit of love and independence. In a tale beloved for generations, thrills, mystery, and romance

abound in this tenacious story of self-determination. Facing societal expectations and personal challenges, Jane navigates betrayal and injustice with inexhaustible courage. This bold and dynamic production offers audiences a compelling portrayal of one woman's quest for freedom and fulfillment in the face of devastating adversity.



Registration to order tickets will be available soon!

Information = Melissa Hayes at mhayes@allsaints-pas.org.



You Are Invited to Bring the Oblations to the Altar!

Consider bringing the bread and wine up the aisle for communion at the 10:00 a.m. service. For your birthday, anniversary, or in memory of a loved one - or any Sunday. You may do this with your family, a partner or be paired with someone else. If you are not able to walk up the steps to the altar, the staff will come to you!

To sign up or for more information, please contact Marianne Ryan at marianneryan1014@gmail.com.



Sing at All Saints

The mission of our music ministry is to lead the All Saints community in liturgies that glorify God, move the heart and challenge the mind—all with great variety, color and reverence. We know there are many of you who sing in the pew rather than the chancel.

Your musical gifts and experience are needed to lead this great congregation in exuberant song. If you've attended a Sunday service, it's likely that you've noticed our two adult choirs: Canterbury and Coventry. They rehearse weekly

to prepare and offer the finest music in a variety of styles and expressions, ranging from gospel, jazz, and world music, to traditional Anglican repertoire and full-scale orchestral/choral works.

To audition, please contact Weicheng Zhao, Director of Music,
at wzhao@allsaints-pas.org.



Celebrate a Special Event or Loved One with Flowers for the Altar!

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life.

To provide flowers for the altars, please contact Gary Leonard at tofr@pacbell.net.

Prices & Style Guide: <https://bit.ly/3nOMsMC>



Christian Nationalism

TACKLING THE TRUTHS
OF A TOXIC MOVEMENT

Resources to Tackle the Toxic Movement of Christian Nationalism

The rise of White Christian Nationalism as a force of division and polarization in our nation compels us to increase our understanding of this toxic movement in order to increase our capacity to resist it. This list of resources is offered as a place to start “digging deeper” as we equip ourselves and each other to stand up and speak out against this hijacking of the Gospel of love, justice and compassion as a tool of hatred, judgement and discrimination.

[Click here for list of resources](#)

End-of-Year Giving at All Saints

All Saints is almost entirely supported by individual donations. Your generosity infuses this sacred space and transformational community with life and possibility. This year in particular we are in need of additional financial support to help us finish the year off on solid footing. Consider making a special end-of-year gift as part of your charitable giving.

Ways to Give:

1. Make a one-time gift or set up recurring donation [here](#).
2. Give with stock, donor advised funds, employer match or IRA distribution (please note that to receive the tax benefit for 2025, all checks must be post-marked on or before Tuesday, Dec. 31, and stock gifts must be transferred to All Saints by Dec. 31).



Make Your 2025 Pledge

Thank you to the 413 households who, as of December 18, have made a pledge; these commitments total \$ 2,350,918. We still need another 200 households to help us raise an additional \$400,000 in pledges getting us closer to a healthy and sustaining start to 2025. Consider a monthly pledge of \$100 or more to help us reach our goal by the close of this year!

Ways to Give:

1. Submit your pledge online [here](#).
2. Pick up a pledge card and reply envelope from the front office
3. Fill out a pledge card in the pew and place in the offering plate.

If you have questions, please contact Sarah Nolan at snolan@allsaints-pas.org or Marilyn Coffman at mcoffman@allsaints-pas.org in the Giving Office, or call 626.583.2736.

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9:00 a.m. in the Guild Room Sacred Resistance Task Force 2.0 with Susan Russell

What is Sacred Resistance? Why do we need it? How do I get involved? Susan Russell will give some history, an update on the current plans for the Task Force and an invitation to get involved. A great way to launch the new year as we partner with our siblings across the Diocese of Los Angeles in the work of becoming Beloved Community.



What is Sacred Ground?

Sacred Ground is a film-and-readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Part of Becoming Beloved Community — The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society — the 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on

Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

The series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

Sacred Ground is not brand new to All Saints Church. In 2021 a number of parish leaders and staff members assisted in introducing the program here in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Many of those who participated at that time were hoping to widen the circle by creating a parish-wide opportunity to engage with the material.

Who created Sacred Ground and Why?

The dialogue series developer and author is Katrina Browne, producer/director of the documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*. Browne is a lifelong Episcopalian who is dedicated to racial justice and healing. As a white woman, she is particularly concerned with the important work white people need to do in conversation with each other, as part of the larger project of Becoming Beloved Community. **More here:** <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/about/>

When is Sacred Ground Coming to All Saints Church?

The timeline is to start registration on MLK Weekend (January 19) and begin the 11-part series of dialogue circles in February. There will be opportunities for both in person and online, daytime and evening, weekday and weekend groups.

Trained facilitators will be working in collaboration with Sacred Ground Coordinators Maryann Ahart and Lori Kizzia and under the direction of staff member Thomas Diaz, Director of Connection & Care. **For more information, please contact Maren Tompkins at mtompkins@allsaints-pas.org**

We are grateful to be returning to Sacred Ground as a process for healing relationships which have been wounded by a void in the ability to talk about and embrace each other's racial history and identity. We are confident that Sacred Ground will offer one of the steps we need to us move forward with the work that we have to do in 2025 and beyond.

Visit our website: <https://allsaints-pas.org/sacred-ground/>

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