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# ALL SOULS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of Advent

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"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"

- Jn 1:23

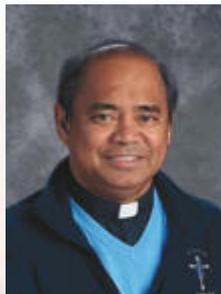
*A Community Centered In Christ, Nurtured by the Sacraments & Teachings of the Church;  
Committed to Excellence In Education, Living A Life of Service, Leadership, and Compassion.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

## TRUE JOY

Mother Theresa was asked once if she ever got discouraged about the problems and cares of her ministry? How does she handle the day-to-day challenge of yesterday and tomorrow? She answered joyfully by saying:

“Discouragement comes from pride; we must be people of hope.”



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

La verdadera alegría

Una vez, se le preguntó a la Madre Teresa si en algún momento se sentía desalentada por los problemas y preocupaciones de su ministerio. ¿Cómo maneja los desafíos diarios de ayer y de mañana? Ella contestó con gozo, diciendo, “El desaliento viene del orgullo; debemos ser gente de esperanza”.

This 3rd Sunday of advent unfolds the joyful anticipation of the life and ministry of Jesus accounted and testified by John the Baptist. This joyful anticipation provided Hope and encouragement not just to John but also provides it to His followers today. We hear of John’s witness talk, describing himself as the one proclaiming Jesus as the word made flesh, who became the light himself, who dwelt among us, and John as the witness to all these mysteries.

What makes us hopeful and joyful? It is this mysterious promise of the “word that was made flesh!” being unveiled. Never in the history of humankind have we known of a God who became flesh, who also lived among us. For the relationship between God and man has never been transformed this way.

There is even more to this story of John. Besides a promise fulfilled in our hearing, there is also the realization of this cosmic reality more than just a natural story of a birth, but the story of God Himself being born with us and deciding to be with us unconditionally. A God who refuses to be distant and remote. A God who is pure love and all giving.

This revelation brings back the lovely story of creation through the lens of the incarnation of Christ, the word made flesh. Remember and imagine the sequential creation story, “In the beginning (was God, in OT), while the other was “In the beginning was the word...” Because of this joyful anticipation, May the season of Advent bond us together rejoicing everywhere the goodness of God.

El tercer domingo de Adviento revela la gozosa expectativa de la vida y ministerio de Jesús, contado y atestiguado por Juan el Bautista. Esta gozosa expectativa dio esperanza y aliento, no solamente para Juan, sino también para sus seguidores hoy en día. Escuchamos las palabras de testimonio de Juan, quien se describe como el que proclama a Jesús como la palabra hecha carne, quien se convertiría el mismo en luz, quien vivió entre nosotros, y Juan el testigo a todos estos misterios.

¿Qué nos da alegría y esperanza? ¡Es la misteriosa promesa de la palabra hecha carne que se nos da a conocer! Nunca en la historia de la humanidad hemos conocido un Dios que se convirtió en sangre y hueso, quien vivió entre nosotros. Por eso la relación entre Dios y el hombre nunca ha sido trasformada en esta manera.

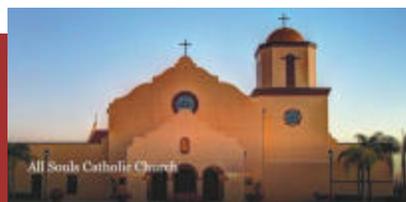
Hay todavía más a esta historia de Juan. Además de la promesa cumplida en nuestra audiencia, existe también la realización de la realidad cósmica – más que tan sólo una historia natural de un nacimiento, sino también la historia de Dios mismo nacido entre nosotros y decidido a formar parte de nosotros incondicionalmente. Un Dios que se niega a permanecer distante y remoto. Un Dios quien es puro amor y generosidad.

Esta revelación nos trae una vez más la historia de la creación a través del lente de la encarnación de Cristo, la palabra hecha carne. Recuerden e imaginen la historia secuencial de la creación, “En el principio (existía Dios, en el Antiguo Testamento), comparada con “En el principio existía la palabra...”

Por esta gozosa expectativa, que la temporada de Adviento nos una a todos juntos, regocijándonos en todas partes por la bondad de Dios.

*Fr. David Vivero*

*P. David Vivero*



### Church Location:

3280 W. 1st St. (SR #46), Sanford, FL 32771  
**Vigil Mass:** (Sat) 4:00pm and 6:00pm  
**Sunday Masses:** 8:00am & 10:00am (*English*),  
12:00pm (*Spanish*)

### Chapel Location:

800 S. Oak Ave., Sanford, FL 32771  
**Mon.-Sat. Daily Mass:** (TBA)  
**Sunday & Latin Mass:** (TBA) (*Latin Tridentine*)  
**Confession:** (Sat) 1:30-2:30 pm

## Gospel Meditation For Your Day

“Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it’s all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They

never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow. ©LPi

## We Serve...

Society of St. Vincent de Paul and CARES Grant Aid Covid Victims

The All Souls, Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), was awarded a large grant from Seminole County earlier this Fall, to aid all those in the County who were affected by Covid-19 (and who had not previously been aided). SVdP has been working hard to pass along this assistance to all those in need. It has been, and continues to be, a tremendous challenge. But, it is extremely rewarding to see how much SVdP has been able to help people with their food, rents, mortgages, utilities, insurance, phones, or other necessities that were impacted due to health or job related effects of Covid-19. There’s a lot of personal contacts, paperwork, physical labor, and long hours involved for the members of SVdP, but they do it with joy in their hearts to help their brothers and sisters in Christ!



NOTE: The CARES Grant expires Dec. 31st and all unused funds must be returned. Please contact the SVdP Office as soon as possible, if you have a Covid-19 related need, or know of someone who does. SVdP Office: 407.330.4400



## Welcome!

### All Are Welcome Here

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in

need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely — with unconditional love. If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry. If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace. If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you. We are happy you are here and want you to stay. We would like to share our lives with you. Come join us each week so we can worship God together.

### All Souls Loves Visitors!

We accept anyone who wants to share in the life of the parish regardless of where they live. Please register as an affirmation of your wish to share in the community life of All Souls. Registration cards may be found in the narthex of the church or chapel, the parish office during the week, or online at our parish website: [allsoulssanford.org](http://allsoulssanford.org). Why not sign up today? We love new members!

### Register Today at:

[www.allsoulssanford.org/parish-registration](http://www.allsoulssanford.org/parish-registration)

### Our New Parishioners

- Victor Simmons Flores
- Maria Lourdes Evangelista-Flores
- James Simmons
- David Simmons
- Rebecca Sepulveda Negron
- Charlene Millan Sepulveda
- Dr. Michael Storzini

### Find All Souls Online:

- WEBSITE: [www.allsoulssanford.org](http://www.allsoulssanford.org)
- FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/AllSoulsCatholicCommunity/](https://www.facebook.com/AllSoulsCatholicCommunity/)
- TWITTER: [www.twitter.com/allsoulssanford](https://www.twitter.com/allsoulssanford)
- YOUTUBE: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvpNJ1jWbUA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvpNJ1jWbUA)
- FLOCKNOTE: [www.txallsouls.flocknote.com/everyone](https://www.txallsouls.flocknote.com/everyone)



**WE PRAY**  
All Souls Catholic Church



**WE TEACH**  
School and Jesus Christ



**WE SERVE**  
All Souls Cemetery



**WE ENDURE**  
All Souls Historic Chapel

## What is Advent All About?



“**A**dvent, symbolized by the color purple, includes the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to Christmas. The term “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus* which means “coming,” and it focuses not only on the past coming of Jesus on the first Christmas; but also on the present coming of Jesus in the gospels, the sacraments, other people, prayer, love, truth, and personal experience; and the future coming of Jesus at the Second or Final Coming at the end of the world, the Parousia or the Last Judgment.

Traditions during this season include Advent wreaths, nativity blessings and maintaining an Advent Calendar that encourages prayer and giving. In addition to the traditions associated with the season, many Catholics also go to confession as a way to prepare for the coming of Jesus. But, Advent is not Lent or a miniature version of Lent. In fact, the two seasons are extremely different. Advent stresses hope and joy, Lent stresses penance and sorrow; Advent emphasizes what we need to add to our lives (e.g., grace, light, joy), while Lent emphasizes what we need to remove (i.e., sin).

During Advent there are three prevalent themes to note as we wait patiently for the coming of Christ. We long for the Messiah, are urged to be alert for Jesus’ Second Coming, and meditate on Christ’s presence in our lives now. The primary saint of Advent is John the Baptist, who points the way to Jesus. The Baptist was the voice crying out in the desert, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths” (Is 40:3; Mt 3:3), which is what we are called to do during this holy season.

Ultimately, Advent is a time to consider how we can grow in spiritual wholeness during such a busy commercial season. Take time for silence and reflection each day with Scripture, a devotional prayer, or with an Advent calendar. Dwell with the scene of the Nativity. What is it like to imagine the journey of Mary and Joseph and to be with them as the baby Jesus comes into the world? St. Ignatius of Loyola had a deep reverence for the Nativity scene, as we see in the Spiritual Exercises.

Consider praying with saints like him, with the Liturgy of the Hours, or



with the O Antiphons the last week before Christmas. A prayerful journey with the Holy Family and the Church throughout Advent will lead to gifts of gratitude and joy when we enter the Christmas Season.

## Advent Penance Service

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Please join us for the Bilingual Advent Penance Service Monday, December 14th from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Church. This penance service will be followed by individual confessions, and we will have extra priests on hand to help. Prepare for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## All Souls Guadalupe Feast Day Events

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm-9pm online Guadalupe Feast Events

- “Las Mañanitas” Band, presented from the church
- Re-enactment of the events in 1531 - The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego
- Mass of the Feast of Guadalupe

Watch online on our website, our YouTube channel, or our Facebook page:

**Website:** <https://allsoulssanford.org/watch-the-mass>

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCKBOT6JRjHrnJ2vvOTWFcEA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKBOT6JRjHrnJ2vvOTWFcEA)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/AllSoulsCatholicCommunity/](http://www.facebook.com/AllSoulsCatholicCommunity/)

## Eventos del Festival de la Virgen de Guadalupe en la Iglesia All Souls

Sábado, 12 de diciembre: 6:30pm-9pm eventos del Festival de Guadalupe

- “Las Mañanitas”, rendimiento musical desde la iglesia
- Representación de los eventos de 1531 – La aparición milagrosa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a San Juan Diego.
- Misa del día festivo de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Vea lo en línea en nuestro sitio de web, canal de YouTube, o página de Facebook de All Souls:

**Sitio de Web:** [www.allsoulssanford.org/watch-the-mass](http://www.allsoulssanford.org/watch-the-mass)

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCKBOT6JRjHrnJ2vvOTWFcEA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKBOT6JRjHrnJ2vvOTWFcEA)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/AllSoulsCatholicCommunity/](http://www.facebook.com/AllSoulsCatholicCommunity/)



## Christmas Masses 2020

All Masses will be celebrated at the church, unless capacity is reached. Please plan to arrive early as seating is first come, first serve. Check the parish website for updates.

### Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

8:30 am (English) live-streamed

4:00 pm (English) live-streamed

6:00 pm (English)

8:00 pm (Spanish) live-streamed

11:30 pm (Music Prelude and Midnight Mass) live-streamed

### Dec. 25th Christmas Day

8:00 am

10:00 am live-streamed

## A Humble Christmas Prayer

God, our Creator, we offer this humble prayer on Christmas Day. We come to worship with a song of thanks in our hearts—a song of redemption, a song of hope and renewal. We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth. We ask for the salvation of all our family members and friends, and we pray your blessings on all people. May there be bread for the hungry, love for the unlovable, healing for the sick, protection for our children, and wisdom for our youth. We pray for the forgiveness of sinners and abundant life in Christ. Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love and power. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. *Lia Icaza Willetts*

## Offertory Initiative

### Building God's Kingdom at All Souls Parish

All Souls' Offertory Recovery & Restoration Initiative and Online Giving Campaign is very important to help us achieve financial stability in these difficult times. We understand that this ongoing pandemic has affected many of us in a myriad of ways. If you have been affected financially please know we are praying for you, and we are here to help however we can. For those who may not have been affected financially, we encourage you to prayerfully consider a gift to our parish.

Thank you to the many individuals and families who have already signed up for online giving. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us. If you have not yet done so and are financially able, you can make your gift online at <https://allsoulssanford.weshareonline.org/> to ensure that our parish remains a pillar of our community. This is a simple, safe, and secure way to make a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation. With your help, together we will see this through and continue to build God's Kingdom here in our community. Please remember us in your prayers. Thank you!

### Why Not Try "Online Giving"

We are pleased to provide online giving as an option for your offertory gifts and more. During these unprecedented times, many of you are uncomfortable coming to All Souls in person. Consider enrolling in online giving, just go to our website <https://allsoulssanford.org/giving> and click on the link. You can make a secure one-time offertory contribution or set up recurring contributions. It is a safe and easy way to fulfill your stewardship commitments and make your one-time or recurring donations.

Thank you for your time and your prayers for the success of this initiative.



## Ministry Formation Conference

We invite all those active in ministry, all who are open to the Lord, and anyone who wants to journey closer to God to join us for the I Thirst: Ministry Formation Conference. You will hear anew the invitation from Christ to follow Him, to live as a disciple, and to bring other people to know and love Him.

The conference is both virtual and in-person. It will open with a celebration of Mass at St. James Cathedral with Bishop Noonan presiding on February 5th at 7PM. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Orlando's Facebook and YouTube pages.

The conference-retreat will be Saturday, February 6th from 9:30am-1pm in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian. Attend virtually or join one of several parishes that will host a limited seating, in-person gathering. After each presentation will be the opportunity to join a small group discussion remotely or at an in-person event.

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ministry-formation-conference-2021-registration-100832342250> and click on register.

## Calendar

### SUNDAY, December 13

8:00 AM Sunday Mass.....Church  
10:00 AM Sunday Mass (also online).....Church  
12:00 PM La Misa (tambien en linea).....Iglesia

### MONDAY, December 14

8:30 AM Mass (also online).....Church  
7:00 PM Advent Penance Service (bilingual)...Church

### TUESDAY, December 15

8:30 AM Mass (also online).....Church  
5:30 PM Jr. DAWG .....Virtual  
6:30 PM Gr 1-5 Faith Formation.....Virtual  
7:00 PM RCIA w/ Fr. Ken .....Virtual

### WEDNESDAY, December 16

8:30 AM Mass (also online).....Church  
6:45 PM Sr. DAWG .....Social Hall

### THURSDAY, December 17

8:30 AM Mass (also online).....Church

### FRIDAY, December 18

8:30 AM Mass (also online).....Church  
9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration.....Church  
12:00PM Parish Office Closes at Noon for the Day

### SATURDAY, December 19

8:30 AM Mass (also online).....Church  
1:30 PM Confessions (until 2:30pm).....Chapel  
4:00 PM Mass (Eng).....Church  
5:00 PM Madres y Padres (Virtual).....Church  
6:00 PM Mass (Eng).....Church

The parish office will be closed **Friday, December 18th** beginning at 12noon for the remainder of the day.

## In Remembrance of Our Dear, Departed Diocesan Parish Priests

Their names and the impact of their lives on our own, remain in our hearts. May they forever rest in God's love.

12/2/2015 - Msgr. Vidal Arboleda	12/21/1997 - Rev. William O'Farrell
12/4/1996 - Rev. Con Shine	12/22/1981 - Rev. Vincent Smith
12/4/2008 - Rev. Stephen Phillips	12/22/2010 - Rev. Gerard Granahan
12/13/1971 - Msgr. William Mullally	



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### SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE!

Flocknote is your email and texting direct connection to All Souls Parish. **Two ways to sign up:** **1)** From your mobile phone, text **84576**, then in the text box enter **ALLSOULS** and hit send. **2)** Go to website <https://txallsouls.flocknote.com/>.



St. Vincent De Paul (1581–1660)

## Vincentian Reflections

“ In today’s Gospel John the Baptist says, “I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord.” Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving ... please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.”

## We Give Together

**Food Pantry Needs Of The Week**  
Small Dish Soap and Small Laundry Soap

### Need Help?

Please call us at **407.330.4400**.  
Confidentiality assured.

### Last Week

**66 items** with a retail **value of \$143**. Thanks!

### News From SVDP Orlando

The St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Thrift Stores are just a mouse click away – check out a wide selection of items available through the SVDP Orlando eBay page: [https://www.ebay.com/usr/svdporlando?\\_trksid=p2047675.12559](https://www.ebay.com/usr/svdporlando?_trksid=p2047675.12559). **Want to donate? Call our Donation Hotline at 888.986.4483 or schedule via svdporlando.org**

## St. Vincent de Paul November Report

### All Souls Conference - Case Management Report - November, 2020

Total Number of Families Assisted: **47**  
Total Number of Families Receiving Food Assistance: **32 valued @ \$2,400**  
Total Number of Families Receiving Financial Assistance: **33 @ \$20,551.48**

- Rent/Lodging: 9 @ \$15,312.96
- Utility: 7 @ \$1,657.13
- Gas Vouchers: 1 @ \$20
- Phone: 2 @ \$400
- Gift Card: 1 @ \$25
- Water: 7 @ \$1,657.13
- Beds: 3 @ \$451.52
- Meat purchased for freezer: \$89.12

**Total Cash and In-Kind Assistance: \$23,191.48**  
Note: \$12,450.82 of total cash was CARES funding

### Giving

Please go to the “Giving” tab on the All Souls website homepage at [www.allsoulsanford.org](http://www.allsoulsanford.org). Your Parish needs your support in these times.

### All Souls Stewardship of Treasure

12/6	Offertory .....	\$27,128.00
12/6	Debt Reduction .....	\$1,469.50
12/6	St. Vincent De Paul .....	\$2,081.00



## Stewardship Opportunities

### ☎ Parish Office Volunteers

Are you a student, retired, or looking to dust off your job skills? Want to do a little work around the office? All Souls is looking for volunteers to help with the phones, greeting parishioners, and general office duties. Administrative skills and bi-lingual proficiency are helpful, but not required. Our staff is warm and our hearts are welcoming.  
**Call Us Today! 407-322-3795**

### ✍️ Share Your Talents

All Souls is in immediate need of volunteers to help us in our Communications mission. If you have a background in any of the fields listed below, please send us your information: [bulletin@allsoulsanford.org](mailto:bulletin@allsoulsanford.org)

- Writing and/or Editing
- Graphic Design
- Market Research/Data Analysis
- Photography
- Promotions/Events
- Social Media Management
- Audio / Video Production
- Web Design/Production

This is a great opportunity to work with a highly motivated, fun, and focused team of faithful Christians, in bringing Christ to others. Write us Today!

### 🏆 School Athletic Director

All Souls School is looking for an Athletic Director for Grades K-4.

#### Duties include:

- Organizing teams in various grades and sports.
- Working with the registrar of CYS (Catholic Youth Sports) on registrations and student payments.
- Representing All Souls at games during the sports season.
- Must find coaches for the seasonal sports.

#### Requirements:

- Fingerprinting and background check must be completed.

**For more information please contact the school office 407-322-7090**

### ☎ Voluntarios Para la Oficina Parroquial

¿Eres un estudiante, retirado o buscas revivir tus habilidades laborales? ¿Quieres brindar una mano en la oficina de la parroquia? All Souls está buscando voluntarios para ayudar con los teléfonos, saludar a los feligreses y realizar las tareas generales de la oficina. Se prefieren personas con habilidades administrativas y competencia bilingüe. ¡Llámanos hoy al 407-322-3795!





## All Souls Catholic School

### All Souls Inductees to the National Junior Honor Society

On Wednesday, December 2, the All Souls Catholic School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted 14 new members into this prestigious organization. With their families present, the inductees approached the altar to receive their academic stoles and pins. Each of these students is an outstanding member of their school and community. Only students with an "A" grade average can become part of the Society. Scholarship is only one of the pillars required to become a member of NJHS. Service, Leadership, Character and Citizenship are also required of members. All Souls School is blessed by their shining presence, and honored to be a guiding light for their educational and spiritual futures.

#### Congratulations 2020 National Junior Honor Society Inductees

- Domenica A.
- Hannah B.
- William G.
- Caleb H.
- Kinsey J.
- Riley J.
- Grace L.
- Tristan P.
- Gabriella P.
- Lily R.
- Juan R.
- Ava V.G.
- Veronica W.
- Viktoriya W.



## All Souls Catholic School

United States Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in Catholic Education.

If you are interested in a Catholic school education for your student, we would love to introduce you to our campus! Please contact our school office and schedule a tour today.

Barbara Schirard | *Principal*  
 Mary Moran | *Asst. Principal*  
 810 S. Oak Ave., Sanford, FL 32771  
**Phone:** 407.322.7090  
**Fax:** 407.321.7255  
**Website:**  
[www.allsoulscatholicsschool.org](http://www.allsoulscatholicsschool.org)



Are you looking for technology friendly **FREE VPK** for your child? All Souls Catholic School is currently enrolling new students! With a score of 100% on the "readiness Rate" in Seminole County, our VPK students are Kindergarten ready! Call us and come tour our campus.

**Phone:** 407.322.7090

### More All Souls School News

- All Souls School "Annual Fund" is ongoing. To donate, please contact the School Office: 407-322-7090, or go to the website: [www.allsoulscatholicsschool.org/donate](http://www.allsoulscatholicsschool.org/donate)
- The "Applied Engineering Competition" will be held on Dec. 11th at All Souls School. This exciting technology program is just one more example of how All Souls School leads the way!
- Bring your new and gently used toys to the All Souls School Annual Christmas "Toy Drive" this week, to help support "Mother Weaver's Place/Rescue Outreach Mission". All toy donations will be gratefully accepted, and provided to children in need.

## Saint Hildegard of Bingen



(September 16, 1098 – September 17, 1179)

**A**bbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—where to begin in describing this remarkable woman? Born into a noble family, when Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of Saint Disibodenberg.

Ordered by her confessor to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three, Hildegard took ten years to write her *Scivias* (Know the Ways). Pope Eugene III read it, and in 1147, encouraged her to continue writing. Her *Book of the Merits of Life* and *Book of Divine Works* followed. She wrote over 300 letters to people who sought her advice; she also composed short works on medicine and physiology, and sought advice from contemporaries such as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

Hildegard's visions caused her to see humans as "living sparks" of God's love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God's creation and the place of women and men in that. This unity was not apparent to many of her contemporaries. Hildegard was no stranger to controversy. The monks near her original foundation protested vigorously when she moved her monastery to Bingen, overlooking the Rhine River. She confronted Emperor Frederick Barbarossa for supporting at least three antipopes. Hildegard challenged the Cathars, who rejected the Catholic Church claiming to follow a more pure Christianity.

Between 1152 and 1162, Hildegard often preached in the Rhineland. Her monastery was placed under interdict because she had permitted the burial of a young man who had been excommunicated. She insisted that he had been reconciled with the Church and had received its sacraments before dying. Hildegard protested bitterly when the local bishop forbade the celebration of or reception of the Eucharist at the Bingen monastery, a sanction that was lifted only a few months before her death. In 1122, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI. Her Liturgical Feast Day is September 17.

## And The Bible Says...

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" - Jn 1:23

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## Faith Formation Updates



### Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome

These RCIA rites were celebrated last Saturday, December 5th during our 6:00PM Mass. All Souls joyfully welcomes those who have been received as catechumens: Ken Kniel, Kiley Delgado, Stacy Read, Jonathan Lopez, Nayelli Lopez, Jamain De La Rosa, Jah' Linette Pagan, Jonmar Pagan and Melissa Bonilla. They will prepare for their initiation into the Christian faith by baptism, confirmation and eucharist. All Souls would also like to greet those who are already one with us in baptism, now wish to complete their Christian initiation through confirmation and eucharist to be received in communion of the Catholic Church: John and Lorrie Kovac, William Powell and Jaqueline Villalobos. We give thanks and praise to God who has led them by various paths to oneness in faith.

All Souls would also like to welcome the recently baptized: Ian Bamaca, Eshop Hardy Jr., Israel Benitez, Aleah and Elan Gutierrez de Jesus, Brenda, Brisa, Raulito and Yucely Gabriel Vazquez. God's blessings upon you.



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AND CRAFT WITH  
SANTA**

~~SATURDAY 12 DEC~~

This year, much to our regret, we've made the decision to **Cancel** this event. Our apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause. But, we look forward to bringing back Santa for breakfast with us next year!

"Yo soy la voz que grita en el desierto: 'Enderecen el camino del Señor'".  
- Jn 1:23

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## Our Faith Community

### Bilingual Faith Formation Assistant/Receptionist

All Souls Catholic Church is seeking a bilingual faith formation assistant/parish receptionist. This individual will coordinate and provide professional administrative support as well as clerical services; supports the Parish Catechetical Leader and parish staff in both the faith formation of youth and adults of the parish as well as daily operations of the parish office. Must be available to work evenings and occasional weekends. Resumes and applications are being accepted via the Diocese of Orlando website <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/ministries-offices/human-resources/career-opportunities/>

### CARES Grant COVID Relief



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of All Souls Catholic Church in Sanford has recently received a CARES grant from

Seminole County to aid those in the county who have been affected by COVID-19, and to-date, have not received assistance from Seminole County. This includes financial assistance for such things as mortgages, rents, utilities, car insurance, phones, and/or food, for anyone who has been directly affected by COVID, either health-wise or job-related. Please call our office 407.330.4400 for more information. If there is no answer, kindly leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. All inquiries, information and assistance is confidential.



### All Are Invited - Decorate the Church

Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season on **Sunday December 20 at 2:00pm**. We ask that you wear a mask and any children under the age of 18 be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, please call the Church Office 407.322.3795 or Annette L. 407.314.3646. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Angel Tree

#### A Different Way of Giving This Year

This year, St. Vincent de Paul's ANGEL TREE is going virtual! We are using Target.com and Walmart.com for your convenience. Playing Santa is just a mouse click away! Be as generous as your circumstances allow. Items purchased will ship directly to SVDP at All Souls.

#### Here's How:

Visit [Target.com](https://www.target.com) or [Walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) and look for "Registry". Then, click and enter the registry name, and it will open to our wish list.

**Target and Walmart registry name: SVDP ANGEL TREE All Souls**

Gift Cards for Walmart, Target and Amazon, McDonald's, Burger King, Chick-fil-A, Subway and any other fast-food restaurants are also welcome. Gift cards can be dropped off at the indicated box in the church, or placed in an envelope marked SVDP Angel Tree and dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you!



### Get Your 2020 Advent Calendar

Get Your 2020 Advent Calendar  
The All Souls 2020 Advent Calendar is now available for download on the Parish Website at: <https://allsoulssanford.org/advent-calendar-2020>

The calendar counts down to Christmas and contains a scriptural reference for reflection each day of Advent. Print the calendar for your family today, and keep it at home or with you, as a beautiful Advent reminder.

## Parish Information

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# Mass Readings & Prayer Intentions

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## December

<b>12 Sat</b> Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/ Lk 1:26-38	<b>13 Sun</b> Is 61:1-2a, 10- 11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6- 8, 19-28	<b>14 Mon</b> Nm 24:2-7, 15- 17a/Ps 25:4- 5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27	<b>15 Tue</b> Zep 3:1-2, 9- 13/Ps 34:2-3, 6 -7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32	<b>16 Wed</b> Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b- 23	<b>17 Thu</b> Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 3- 4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17	<b>18 Fri</b> Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
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### Observations

Our Lady of Guadalupe	2nd Sunday of Advent; Saint Lucy 	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Blessed Mary Frances Schervier	Blessed Honoratus Kozminski	Saint Hildegard of Bingen 	Blessed Anthony Grassi
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### Prayer Intentions

12 SATURDAY	13 SUNDAY	14 MONDAY	15 TUESDAY	16 WEDNESDAY	17 THURSDAY	18 FRIDAY
<b>8:30am - Church</b> ✠ Edward Malane <b>Requested By:</b> Joan Miller	<b>8:00am - Church</b> ✠ Joyce Dual <b>Requested By:</b> Dual Family	<b>8:30am - Church</b> ✠ Mena Colado <b>Requested By:</b> Jose Diaz Family	<b>8:30am - Church</b> ✠ Pamela Vicencio <b>Requested By:</b> Vicencio Family	<b>8:30am - Church</b> ✠ Fr. Edmund L. Szpieg <b>Requested By:</b> Ann & Tim Reilly	<b>8:30am - Church</b> ✠ Mary Frances Valente <b>Requested By:</b> Palmer Family	<b>8:30am - Church</b> ✠ Frances Forde <b>Requested By:</b> Michael & Lynn
<b>4:00pm - Church</b> ✠ Sara Rosado <b>Requested By:</b> Mary Rosado	<b>10:00am - Church</b> ✠ Cristina Meza Tamayo <b>Requested By:</b> Malone Family					
<b>6:00pm - Church</b> ✠ Jose Pantoja <b>Requested By:</b> Doris Torres	<b>12:00pm - Church</b> ✠ Bienvenida De Trillo <b>Requested By:</b> Minerva Wiegold					
<b>7:30pm - Virtual</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe						

#### Masses Available in 2021

We have Masses in 2021 available for reservation (Sat., Sun. & Weekday) for a loved one, living or deceased. Please email, or stop by the Parish office to reserve a Mass for your intentions.

**Email:** office@allsoulssanford.org



Our Sanctuary Light burns at the Church this week in loving memory of ✠ **Pamela Vicencio** as requested by **Vicencio Family**



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**2)** Go to website <https://txallsouls.flocknote.com/>. Enter your name, phone and email address in the simple online screen, and you're done! You'll instantly be able to receive updates from All Souls groups you're interested in; Unsubscribe anytime; Your info stays private; **No spam, we promise.**

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## This Week's Catholic Resources

Reliable sources to help you learn more and grow your faith .

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Free access to "Magnificat" in Spanish [www.magnificat.com/gratis](http://www.magnificat.com/gratis)

#### GIVE US THIS DAY

Free Access to "Give Us This Day": <https://giveusthisday.org/Digital>

#### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Liturgy of the Hours is available through the Divine Office  
<https://divineoffice.org/>

#### USCCB RESOURCES FOR CATHOLICS DURING COVID-19

Prayer resources, catechetical material, reflections, etc.  
<http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm>

#### PEACE IN PANDEMIC

A free virtual retreat to explore some themes that arise in times such as these. We are all part of the Mystical Body of Christ.  
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