

RANDON THOUGHTS AND HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND THE HUMBLE TEMPLE

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Dear Friends ...

Just want to keep you all informed as to what we are doing and trying to do.

**Please call the church if you have any questions.

**Please pray for our shared community ... that we may stay strong and healthy ... and that all of you and your families and friends are ok.

Please continue to support our humble enterprise ... and let us know if there is a need out there where we can be of help and support.

**Worship is now 8:30 and 11:00.

The nursery during worship is now staffed for both worship services.

Our services continue to be live-streamed ... along with our "thought for the day" on Monday-Wednesday-and-Friday,.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN 9:45 – 10:45. If you have questions regarding our program and/or have not registered your kids ... please call the church. We are staying safe ----- wearing our facial coverings and not staying too close together.

THE YOUTH GROUP (6th thru 12th grade) is meeting in the basement between services. On Sunday, October 24 ... we are going to the Iron Oaks Adventure Center in Olympia Fields ... leaving after the early service ----- great experience. Forms and sign-up available at the church.

HALLOWEEN BINGO ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 6:30 ... in the gym.

The gym allows us more room to spread out. We need to know if there is enough interest ... so, sign-up Thursday or Sunday ... and if you can't be here to rsvp ... just give us a call with your reservation. You are welcome to come in costume ... but you are free to come just as yourself which is the best "costume" of all!!

CIVIL WAR BAND: Sunday, November 14, 2:00 ... here at All Saints

My late brother Gary started this band over 25 years ago. They play Civil War music ... with Civil War uniforms ... using restored Civil War instruments. If we can get a decent turn-out ... they will be here ... performing in our sanctuary. Please rsvp in person or over the phone. Just a free-will offering ... and we will have refreshments afterwards.

FIRST COMMUNION

As most of you know ... our invitation to come to the Lord's Table is very open. Everyone is welcome. We welcome young people to receive Communion ----- usually around Palm Sunday of their 3rd grade year in school. Because of the pandemic ... last year's 3rd graders (this year's 4th graders) didn't have the opportunity. So if anyone in your family is 4th grade or older ... and does not yet receive the Lord's Supper ... we are having a class on Sunday, October 17, after the 2nd service ----- at 12:30. This is only an hour ... and each student must have at least one parent with him/her. Then ... after a short break ... we are having a 1st Communion service at 2:00. You are welcome to invite family and friends. If you have not already replied to this invitation ... please email me (allsaintsjoy@sbcglobal.net) or call the church. I am excited to get this done for our kids. This year's 3rd graders you will have your first Communion

this spring ---- probably on Palm Sunday.
Questions? ----- call anytime.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (CATECHISM)

Our confirmation program for young people preparing you for eventual adult membership ...
this is for kids 6th through 8th grade. You are confirmed just as you become freshmen in
high school. We meet two Mondays per month ... 7:15 - 8:30.

We have registration forms at the church ... there is also a reservation app on our
website: allsaintsjoy.com

We have fun ... we learn a few things ... and we smile a lot.

OUR FIRST CLASS IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 18. We would like to start at 7:00 so parents can
check in with us ... and we can give you a schedule.

(5 of our young people are being confirmed this Sunday!!)

We have several groups that have kept on going during this unpredictable journey.
Please call the office (708-448-2939) if you'd like more information about any of these opportunities.

- *an afternoon book club (one Tuesday per month)
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- *men's club (they are the ones doing Halloween bingo)
- *stitch-and-sew ----- Tuesday evening

We also have two 12-step programs calling All Saints their home.

- *Alcoholics Anonymous ... 7:00 Friday evenings.
- *Gamblers Anonymous ... 7:30 Thursday evenings.

*Orland Kiwanis meets here once per month.

*We are "home" to the Palos Village Players (community theater)

We keep pluggin'.

We keep praying.

The door is open ... the coffee is strong.

I know many of you are weary ... but I hope you don't get weary of
supporting us and keeping the faith.

We may not all be in the same place ... physically, spiritually, emotionally ...
BUT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER ... now more than ever!!

with joy love & peace

