

All Souls Catholic Parish



I want to thank all of you our family of Faith, for your participation in selecting the name of our unified Church. In a special way we want to thank the naming committee who worked tirelessly to gather the names as they came in and put together all our suggestions. My attitude will always be that of gratitude.

As you all remember we sent six names of our choices to the Cardinal's office sometime back in July for approval. The flyer of the names is attached in the back of this note to refresh our memories. "All Souls" was at the top of the list that we submitted to the Cardinal.

After his consideration and conversation with the presbyteral council, Cardinal Cupich has decided that the name of the united parish of St. Ann, James and St. John will be the one we put first on our list; **"All Souls Parish"**.

The presbyteral council and the cardinal saw that **"All Souls"**, means that the title name is truly Catholic, or universal, and includes all the Souls in Heaven, in Purgatory, in Hell, as well as all Saints, Blessed and Venerable Souls.

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor.

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The parishioners had the opportunity to rank their preferences, and the following names received the highest preferences (in preferred order):

All Souls

Transfiguration of the Lord

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

St. Anthony Mary Claret

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The name commemorates the faithfully departed. symbolizes the coming together of the three parishes.

Feast Day: November 2nd

Transfiguration of the Lord

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with him up the mountain and reveals himself to them in his glory, conversing with Moses and Elijah. The voice of the Father, further identifies Jesus as “my beloved son.” The voice of the Father exhorts the disciples to “listen to him!” – a call to discipleship. Jesus and the disciples come down from the to their “ordinary” lives of faith. In this feast we preserve the names of St. James and St. John, a sign of inclusive welcome.

Feast Day: August 6th

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

St. Gianna is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children. She was the first canonized woman who was a working mom. She is known for her love of family, devotion to faith, & protection of life. Her degree in medicine focused on helping mothers, babies, elderly, & the poor. The St. Ann Parish has shown strength during a global pandemic. To honor this saint would be a great choice.

Feast Day: April 28th

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

A German Jewish philosopher, she was an atheist in her youth who converted to Catholicism, eventually becoming a Discalced Carmelite nun. She died a martyr in Auschwitz. She embraced the drastic changes that occurred in her life, even being sent to a concentration camp.

Feast Day: August 9th

St. Anthony Mary Claret

He was a Spanish archbishop, saint, and spiritual father of Cuba. He was a missionary and religious founder of both priests and sisters (Claritians). Among his many initiatives: established vocational schools for disadvantaged children; advocate for the imprisoned and oppressed; social reform; denounced racism. He was devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Feast Day: October 24th

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