



THE MESSAGE: FROM A FATHER

There was an incident at the pool last weekend. While I was occupied, my daughters entered the pool without me. Soon thereafter Dilara spied a friend and swam away, leaving her little sister struggling in water above her head. When I arrived Zeren had made her way to the side and was fine; I was not. I discussed with Dilara the responsibility we have not just as family but as Christians to look out for our friends and even those we may not like—which I suspect is how she felt about her sister that day. I'm not sure the lesson took. Perhaps I don't seize on enough moments to discuss our Christianity, but I also have little help.

My daughters have no friends who are religious save for Carys, our Sunday tagalong who was Baptized here last Sunday. They hear nothing about Christianity outside of church and me; their school actually blocks the Episcopal church's website. Faith is complicated for kids: I tell them that Jesus cannot appear in the flesh to us but that he did indeed live amongst us and said most of what the Bible attributes to him. Many of us believe he spoke The Truth and we endeavor to live our life accordingly. We attend church to commune with people who believe likewise. I want my daughters to be a part of this community as well, but it's not that simple.

Economists speak of confirmation bias: when a person first makes up her mind about something she tends to discount contradictory data and seek out information that supports it. I don't want my daughters to casually conclude religion is nonsense, but our culture gives few nudges towards Christianity.

Since the girls have no Christian peers, it falls upon all of us to let them see adults they like and respect doing their best to live Christian lives, and help them be a part of our community. You can help by interacting with them and making sure they know you. Little encounters mean a lot: Nancy asking them to fetch a fruit plate makes them feel useful; Melissa having them ring the bell makes them feel involved. When Steve complimented their oblation bearing they beamed. Multiply this by twenty and they will start to feel they belong here. We have great plans for a revamped Sunday School, but making Christians is too important to be left to teachers alone. Or parents.

Ike Brannon

Summer Reading and Preaching Series

The Great Spiritual Migration by Brian McLaren

Pick up a copy of the book, ebook, and/or audio book and read your way through it this summer, at your leisure. At the end of each chapter there are questions for you to think about, journal about, or discuss with a reading partner.

Sunday sermons will engage a different chapter of the book each week, and these sermons will be also recorded and available via podcast for those who are away.

Discussions begin this Sunday during the 10 a.m. Adult Forum hour. We will use the questions at the end of each chapter to guide our conversation during that time. Come when you can!

6/18 – Intro

7/16 – Chapter 4

8/6 – Chapter 7

6/25 – Chapter 1

7/23 – Chapter 5

8/13 – Chapter 8

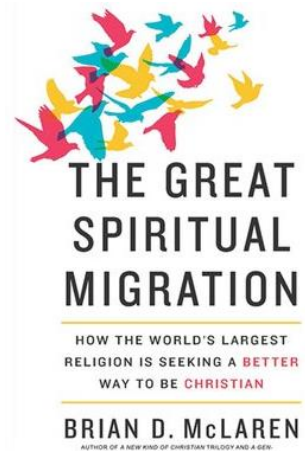
7/2 – Chapter 2

7/30 – Chapter 6

8/20 – Chapter 9

7/9 – Chapter 3

8/27 – Chapter 10



WELCOME GATHERING

***Our next gathering for newcomers
will be on Sunday, June 25 after the 11 a.m. Mass.***

This is an opportunity for those who are new to our parish to meet other newcomers and join Father Jadon for a time of welcome, conversation, and Q&A.

If you are new to All Souls and have never been to a welcome gathering before, even if you have been here for a while, please RSVP to junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org.

Save the Date!

Summer Festival of Music, Sundays, July 9-30, with special music during Sunday morning 11 a.m. Mass and Sunday evening concerts. Look for a brochure, or visit allsoulsdc.org/music .

Upcoming Gatherings of All Souls Groups

- **Episcopal Men's Fellowship**, June 22, Undercroft, 6:30 p.m.
- **Wise & Mature Luncheon**: June 28, immediately following the noon Mass
- **20s/30s Group: Burgers and Board Games**, July 20, Undercroft, 6:30 p.m.
- **Women of All Souls**, Meeting, September 12, Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.



EPISCOPAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP, JUNE 22 . . . Our speaker will be Father Jadon. Fellowship hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Undercroft with food served (burgers on the grill!) at 7:30 p.m. \$15 contribution asked. RSVP to chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com.

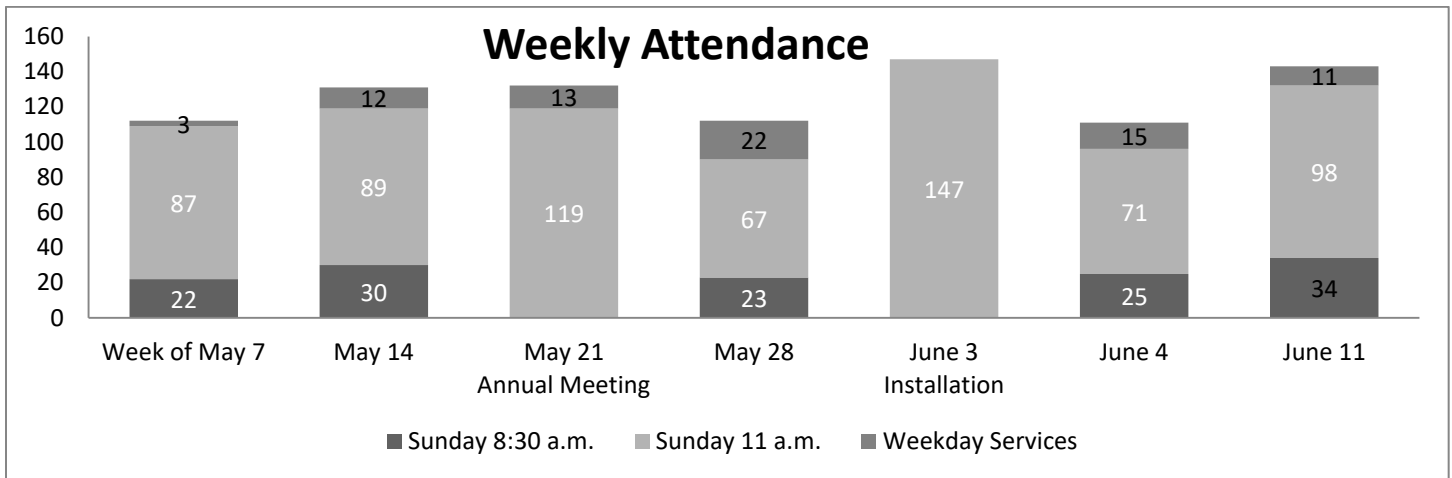
ALL SOULS CARE CARDS . . . There are cards for the congregation to sign on most Sundays in the Undercroft in between services and during coffee hour. If you know of someone who you think needs a card for any reason, please advise Jeffrey Hunter at jhunter@naag.org or leave word with Mary Beth in the office at office@allsoulsdc.org.



Above (Left-Right): Heidi Rasciner, Deanna Pellerano, Dale Lewis, Chuck Hunter, & Fr. Jadon. Thank you to our volunteers and everyone who joined us at the Pride Festival last Sunday, and a special welcome to any of you joining us today after visiting our booth!

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR . . . Mark Agrast, Marilee Asher, Ralph Braun, Margaret Child, Joseph Croman, Sybil de la Renaudiere, Carlos Guerra, Julia Gutierrez, Fred Jordan, Lee Kadrich, Diana Kunkel, Tom Mabon, Brad McNeil, Susan Morrison, and Merriam Woodhouse. Pray also for those in Foreign Service & overseas, & our armed forces on active duty . . . *Contact the parish office to add names to the list. Names stay on for one month, unless the person submitting the name contacts the office to request continued prayers.*

DEDICATIONS . . . The flowers on the High Altar are given by Nancy Aherne & Marko Zlatich to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Nancy’s recovery from pneumonia and all of the support she received from All Souls. . . . The sanctuary candle burns to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth G. Huber, given by Barry Huber.



Liturgical Ministers for June 18, 2017	
Acolytes:	(CR1) Katherine Nordal, (T1) Fernando Moran Arce, (T2) TBD, (Book) Martha Domenico, (CR2) Barry Huber, (TR) Rob Gibbs
Greeters:	Sharon Nuskey Ford, Elwood Gibson
Lectors:	8:30 (OT/Psalm/NT) Kevin LeGrand, (PP) Tamara Floyd; 11 (OT) Will Stewart, (NT) Peter Laugesen, (PP) TBD
Ushers:	JoAnn LaFon, Susie Bruninga, Bill Miller, Tony Domenico
Breakfast:	Loaves & Fishes
Coffee Hour:	Women of All Souls

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