

# Meaning

-- Fr. Rob Droste, All Saints Parish Priest

We're all searching for meaning - answers not so much to the "how?" of things, but the "why?" Of course, we know that there is much we do not understand; there will always be a lot beyond what we can know. The questions for every human being are "what is that unknown like? Can it care about me? Does it? How can I know? Can things really be OK underneath all the bad things I see?"

It can be easy to think of that "great unknown" as indifferent to us - and that can make for a pretty bleak existence. Christianity - the great tradition of which All Saints is part - teaches us that the Power creating and sustaining the universe is deeply involved in creation - and involved in a way that is exponentially more powerful than the most intense human caring we can ever feel.

Christians believe that God's overwhelming love, compassion and concern are revealed to us in the story of the Hebrew people and in the life, person and work of Jesus Christ.

And Christians believe that the Holy Spirit is active in everything, providing seeds of transformation, courage, creativity and hope in every situation no matter how difficult.

This faith has comforted and sustained billions of people for centuries. It's fired us up to do amazing things in the world - to make a real difference in meeting real human needs. It's not always easy, and the way forward is sometimes unclear. But experienced together, faithfully, this way of life is unbelievably rich with meaning. That's what we share in our congregation. We welcome you to try it out for yourself.