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Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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September 4th, 2016 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p 211 et seq.): Wis 9:13-18 • Ps 90:3-6, 12-14,17 • Philemon 9-10,12-17 • Lk 14:25-33

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann •
Greeters: Nicole Sulzberger & Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Vanessa Hanson •
Designated Collection: All Saints

Most of us take movie background music for granted. Even we old-timers have grown up with it, rarely reflecting on it's being an artificial element. Yet, *Jaws*, for instance, certainly wouldn't have become the great classic film it is without John Williams' suspense filled soundtrack.

The problem is, as far as I can tell, that none of us have special music playing in the background as we live our lives. What we take for granted in movies, we omit from our day by day existence. Such things just aren't there in real life.

But that's not totally correct. In some sense, Scripture is the background music our faith lives. To those who read and study this special library, it's always there, giving significance to our following of the risen Jesus, constantly running through our minds like a movie soundtrack.

Even before that First Century CE Galilean carpenter began his itinerant preaching ministry, followers of Yahweh were familiar with such a soundtrack. About 500 years before Jesus' birth, the Torah – Scripture's first five books – had taken the form with which we're familiar today. Through the years, other books, like Sirach, were also added to the themes faithful Jews surfaced as they tried to give themselves over to Yahweh's will. As we hear in today's first reading, humility, wisdom and almsgiving were always playing in the back of the minds of true Israelites. They gave deeper meaning to the life of all Jews.

Of course, as I mentioned above, music isn't actually playing as we live our lives. It only plays when we want it to play. Most of the time we don't reflect on the important things, people or situations we daily experience until long after we encounter them. Luke's Jesus seems to take that for granted. Though the risen Jesus' soundtrack doesn't automatically become part of our personal soundtrack when we awake each morning, he wants us to do what's necessary to have it kick in.

According to Jesus, there's significance in everything we do, even to where we sit during a formal dinner. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet," he insists, "do not recline at table in the place of honor." Somehow we're to be so honest that we appreciate not only our own importance, but also the importance of others. That's biblical humility. "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He even expects us to concretize that humble theme music when we throw a party. "Do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather . . . invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews certainly turns up the volume, putting our simple Christian actions on a level of symbolism anyone would enjoy hearing. In the ordinary events of our lives, we can actually "touch" the God among us, come in contact with "the spirits of the just made perfect," and even encounter the risen Jesus.

But perhaps the music which best keeps us on the road the risen Jesus expects us to take is in the last line of our gospel passage: "You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." This creates the soundtrack for all Christian lives. We constantly look beyond. If we don't, then as Paul said in I Corinthians, we're the most ridiculous of all people. We're going through life without hearing the music which gives meaning to that life.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass - TODAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME! *Visiting for the first time? Please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from at the end of Mass, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!*

Attendance on August 28th: 117

Collection: All Saints: €NN



Introduction into the Catholic Faith in English (RCIA)

The Archdiocese of Berlin is offering an Introduction into the Catholic Faith in English, beginning November 8th, over nine Tuesdays from 19:00 to 21:15 at the Jesuit Forum, Witzlebenstraße 30a, 14057 Berlin. Registration under 030 32000114, kqi@erzbistumberlin.de or 030 60975944, info@ipz-berlin.de.



Altar Server Volunteers

Fall registration has begun for new Altar Servers. Whether you are brand new or coming from a parish where you were an experienced server please join our group. We have training planned for September 24th. Interested? Fill out a volunteer form (in the info rack outside the office) and drop it in our mailbox.

Registration is open for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Registration for First Holy Communion classes is now open! Classes will begin Sep. 11th, 2016 with 1st Holy Communion celebrated May 21, 2017. Our next Confirmation class will be taking registrations. Exact dates to be announced later. For all classes please fill out the registration form found outside the church office. Parents can submit the registration forms to any catechist or to the office (the tray next to the printer). Watch the bulletin and our website for more details.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- September 9th – **Friday Mass - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** at 18:00 h. Eucharistic Adoration follows at 19:00 h.
- September 10 – **Confirmation Class** retreat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the International Pastoral Center (IPZ) Kranoldstr.24a, 12051 Berlin-Neukölln
- September 11th – **First Holy Communion Class** 11:15 a.m. Parents information meeting at same time in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- September 11th – **All Saints Council** meets after Mass at 11:30 h in the conference room.
- September 17th – **Fall Family Bazaar** 09:00 – 16:00 h. Contact Heide Doblhofer for details.
- September 18th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- September 24th – **Altar Server training***. Pizza party afterwards ☺
- September 24th – Rehearsal *for the Confirmation Class Mass**
- September 25th – **Autumn BBQ & Potluck** after Mass in the Fellowship Hall detail to follow.
- October 1st - **Christ the King Pilgrimage** to Swiebodzin, Poland. See flyers outside church office or on bulletin boards for details.
- October 2nd – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- October 6th – Rehearsal *for the Confirmation Class Mass**
- October 7th - **Confirmation Class** setup of church*
- October 8th – **Confirmation Class Mass** 18:00 – 19:30 h

*** Times to be announced later**

September 11th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann, Johannes Ploog •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: NN •

Designated collection: Media Sunday

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