

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



## **Catholic Community**

**Member of the English-Speaking Mission**

**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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal p 218 et seqq.): Am 6:1, 4-7 • Ps 146:7-10 • 1 Tim 6:11-16 • Lk 16:19-31**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber**

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Thomas Schmidt, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Shadrach Nyaaba • Hospitality: Fall BBQ •

Designated collection: Catholic religious' instruction in public schools

### **Money - tainted as it is**

Every day we use money. In our world we cannot live without it. Yet, when Jesus talks about money or riches or possessions it is always with a strong warning attached. Today's Gospel speaks about money as a tainted thing. Sometimes the word is translated as "unrighteous wealth", "worldly wealth" or the "mammon of unrighteousness". In the end of the Gospel he puts us in front of a difficult choice: You cannot serve God and Mammon. St. Paul will say that the love of money is the root of all evil. (1 Tim 6:10) Money can easily become an idol, the most important thing in life.

What makes our fascination with money is that it can be so easily accumulated. There used to be a game called monopoly. At the start, all players are given the same amount of money that they can invest in buying houses and improving them in order to charge higher rents. At the end, invariably one player owns all the houses and all the money and all others are bankrupt. The game is a reflection of reality. In our world the gulf between rich and poor is growing all the time. A study of the organisation *Oxfam* this year maintains that the 62 richest persons in the world own more than the poorer half of humanity, some three billion people. This scandalous inequality is one of the main reasons for conflicts and wars.

The search for money can also become a destructive obsession. How to explain that CEOs of big companies and banks have increased their own bonuses to millions of dollars, more than anyone can use meaningfully even to maintain a luxurious life-style. At the time the salaries of their workers are decreased and their work load increased. It is this kind of exploitation that the prophet Amos who lived in a time of terrible social injustice decries in the first reading of today. The accumulation of money by a few at the expense of the many undermines human solidarity and destroys the fabric of society. Once we are in search of riches our greed knows no limit. The more we have, the more we want. Love of money leads to ever increasing corruption that is the biggest obstacle to development in many countries.

When we have accumulated riches we can equally fall into in the illusion of a false security. We begin to think that we can live quite happily without God and become self-sufficient. Slowly the sense of God evaporates from our consciousness. We forget that in the end all the money we own will fail us because we can take nothing with us on our own last journey.

Very much in the line of Jesus' preaching, Pope Francis in his first Apostolic Letter *The joy of the Gospel* has some very harsh things to say about "the new idolatry of money", "the wide-spread corruption" the self-serving tax evasion" and "the thirst for power and possessions that knows no limit." His conclusion: "Money must serve. Not rule!"

How do I use the money and the possessions I have been given on trust? To enhance my own grandeur and well-being or to make friends with money – tainted as it is?

**Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr**

# Children's Liturgy, Fall BBQ after 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 September 18<sup>th</sup>: 134

Collection: All Saints: €319.27 Caritas: €55.83

### About Mass at All Saints!

"The *All Saints Catholic Community* takes great pride that our congregation comes from all over the world. This brings to us a multitude of views and also introduces us to liturgical practices from different traditions with distinct customs.

One such custom may raise the question: "*Should I stand, kneel or even sit during the Eucharistic prayer (the consecration of bread and wine) during the service at All Saints?*"

The answer is: "Do whatever you are **most comfortable** with, determined by what you have done in the tradition or parish in which you grew up."

We hope this helps you to participate in our celebration the way you are used to.

### High School Youth Group

This youth group will resume meetings in October after Mass. Contact Nathan McConvey for more information.



### **Introduction into the Catholic Faith in English (RCIA)**

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

### Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

#### Mark your calendars:

- September 30<sup>th</sup> – **Friday Mass - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** at 18:00 h.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> - **Christ the King Pilgrimage** to Swiebodzin, Poland. See flyers outside church office or on bulletin boards for details.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom
- October 6<sup>th</sup> – Rehearsal for the **Confirmation Class Mass** 16:00 – 20:00 in the church
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - **Confirmation Class** setup of church 16:00 – 20:00 in the church
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – **Friday Mass - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** at 18:00 h
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – **Confirmation Mass 11:00 h**
- October 16<sup>th</sup> – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- October 16<sup>th</sup> – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom
- **Altar Server training** – Date and time to be announced - Pizza party afterwards ☺

### **Would you like to become more involved in our community activities??**

If you have considered becoming more involved in our community now would be a great time to speak up. From helping to host hospitality, singing in the choir, to teaching our young people; helping hands are always welcome! Ask Konrad, Vanessa, Heide, Jenny or Buck and they will connect you with the head of the ministry that you are interested in. Thanks.

### October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Jennifer Evans • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: N.N • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm & Family • Designated collection: All Saints

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