

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



Catholic Community

Member of the English-Speaking Mission

Youth Mass: 1st Friday at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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March 17th, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

Readings (Missal no. 813): Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 • Ps 27:1, 7-8,8-9,13-14 • Phil 3:17- 4:1 • Lk 9:28-36

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr

- Lector Tom FitzPatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog •
- Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: Terrie, Connie, Jennifer • Designated collection: For the Catholic nurseries •

Reflections on the First Sunday in Lent (Glory and Praise #810)

In our first reading from the book of Deuteronomy (26:4-10) we see Moses instructing the people. He tells them that they must be mindful that the Lord is their God and that all they have received has come from his bounty. They are to make offerings to the Lord and part of the ritual is a prayer or formula of words which reminds them that the Lord is their God and that everything comes from him. The Psalm (90) is a reminder to the people that in times of distress they can call on the Lord who will be their rock.

In our second reading (Romans 10:8-13), St Paul also speaks about belief and tells the people that the faith of the Christian is that Jesus rose from the dead and redeemed all who believe in him regardless of race or color. This belief, this gift of faith, is already within each person but each one needs to proclaim it for him or herself if they are to be saved.

In our gospel reading from St Luke (4:1-13), we see that Jesus has just been baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist and is now spending a time of fasting and preparation in the desert. While there the devil comes and tempts him but, each time, Jesus replies with quotations from Deuteronomy and the laws given by Moses to remind the devil that God alone is to be served regardless of what might lie in store for the one who is faithful. From our vantage point we know what will happen to Jesus and how he will give his life in obedience to the Father and that makes his refusal to bow to the devil in this passage all the more powerful. The text ends by saying that while the devil stopped tempting him during these forty days, he would return again and tempt the Lord. The text is a reminder to us that the life of a Christian, the life of those who are faithful to God and to his precepts, is not always an easy life because even God's faithful will be tempted throughout life. At times it is seemingly the easier path to give in to those temptations but if we do then our place in the Kingdom is lost. Our Lenten season is about facing up to the times when we have given in to temptation and resolving to say 'no' to them in the future. It is about resolving to be stronger and more faithful for the rest of our lives beginning with this season of Lent this year. It is also about preparing to celebrate the events which are central to our faith, and which bring us salvation because of the faithfulness of Jesus Christ who came to save all peoples, regardless of color or nationality.

<http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>

Children's Liturgy of the Word - today and every Sunday – Parents feel free to join us

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 March 3rd: 86

Collection: All Saints: €206.47



Pray the Stations of the Cross on April 19th 2 p.m. at All Saints

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day

The 14 devotions focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station.

At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.



ITS COMING - Daylight Savings Time begins on March 31, 2019.



Hello High School All Sainter's – did you know that Justine Pedussel and Tom FitzPatrick are spearheading a new Youth Group?

Why not join them and the other youth members at their next meeting on April 5th after Mass?

Location will be announced but get this date into your calendar today!

Easter Triduum



The English-speaking Mission celebrates the Triduum as one large community, with All Saints, St. Bernard's, and St. Elisabeth's each hosting one of the liturgies.

Holy Thursday (18.04) - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Bernard's Church, 7 p.m. The faithful are invited to stay for a period of quiet adoration after the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday (19.04) - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - All Saints Church - with distribution of Holy Communion, at 3 p.m., preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. Opportunity for individual confessions.

Holy Saturday (20.04) - Easter Vigil Mass - St. Elisabeth's Church, 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday (21.04) - Masses will be celebrated according to the usual Sunday schedule in each community.

Spring Cleaning of our Church on Saturday, April 6



Join PFF, Crossways and All Saints for our spring cleaning of the church on Saturday, April 6th.

Interested in helping? **Mark this date in your calendar.** Watch for our All Saints sign-up Doodle to volunteer for a specific cleaning task.

Lent is still being celebrated so this can be one of your offerings.

March 24th, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Dietmar Lenfers

- Lector: Eric Bertrand • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Johannes Plog, Beate Hausmann •
- Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Timothy Pedussel •
- Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection: All Saints •

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