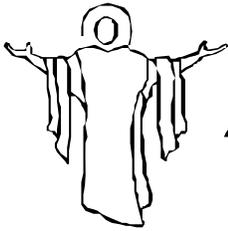


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## May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings (Missal no. 837): Acts 14:21-27 • Ps 145:8-13 • Rev 21:1-5 • Jn 13:31-35

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

- Lector: Tom FitzPatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •
- Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
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## Jesus is concerned with what promotes eternal life in the present

In the gospel (G&P 834, John 10,27-30), Jesus says: “**I give eternal life to my sheep.**” What does this mean? There are, of course, many levels of meaning. However, in light of the incarnation, we cannot focus simply on eternal life in some other future world, in a world after our death. Jesus is concerned with what promotes eternal life **in the present**. We might want to say that Jesus is expressing his concern for all the things that promote a **full human life**: What do we need to have a full human life?

We need food, water, health care, decent housing. Then we need community, compassion, solidarity – we know that without these ingredients people die. Thus spirituality, freedom, spirit are necessary – only with these can we think freely and make choices. On a political level, human rights, an end to all racism, the respect for every human person are obligatory. And finally, we want to live in a world, where there is justice, peace, righteousness and virtue.

This might be the meaning when Jesus says: “**I give them eternal life**”, because Jesus was a human being and he knew the needs of us human beings. Let us look at the first two readings, the first from the acts of the apostles (13,43-52) and the second from Revelation (7,14b-17).

Here we see that Jesus' concern that we have a full human life does not only embrace his followers, but includes the whole world, concerns every human person. It is a universal concern – a concern that goes out to all the men and women and children of our world. In the context of Easter, we are called to feel the joy that is part of this divine concern. We hear today of the citizens of Antioch and the multitude in Revelation who are filled with life and filled with joy. They are not filled with the joy of the consumer culture; they are not filled with the joy of military victory or political control – not even the joy of a long life or perfect health. It is the joy of an eternal life that is beginning **now** and is shared with others. Despite the opposition described in the acts of the apostles, Paul and Barnabas are not discouraged.

The end of our reading says: “*They shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.*” So, they shake off the dust from their feet and continue to share what they have been given. Eternal life involves a joy and life that comes in solidarity with others, that comes from a relationship with a loving shepherd. It is a life which finds its origin and purpose in Christ. For this, we do not need a spirituality of rugged individualism. We do not need a religion of “knowing it all”, where dogmas define everything. We do not need a spirituality of “being better than others”, a spirituality of superiority.

No, joy and life flow from *relationship*– relationship in community; – relationship fostered and nourished by a Good Shepherd whose desire is to bring all the sheep together into the fullness of life; – a relationship of justice and righteousness with people of “from every nation, race, people, and tongue.”

Pope Francis has captured the attention of many in the world by his gift of being able to symbolize the gospel message in actions of simplicity and solidarity with people in need. Perhaps we are also able to find ways to express our faith, our relation to Jesus by similar actions of simplicity and solidarity – as individuals, as families, as a community. This would certainly be a good way to express our faith and to transmit the joy of Easter.

cf. <https://educationforjustice.org/resources/lectionary-reflections-fourth-sunday-easter-c-april-21-2013>

# 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 May 12<sup>th</sup>: 112

Collection: All Saints: €241,62

## 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.



## **Special Collection on May 26 to support our Youth Ministries**

All Saints has an extensive and growing program of ministries aimed at our youth. Ranging from our weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word to our First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes we have now added a high school youth group.

We fund these programs from a variety of sources but are planning to have a special collection on May 26<sup>th</sup> dedicated to funding these programs. Watch for an announcement and please support our youth.



## **Summer vacation "Goodbye" BBQ - June 16th after Mass**

Please join us for our annual Goodbye BBQ before summer vacation, starts on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

Hamburgers, grilled meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a hearty side dish, salad or dessert to share.

We will need volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up. Please sign-up to help in the Fellowship Hall after Mass today.



Thank you, **yes, YOU** - for making the All Saints Catholic Community special! We couldn't do it without your contributions, whether big or small, all make a difference.

From greeters, ushers to gift bearers; from lectors, choir singers to altar servers; from brownie bakers, hospitality assistants to clean-up crew; from catechists, event organizers to parent volunteers; from flowers, candle holders to coffee machine donors - **YOU are the All Saints Catholic Community and we are grateful to have you here.**

**Lost and found items** are located in the hallway on the hangers and also in a box. Please check for any items that may belong to you. Later this year, all unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

## **May 26th 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr**

- Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog • Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints •

Designated collections are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. **However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support, so we are completely dependent upon your donations.** Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **WHITE ENVELOPES** stamped "**ALL SAINTS FUND**" and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account written below. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** • \*Friends of All Saints e.V.\*, IBAN: DE15 3706 0193 6001 6690 18, BIC: GENODED1PAX