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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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September 1st, 2019, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 918) Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 • Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 • Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 • Luke 14:1, 7-14

Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

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

Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •

Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Works of the Archdiocese of Berlin•

Reflections on the 21st Sunday of the Year

I cannot resist the temptation to tell the story of the Scottish preacher who was going about “there will be grinding of teeth”. A lady in the congregation is supposed to have said loudly – “let ‘em grind ‘em as ‘as ‘em” in other words, only those who have teeth will be able to grind them. The preacher was not to be outdone – “Madam, teeth will be provided”.

The message I take from today's gospel is that there is no room for mediocrity in being a Christian – Jesus demands from us a total commitment to his way, which can at times seem a very narrow way.

We all value our freedom; we live in a country where there is democracy, where our governments are elected by the people, where our human rights are protected. But true freedom does not mean we can choose to do right or to do wrong, rather true freedom means we must choose to do what is right.

Many years ago, I was faced with a situation where I knew the Lord was calling me in a certain direction. I was reluctant to follow his call because I was afraid, among other things, that I would distance myself from the priest who was my superior at the time. Eventually I gave into the Lord, and because I used my freedom rightly, in a strange and unexpected way, I became more free. The problem with my superior was solved in an unexpected way – after a couple of weeks he was found dead in bed one Sunday morning.

Society today would encourage us to be mediocre Christians – it would say “in our modern society, to be a totally committed Christian is just not on – God will understand if we don't toe the line completely”. But there are places in the Scriptures where such mediocrity is condemned more than outright rebellion.

But don't forget – Jesus is with us as we try to follow him – he comes to us in the sacraments, particularly Holy Communion, and in the many incidental graces we are offered every day; we are not alone, we can call on him at any time.

Fr. Joe Duggan, SJ

Children's Liturgy of the Word – TODAY during Mass

The All Saints Council meets after Mass – 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 August 25th: 87



ANNUAL FALL FAMILY BAZAAR on SEPT 7th!

We will be having the fall bazaar on Saturday, September 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at All Saints. Registration is €10 and one cake. Please register with Heide in the office via email or phone (contact info on top of the bulletin) or in person.

We will also need volunteers to help with setup (7:30 – 9:00 a.m.) and cleanup (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.) and with selling coffee and cake (help for an hour or more). Youth are welcome to help too. The bazaar is an important source of income for our community so please spread the news with others.



Fall BBQ Potluck

Please join us for our annual All Saints Community Fall BBQ Potluck on Sunday, September 22nd after Mass.

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



Back to School blessing

Please join us for a special blessing during Mass on Sunday, September 8th for students, teachers and those who work in education. Please bring something savory or sweet to share for Hospitality after Mass.

Collection: All Saints: €185.25 Archdiocese Berlin: €17.00

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 in which you are interested. Thanks.

All Saints Council seeing volunteers

The All Saints Council is formed from six elected members for a two-year term. We currently have two vacancies on the council and are looking for volunteers to serve for the remain year of our current board. Please come to our meeting and let us know of your interest.



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.



Altar Server Volunteers

Fall registration has begun for new Altar Servers.

Interested? Fill out a Yellow volunteer form (found in the info rack outside the office) and drop it in our mailbox or give it to someone in the office. Training dates will be announced shortly.

September 8th, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

• Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt • Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Media Sunday •

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