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Youth Mass: 1st Friday at TBD in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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February 28th, 2021, Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Dionisius Watun

- Music: Johannes Wrembek, Benilda de la Cruz, Anna Dziechciarz, Johannes Ploog, Ryan Quiming
- Lector: Johannes Ploog • Greeter: Heide Doblhofer • Altar Servers: Michael Oshin •
- Designated collection: Catholic School •

First Reading (Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18)

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So, he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again, the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

Second Reading (Rom 8:31b-34)

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel (Mk 9:2-10)

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So, they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Sylvester offers pastoral care and time for confession every Friday between 11 and 13 h. The Chapel is open for prayer at this time.

Because of the continued lockdown we have to **postpone the Membership meeting** of the Friends of All Saints e.V. to **Sunday, March 14 after mass.**

Dear Friends of All Saints,

The All Saints Community is part of the English-speaking Catholic Mission of the Archdiocese of Berlin. The legal entity that represents us vis-à-vis the German authorities is the association (*eingetragener Verein*) **Friends of All Saints e.V.**, which was founded after the departure of the US military from Berlin in 1995.

Since then, we have been the legal tenant of the entire church and community facility and are directly responsible for managing it. We are paying the rent to the district of Steglitz-Zehlendorf, leading the cooperation with the Protestant and Baptist communities as well as the kindergarten that share in the use of the facility, and raising the necessary funds together with the other groups.

Head of the board of the All Saints Association is Prof. Dr. Michael Burda, elected in 2018, along with Michael D. Hoth, Heide Doblhofer and Eddie McGreal. After the resignation of Lupita Wilhelm in Feb. 2020, the board nominated Dipl. Ing. Jost Rückeis as her successor, pending confirmation by the membership.

As you know we rely on your continued loyalty and support – especially in these difficult times. Thus, we encourage you to take part in the **membership meeting planned for February 21, 2021 after mass** (postponed since November 2020 due to the pandemic). The agenda will consist of the following:

1. Report on the current state of negotiations with the Berlin Senate and the Bezirksamt Steglitz-Zehlendorf on the status of the Berlin Community Chapel (BCC)
2. Financial situation of All Saints and the BCC
3. Election of Jost and possibly other candidates, and reelection of Eddie and Heide to the Board
4. Miscellaneous items arising

The future of our congregation depends on the active support of our members! To renew or begin your membership (one per family), we would kindly ask you to pay the **5€ membership fee**, either by putting it in an envelope with your name, address, telephone number and email at church, or by transferring the sum to the ASC bank account:

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If you have already given donations to the church this year using the ASC envelope with your name written on it, this can be considered as your membership fee.

We thank you all for your continued support and cooperation and hope to return to our former levels of spiritual strength and fellowship once the pandemic is over.

Best regards,

Michael Burda, Michael Hoth, Eddie McGreal, Heide Doblhofer, Jost Rückeis

Board of the Friends of All Saints