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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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August 27th, 2017 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p197 et seqq.): Isa 22:19-23 • Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 • Rom 11:33-36 • Mt 16:13-20

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

Lector: **NN** • Eucharistic Ministers: Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: **NN** • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

Designated collection: World Church and the work of the Berlin Archdiocese

The encounter with a woman from Canaan changes Jesus

I would like to concentrate on the woman presented in the Gospel we just heard (Mt 15,21-28). A Canaanite woman dares to approach Jesus. She is a woman and a Gentile (that means she is not Jewish). She has a sick daughter. Maybe she is a single parent. By the custom and practice of the time, she should not dare to approach Jesus. Culturally, she has no right to expect to share in the ministry of Jesus. Or even to profit from Jesus' ministry. She should "remain invisible and say nothing." There are two aspects in her approach to Jesus:

On one level, the Canaanite woman is like many people in our world today. She is like all the women who are denied an equal place at the table. She represents those who are struggling to care for others. Often women struggle to care for their children, their family, their parents and often they do not have the means to do as they would like. She is like all parents who cannot get good health care for their children. She represents those who are left out because of their national or ethnic background. She reminds us of those of us who are intimidated by religious, political, or economic authority.

On another level, the Canaanite woman reminds us of those who take the courage to speak up. There are those who speak up despite all the cultural messages to keep quiet and just accept their suffering. She models a woman who is willing to speak up to authority. She represents those who keep on speaking out for their own needs, for the needs of others. In a more political language, the Canaanite woman is one of those women who speak out for justice and basic human rights. She represents those who do not give up.

So, on one level, the woman in our Gospel is a kind of underdog, left out, excluded; on the other level, she speaks out and does not give up. Jesus is touched by this amazing encounter. He praises her faith. Her daughter is cured. The experience of Jesus seems to point to the possibility of conversion and the possibility of help coming to those who are in need. Jesus is kind of converted; the encounter changes him.

The Gospel inspires people who have the freedom and courage, to speak up and take action for their rights. The Gospel is about liberation and transformation. The woman speaks up. Her daughter is healed. Both she and Jesus are changed. Let us ask ourselves, if this woman represents something we would like to be or like to become...

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Confirmation Class meets 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 August 20th: 77

Collection: All Saints: €194.32

About Mass at All Saints!

The All Saints Catholic Community takes great pride in our multicultural, global congregation which brings a multitude of views and liturgical practices from different traditions.

Please feel free to participate in our celebration in the way you are accustomed to.

We hope this helps you to participate in our celebration.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- August 27th – Organizational meeting of the Confirmation Candidates after Mass. We will discuss scheduling of the upcoming sessions as well as ESM special events and community Service.
- September 10th – All Saints Council meets at 11:15 h in the conference room.
- September 24th – Fall BBQ at 11:15 h in the community hall and garden. Please sign up to help and provide a side dish.



Introduction into the Catholic Faith in English (RCIA)

The Archdiocese of Berlin is offering an RCIA course in English, beginning on Sunday, 10th of September 2017, at 5 pm. Meetings will continue every two weeks on Sunday at St. Bernhard's from 5 pm - 6.45 pm. Location: St. Bernhard's Parish Hall, Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin. Info and registration: 030 609 75 944, info@jpb-berlin.de.

ANNUAL FALL FAMILY BAZAAR on SEPT 9th!

We will be having the fall bazaar on Saturday, September 9th from 9 am to 3 pm at All Saints. Registration is 10 euros and one cake. Please register with Heide in the office via email, phone call or in person.

We will also need volunteers to help with setup and cleanup and selling coffee and cake. Youth are welcome to help too. Students and Scouts - a great opportunity to build service hours. The bazaar is an important source of income for our community so please spread the news with others.

20 years in the Priesthood! Congratulations Fr. Sylvester!

Please join us on Sunday, September 4th for a special hospitality after Mass in celebration of Fr. Sylvester's 20th anniversary in the priesthood!

You can help partake in the celebration by bringing something sweet or savory for hospitality.

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.

September 3rd, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: N.N • Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen • Designated collection: All Saints

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