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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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November 4th, 2018 – Thirtieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal 944: Deu 6:2-6 • Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 • Heb 7:23-28 • Jn 14:23

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

- Lector: Brenden FitzPatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt •
- Greeter: Christopher Lusaka • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection: All Saints •

MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday is for us all an occasion to become more aware that our All Saints community is part of the worldwide communion of the catholic church. St. Paul sees the Church as the Body of Christ, as a living spiritual organism in which all share their life, their joys and their sufferings.

This year we focus our attention on one country of the universal church: Ethiopia, the second largest country in Africa. The 100 Million people living there represent an amazing variety of different ethnic groups, each with their own traditions, cultures and languages. Let us look for a moment at the life of the people and the Christians in Ethiopia.

People in Ethiopia are familiar with poverty and suffering. Most of them are just struggling for survival. In 1984 a three-year drought caused a great famine. Over a million starved to death. A missionary sister told me once about her agony when she had tried to care for large numbers of hungry people but had food reserves only for a small number and so had to decide who would survive and who was left to die. Ethiopia also went through years of an extremely brutal and oppressive communist regime, followed by a long civil war. Even if things have changed for the better since, poverty and suffering remains for most a daily reality.

What has always amazed me in Africa is the great resilience of people, their capacity to endure extreme suffering without losing hope of a better tomorrow. Part of that resilience is a deep faith. Christians in Ethiopia have a great tradition of prayer. The Ethiopian Church is said to date back to the times of the apostles when Stephen baptised a high court official of the "Kandake", the queen of Ethiopia, as reported in the Acts of the Apostles. Over the centuries Christians developed a rich Christian tradition expressed in churches hewn in the rocks of their mountains, in colourful religious paintings and liturgical celebrations that are deeply rooted in their culture. Because of this they were able who withstand the onslaught of Islam when Islamic armies conquered the whole of North-Africa. If you were attending mass in a church in Addis Abeba you would sing "Lord have mercy" not three times but at least thirty time and would not get out of the church before two hours. To witness a faith and a religious praxis so deeply rooted in culture makes us aware of the great gap between faith and culture in our own country and of the huge challenge to root our faith in the life and the culture of today.

In my life time I have witnessed at least two historical miracles: The fall of the Berlin wall and the peaceful end of apartheid in South Africa. Ethiopia has added a minor miracle to the list. For decades Ethiopia and its neighbour Eritrea entertained a simmering conflict about the control of a small arid piece of land along their borders. When a new prime minister took over government this year within a short time he managed to make peace with Eritrea and to establish good relationships with other countries in the region. "The amazing thing about miracles is that they happen." (G.K. Chesterton).

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Children's Liturgy of the Word TODAY during Mass

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 October 28th: **65**

Collection: All Saints: €167.65 World Mission €xxx.xx



Join us to celebrate Thanksgiving at our annual dinner held on Saturday, November 24th in the Fellowship Hall.

Turkey, potatoes, corn and lots of other goodies provided. Plan to sign your family up to attend so we know how much to prepare and plan to bring a dish (salad, side or dessert) to share with the community.

You are invited to volunteer to help with the preparation on Friday, November 23rd at 16:00.

Watch for more details and sign-up sheets!



CASTING CALL

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CASTING CALL Boys and girls - we are looking for actors. Angels, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph; wise men, sheep, donkeys, camels, shepherds, and more! You do not have to attend All Saints to participate so pass on the word to your friends. An adult DIRECTOR is also sought. Our seasoned director will be away over the Christmas holidays but can train and assist with the rehearsals. Sign up in the office.



The Friends of All Saint Verein (FoAS) will hold a membership meeting on November 11th after Mass.

There will be a special election for the replacement of Howard Eyth. If you wish to place your name into nomination please do so in the office or speak with any member of the FoAS Verein.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- November 9th – **Confirmation Class** – Attend Friday Mass at 6 p.m. followed by Adoration.
- November 11th – **Friends of All Saints Membership meeting** after Mass
- November 18th – **Confirmation Class** meets at 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.
- November 18th – **First Holy Communion Class (FHC)** meets at 11:15 – 12:00 a.m. in Classroom 1.

LONGER RANGE (get these in your planner):

- November/December – **Special election for open position on the All Saints Council** – consider volunteering to serve the community – Plan to vote!
- November 23rd – **Set-up for Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall from 5 p.m. onward.
- November 24th – **Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall from 6 p.m. onward.
- November 30th – **Christmas Tree arrives.** Tree set up / decorated and church decorated with ivy beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- December 2nd – **All Saints Council** meets after Mass in Classroom 2.
- December 2nd – **Annual Christmas Caroling** at Elder Folks Home starting at 3:00 p.m.
- December 8th – **Combined Advent Service** with PFF and Crossways – additional details coming soon
- December 8th, 2019 – Preparations for the **Annual Children's Pageant** – Director and adult helpers needed. Volunteer in the church office or send a message to b.chisolm@gmx.de

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS PLANNING DATES:

- February 9th, 2019 – **First Reconciliation** for our First Holy Communion Candidates.
- June 2nd, 2019 – **First Holy Communion Mass** at All Saints. Exact times to be announced.

November 11th, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Dietmar Lenfers, MAfr

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