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Member of the English-Speaking Mission

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 8th, 2019, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 921) Wis 9:13-18 • Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 • Phil 9-10, 12-17 • Luke 14:25-33

Welcome to our 10:00 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

Reflections on the 22nd Sunday of the Year

The Old Testament reading today from the Book of Ecclesiasticus warns the reader to be a humble person. Humility is far better than pride and the humble are loved more than a generous giver because many people will take from a philanthropist without thinking too much about him, so long as they can get what they can. Humility has great place in God's eyes and the sensible will consider the Lord's teachings. The Psalm reminds us that the Lord is the one who protects and provides a home for the widow and orphan and those who are powerless.

The theme of humility is taken up in the gospel passage from St Luke where Jesus is the guest of a Pharisee. It was quite common for people to invite their friends to meals and banquets and for the invite to be reciprocated. A key reason for doing this was that if the host should ever fall on hard times, they could rely on their friends to help them out of their difficulty, and so the meals were a way of courting friendship. However, Jesus tells the people that those who give parties for the poor and the destitute are the truly generous ones for they are giving to people who cannot give to them in return, who cannot help them should they fall into need. By giving to those who can give to them they do nothing but fool themselves into false humility because the key to humility is to rely on God alone and to place all of one's trust in him, for he is the one whose praise has true meaning and he is the only one who can raise us up. The reading warns us about our own ego and about how we treat others. The Lord knows the inmost heart and he knows whether or not we are truly humble.

In our final excerpt from the letter to the Hebrews, the author reminds the Hebrews that they have come to the living God with whom everyone is regarded as a first-born son and therefore a citizen of heaven – there is no distinction between male and female, or on the basis of language or nationality, but all are equal. As citizens of heaven, then, we should act like we truly believe and so show the way for others that they too may become citizens.

<http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>

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 September 1st: 83

Collection: All Saints: €195.10



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.



Our Fall Family Bazaar was a huge success. Many thanks to Heide Doblhofer who organized this event and to all those who lent a helping hand.

All Saints Council update

The All Saints Council is formed from six elected members for a two-year term. At the September 1st meeting Sean Alfken was elected to serve the remaining term for John Massey. We currently have one vacancy on the council and are looking for a volunteer. If you are interested in serving inquire at the office or speak to a member of the council.



Dirk Verheijen whom we all know from his "internship" with the English-speaking mission will be ordained DEACON on Saturday Sept 28th at 10:00 a.m.

The service will take place in St Joseph, Müllerstraße 161, 13353 Berlin-Wedding (U-Bahn 9 / Leopold-Platz).

After the service, there will be a reception in the hall and in the court behind the church.



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.



Did you know that All Saints is run entirely by volunteers?

We pride ourselves that we are a self-supporting parish, but, new-helping hands are always appreciated! Please consider joining one of the volunteer groups that make the community work.

Would you like to help with the offering and acting as an usher during Mass? Are you 16 years or older and think being a Lector is your cup of tea? Altar Servers are always welcomed! The choir is always looking for more members too! Finally, hosting the hospitality hour is a great way for your family to contribute together!

If you are interested, you can fill in a form located outside the office. We will be in touch to give you additional details and help you join in our volunteer efforts.

September 15th, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

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