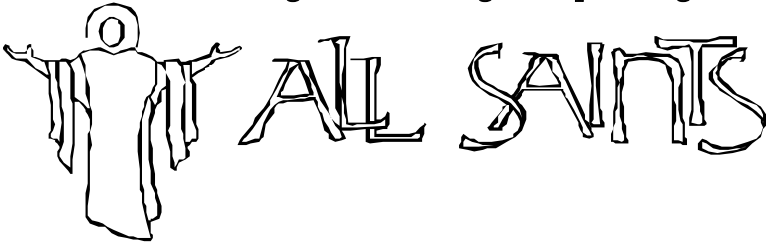


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October 13th, 2019, Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 936) 2 Kings 5:14-17 • Ps 98:1, 23, 3-4 • 2Tim 2:8-13 • Luke 17:11-19

Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

• Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt •

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

Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Renovation of St. Hedwig's Cathedral

Reflections on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our first reading from the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk, the prophet is questioning God about the oppression, injustice and violence that he sees about him. In response, the Lord tells him that uprightness and faithfulness go together, whereas the one who wavers is the one who will struggle and fail. At times we all struggle and wonder if God is present, but the reading reminds us that God is always present, even in the most difficult of moments.

In our gospel text from St Luke we see the disciples asking the Lord to increase their faith. Yet, in his reply, the Lord doesn't give them a magic formula but puts the onus back on them to increase their own faith. The saying about the mulberry tree suggests that with genuine faith they can achieve things they thought too difficult or impossible to do. In the second half of the passage the disciples are reminded that just because they have faith or just because they serve God and the Kingdom doesn't mean that they can expect great things from God, or that they will be found worthy of God's goodness and generosity. Everything that comes from God is gift, including faith. The true disciple cooperates with God and is open to the Holy Spirit in their lives and in this they will grow their faith and the faith of others.

In our second reading, this week from the second letter to Timothy, we see Timothy being exhorted to *'fan into a flame the gift that God gave'* him, a gift which was not a quiet thing but a thing of great power and love. The gift was faith in Jesus Christ and the letter makes it clear that this is the faith he is to maintain and give increase to. St Paul was imprisoned several times for the faith and this is not to be a source of embarrassment for Timothy but a reminder that the life of a Christian is not without its difficulties and trials. Timothy is also reminded that he, too, has responsibility for the faith of others but, with the Holy Spirit, he will be able to fulfil his duties.

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

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 6th: **68**

Collection: All Saints: **€100.77**

Special Halloween Hospitality

After Mass on October 27th we will have a special Hallows Eve Hospitality with suitable beverages and ghoulish treats!



Young children are welcome to knock on the door to the room full of ghosts, goblins and zombies and say "trick or treat" to win a sweet.

But, only knock on the door if you are really brave!



Join us to celebrate Thanksgiving at our annual dinner held on Saturday, November 23rd in the Fellowship Hall.

Turkey, potatoes, corn and lots of other goodies provided. 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.

To help defray the expense we will have a donation jar in the Fellowship Hall on the Sunday's leading up to this dinner.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship hall after Mass. Consider volunteering to help with the preparation on Friday, November 22nd at 16:00.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

We are seeking several new volunteers to join our choir. If you feel the calling, please speak with Johannes Wrembek

Mark your calendars:

- November 29th – **Christmas Tree arrives.** Tree set up / decorated and church decorated with ivy beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- December 8th – **Annual Christmas Caroling** at Elder Folks Home starting at 3:00 p.m.
- Rehearsals for the **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be announced soon.



The English-Speaking Mission celebrates the Feast of All Saints on Friday, November 1st in the main church.

Join with the other members of our ESM to celebrate Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet provided in the Community Hall after Mass so we know how many will attend.

October 20th, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

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