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Catholic Community

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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November 3rd, 2019, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 945) Wis 11:22-12:2 • Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 • 2Thes 1:11-2:2 • Luke 19:1-10

Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

- Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog • Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Catholic Schools

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (G&P 942)

Our first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus tells us that the Lord takes no account of our standing in the eyes of the world but that he listens to rich and poor alike. It also tells us that the prayer of the humble 'pierces the clouds' and does not go unanswered. Our Psalm is a hymn of praise for all that the Lord has done for the poor who call to him.

In today's gospel we have the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee who went to the synagogue to pray, and where one exalted himself in the eyes of God while the other acknowledged himself as a sinner and asked the Lord for forgiveness. The Pharisee essentially justified himself to God and didn't allow that God is the one who judges whether or not we are righteous, and that he does so using standards which are not our standards or the standards of the world. The righteous one, in fact, was the tax collector who acknowledged that he was a sinner and in need of God's grace. We can exalt ourselves in the eyes of our fellow men and women, and we can dismiss others using our own criteria, but the eyes of God penetrate the heart and the mind and know our true feelings and dispositions. Only the humble please God, and only the humble acknowledge their need of God and their place in his creation.

In our second reading, we come to the concluding section of the second letter to Timothy and which purports to have been written by St Paul shortly before he died. Whether Paul actually wrote it or not doesn't change the sentiment, which is Pauline in thought. Like Paul, Timothy is urged to be always faithful to God because God is the one who will stand by him when others abandon him. That faith is to be handed on to others just as it was passed down to Timothy. Those who are faithful will inherit the crown of righteousness, a crown which will also be granted to us if we serve the Lord in humility of heart in our own time.

<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 October 27th: 84

Collection: All Saints: €192.45 Missio: €55.50

Halloween Hospitality



Thanks to our teen youth group for holding the special haunted house!



Join us to celebrate **Thanksgiving** at our annual dinner held on Saturday, **November 30th** 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 29nd at 16:00.



Fall Cleanup Day is on Saturday, November 30th from 10:00 to 14:00

Bring your family, mop, brooms and lots of elbow grease. Together with PFF and CW's we will give a Fall Cleaning to our common spaces.

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.



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.



Volunteers sought to become Eucharistic Ministers

Perhaps you have already served as a Eucharistic Minister in a previous parish or would like to explore becoming one.

If you are interested please inquire in the office or speak with any of our Eucharistic Ministers.

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