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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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December 8th, 2019, Second Sunday of Advent

Readings (Missal no. 786) Isa 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17, Rom 15:4-9, Mat 3:1-12

Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Fr. Wolfgang Felber will preside the Eucharist

- Lector: Rachel Ruckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog • Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: Charlotte Görsch, Timothy Pedussel • Designated collection: All Saints

The Advent Wreath

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent is a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. **Three of the candles are purple** because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of **prayer, penance, and sacrifice**.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "**Prophecy Candle**" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "**Bethlehem Candle**" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "**Shepard's Candle**," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is **Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday!)** and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the **fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle** to mark the **final week of prayer and penance** as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "**Angel's Candle**," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Source: <https://www.mercyhome.org/blog/sunday-mass/advent-wreath/#.XeJszZNKjus>

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 December 1st: 91

Collection: All Saints: €240.49 Orphans: €40.49



Christmas Caroling at the Bergstrasse Senior Citizen's Residence (Steglitz) on Sunday, December 8th, 2019

Today we will have our annual visit to the Senior Citizen's Residence located at Altmarkstr. 27, 12169, Berlin.

Practice starts at 3:00 p.m. and caroling at 4:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Konrad Giersdorf at: giersdorf@hotmail.de.



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.

Assistant directors and adult helpers are also sought. Our director this year needs helping hands. Will you volunteer to help with the costumes, direction and execution of the play? Please stop by the office to volunteer or send an email to: allsaintsberlin@t-online.de

Hospitality Volunteers Sought

We have a need for a new hospitality coordinator to take charge of this important function.

The coordinator solicits volunteers to support our after-Mass hospitality each Sunday.

If you would like to lead this important function please inquire in the office or write to Buck (b.chisolm@gmx.de).

Altar Servers / Usher volunteers needed for Christmas Eve Mass

We need volunteers to serve at the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (December 24th).

You can leave your name in the office or send a message to b.chisolm@gmx.de.

Thanks very much for your service to the All Saints community.

December 24th, 3:00 pm Childrens Christmas Pageant and Liturgy of the Word

- Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans •
- Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints •

December 24th, 9:30 pm: Christmas Carols

December 24th, 10:00 pm: Midnight Mass: Presider Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr

- Lector: Eric Bertrand • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog •
- Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: TBA • Hospitality: NONE •
- Designated collection: Adveniat

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

- Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •
- Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Charity Works •

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