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## ***Catholic Community***

**Member of the English-Speaking Mission**

**Youth Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary**

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## **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal no. 862): Zeb 2:3; 3:12-13 • Ps 146:6-7, 8-10 • 1 Cor 1:26-31 • Mat 5:1-12**

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

• Lector: Karen Castellón • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •  
Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Bobot Quiming •  
Hospitality: Karen Castellón • Designated collection: All Saints

## **Reflections on The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah refers to a time after the northern kingdoms of Zebulun and Naphtali had been overrun by the Assyrians. The people lived under the yoke, bar and rod of the oppressor but a new leader would arise who would remove these from the people and restore their freedom. Isaiah speaks of joy, gladness and rejoicing and of how a great light has shone on the land that was shrouded in darkness. This is what Jesus Christ came to bring to the people of God who believe in him: liberation from that which oppressed them.

Today we begin the cycle of readings from St Matthew's Gospel which will continue throughout the Sundays of Ordinary Time for this year. In today's passage we see that John the Baptist has been arrested and which will lead to his execution. Jesus now begins his preaching in earnest and we are reminded that John had said that he would decline while the one to come after him would increase. Jesus also settles in Capernaum – a place which was both Jewish and Gentile in population – probably because it was further away from the centre of Roman rule and would allow the Lord more time and opportunity to gather his followers and preach his message. For Matthew, this fulfils the text of the prophet Isaiah which we read in the first reading. Jesus is the light of the peoples and, in settling in Capernaum, the light for Jew and Gentile alike. In the second half of the passage we see Jesus calling his first disciples: Peter and Andrew, James and John. All four are fishermen and all four are working with nets. Jesus calls them and immediately they leave everything and follow him which suggests that perhaps they had known him already and may have heard his preaching. In any case, their response is a radical one and causes a major change in their lives. We too are called to make a radical change in our lives because of our faith in Jesus Christ and for the sake of our future in the Kingdom. The nets the men were mending could refer to the entanglements of life, those things which make life difficult for ourselves and others. Their leaving their nets and following Jesus could refer, therefore, to their new way of living, of living a better way of life in keeping with the Gospel of Life. In our day, too, the Lord brings liberation from all that oppresses us and keeps us separated from the love of God, which knows no bounds.

In the second reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, we see Paul admonishing the people for their lack of unity. It appears that the community has divided into different groups who each declare themselves for a different preacher, demonstrating that they prefer certain styles or messages. Paul is clear that there is only one Christ and one Gospel and that they must remain one in their faith and practice. There may be many great orators to show us the way but it is not them that we are to follow but the Christ about whom they preach.

<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 January 26th: **86**

Collection: All Saints: **€235.46**



## Scout Sunday on February 9<sup>th</sup>



For over 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were in 1910. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. While various activities and youth groups teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that and encourages youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their community.

On Scout Sunday our scouts will serve as the Altar Servers, Lector, Greeters, Ushers and will provide our after-Mass hospitality. To volunteer for any of these positions please contact Vanessa Hansen ([vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)).

***Scouts & Scouters, please be in uniform!***



Mark your calendars for our annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK** celebration on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**'cause everyone is Irish when celebrating St. Patrick's Day!**

The potluck dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. with a prayer and will continue until the last leprechaun has gone home!

Please bring a main or side dish, a salad or a desert to share with the others.

Volunteers needed to help set-up on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and to help clean the hall after the dinner.

Please sign-up with Konrad Giersdorf ([giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de)).



### ***"Life in the Spirit Seminar"***

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

The Friends of Jesus Catholic Charismatic Renewal Berlin are inviting anyone interested to attend the Life in the Spirit Seminar - a series of meetings with talks and discussion focussed on developing a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

Meetings will be held on Saturdays starting February 15th, 6:30 -8:30 pm, at St. Bernard's Church.

To register, please contact Brendaline Keafon ([keafonbrenda@yahoo.de](mailto:keafonbrenda@yahoo.de)) or or Godwin Nwaru ([goddyganco@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:goddyganco@yahoo.co.uk))

### **February 9<sup>th</sup> Mass at All Saints. Fr. Wolfgang Felber presiding the Eucharist**

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- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints •

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