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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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February 16th, 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 868): Sir 15:15-20 • Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 • 1 Cor 2:6-10 • Mat 11:25

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

• Lector: Eric Bertrand • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Bobot Quiming •

Hospitality: Benjamin Ademi, Claire Castellon • Designated collection: Catholic Schools

You ARE Light, You ARE Salt! (G&P 865)

Three comparisons are used in the gospel to describe the community of the friends of Jesus: **salt**, **light** and **city**. Note well: they “describe”, they do not “demand”! It is a *promise*, not a demand! Many who are socialized in the church hear a *demand* – this is a pity: the gospel begins with the words “*you are*” - it is first about “being”, not about “you should do” or “you must do something”!

You are salt. Salt is used to give taste to food and to preserve food. Jesus tells us: “You carry a flavor, a strength within you that is able to create life, to sustain life, to change life. Every single one of you is vital for others, is necessary for the lives of others! Discover the salt, the strength that is already in you. Become the ones you have been created to be from the start! Then you are a tremendous force in God’s kingdom.”

You are light - you can radiate beams of light, pass on life, light up your environment. Wherever you are, the world can become more beautiful, livelier, warmer, and friendlier. There is so much brightness, so much light in you already - let it out, let it shine. Don’t be afraid of your own talents – for those who believe in God they are gifts from God to be put at the service of others. If every one is light for the other and also lets the other be light for him or her, then every life becomes more beautiful, warmer, richer, because every life is full of unexpected and wonderful gifts.

External resistances and problems and challenges are always part of our life. But move back, withdraw and avoid the challenges is as useless as stale salt or light under a bushel. Just as a plant cannot grow without salt, so a plant cannot grow without light. Salt and light, both are characterized by a quiet, but constant strength - both are elements that can penetrate everything.

It is our nature as Christians and as scouts

- to be **salt** of the earth so that people can have good food and enjoy life;
- to be the **light** of the earth so that people can trust and love each other.
- to be like a **City on the mountain** so that people can find orientation and feel secure and safe.

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah presents many opportunities to let us put our “strength as salt of the earth” and our “talents to shine like light” at the service of others. What is needed is that healthy pinch of salt that reveals unjust structures and breaks new ground, this solidarity with those who are victims of such unjust structures – here in front of our house doors, or in faraway countries. We can spice up the course of the world with that pinch of salt.

But this pinch of salt will often not be a pleasant one - neither for us nor for others; it sometimes hurts, provokes resistance. But in the end this pinch of salt always turns out to be beneficial for all if we try to spread it out into the world having God’s standards in mind.

Let us not be discouraged if we think that we are only a few, that we cannot do anything in the face of massive oppression and darkness. It only takes a small, well-dosed and carefully considered amount of salt to season the food.

But we do not want to over salt the soup of others. Often the Church has done this by pretending to be piously selfless, to know the right way to behave, to be so much better than those outside of the Church. Let us try to be salt of the earth without over salting, to be a shining light in our world without judging others who are not like us. Then we are on the way to become friends of the human beings around you, friends of the nature around you, friends of Jesus.

Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

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 February 9th: 104

Collection: All Saints: €325.46

Confirmation Preparation Continues . . . Did you know . . .

What are the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The 7 gifts of the Holy spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. With these the Holy Spirit “endows” Christians, in other words, he grants them particular powers that go beyond their natural aptitudes and gives them the opportunity to become God’s special instruments in this world. (source: Youcat 310)

What do we learn from YouCat?

- What does Sacred Scripture say about sacrament of Confirmation? (Youcat 204)
- What happens in Confirmation? (Youcat 205)
- Who can be confirmed, and what is required of a candidate for Confirmation? (Youcat 206)
- Who may confirm? (Youcat 207)
- What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit? (Youcat 311)



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

'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 14th at 2 p.m. and to help clean the hall after the dinner.

Please sign-up with Konrad Giersdorf (giersdorf@hotmail.de).



Children's Liturgy meets every Sundays!

We welcome your children to join in our fun. Each week we have a little singing, our readings and, of course, our weekly craft.

Parents are welcome to join us. We meet each week in the Nursery.



Hello High School All Sainter's – did you know that Justine Pedussel is continuing to lead the Youth Group?

Why not join her and the other youth members at their next meeting? See Justine for details

February 23rd Mass at All Saints. Fr. Wolfgang Felber presiding the Eucharist

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- Greeter: Benjamin Ademi, Nisha Wunder, Merle Vogel • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Bobot Quiming •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Caritas •

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