

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



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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March 8th, 2020 – Second Sunday of Lent

Readings (Missal no. 811): Gen 12:1-4 • Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20-22 • 2 Tim 1:8-10 • Mat 17:1-9

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

• Lector: Rachel Ruckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •
Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Bobot Quiming •
Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Catholic nurseries

Reflection on The First Sunday of Lent

The first reading from the book of Genesis reminds us of the creation of the world and of the first humans – Adam and Eve. Having reminded us of the beauty of Creation and of all the good that was in it, it then recalls the great sin of Adam and Eve as they gave in to temptation. Eve was tempted by the serpent and in their conversation, she speaks of the Lord's command regarding the two trees and of the consequences of breaking that command. The serpent persists and the man and woman do what was displeasing in the eyes of God, and the moment they do so they realize their nakedness which becomes an embarrassment to them and they try to cover themselves, which perhaps could be seen as their attempt to cover up their sin. The Psalm asks for forgiveness from God for our sins while acknowledging that we do know our own sins.

St Paul tells the Romans in the second reading that sin came through one man (Adam) but that all people have been redeemed through another man – Jesus Christ. In the time from Adam to Moses there was no Jewish Law and so there were no laws to be broken but still people sinned. Paul was emphasizing that just because a written law was not broken does not mean that people have not sinned and sin cannot be seen simply in terms of breaking a written law. Even without laws people can still sin against God and his will. But as man brought separation from God so the original unity has been restored by Man because, despite whatever sins were committed, God's freely given grace is always greater and the effect of grace is greater than the effect of sin.

In the gospel we see Jesus – truly man like us – being tempted by the devil while fasting in the wilderness following his baptism. He is visited by the devil who tempts him in three different ways with the key to each being that Jesus should cease to love God and to place his future on earthly ideals. Jesus resists these temptations because of his adherence to the word of God, because of his faith in God and ultimately because he loves God. The three temptations represent a choice between good and evil (bread), between life and death (Temple), and of power and riches (kingdoms). The readings challenge us to be faithful to God no matter how we are tempted, no matter what the choices placed before us are, no matter how much better, easier, and happier it might appear to be to do the wrong thing than to choose God and true life.

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 March 1st: **94**

Collection: All Saints: **€129.00**



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

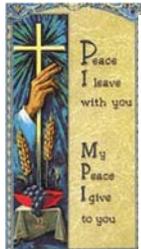
'cause everyone is Irish when celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

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).



Pray the Stations of the Cross on April 10th 2 p.m. at All Saints

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

The 14 devotions focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station.

At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Easter Triduum



The English-speaking Mission celebrates the Triduum as one large community, with All Saints, St. Bernard's, and St. Elisabeth's each hosting one of the liturgies.

Holy Thursday (09.04) - *Mass of the Lord's Supper* - **St. Bernard's Church, 7 p.m.** The faithful are invited to stay for a period of quiet adoration after the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday (10.04) - *Celebration of the Lord's Passion* - All Saints Church - with distribution of Holy Communion, at 3 p.m., preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. Opportunity for individual confessions.

Holy Saturday (11.04) - *Easter Vigil Mass* - **St. Elisabeth's Church, 9 p.m.**

Easter Sunday (12.04) - Masses will be celebrated according to the usual Sunday schedule in each community.

Altar Server Volunteers



Spring registration has begun for new Altar Servers. Whether you are brand new or coming from a parish where you were an experienced server please join our group.

Interested? Fill out a volunteer form (in the information rack outside the office) and drop it in our mailbox or give it to someone in the office. The date of training will be announced shortly.

March 15th Mass at All Saints. Fr. Wolfgang Felber presiding the Eucharist

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