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ALL SAINTS



## 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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## March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

Readings (Missal no. 814): Exo 17:3-7 • Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 • Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 • John 4:5-42

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

• Lector: Karen Castellón • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog •

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

Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints

### On the way to Jerusalem

In the gospel, Jesus is with his reluctant disciples on the way to Jerusalem. In Luke's gospel we read, Jesus set his face *resolutely* toward Jerusalem. Knowing what would expect him there, it certainly was not an easy decision. Jesus struggles with his Abba, but once clear about God's will, he *does not hesitate*.

His disciples find many reasons not to go, but Jesus rebukes them: "Your thoughts are human thinking, not God's".

On the way, *God confirms* his decision. In the transfiguration Jesus gets a foretaste of the resurrection. And the disciples are encouraged that this Jesus, whom they will see dying miserably on the cross, is God's beloved son.

*What can we learn from Jesus?*

- *Once he knows this is what God wants, Jesus does not hesitate* for a moment. He starts on his way to Jerusalem - the place of his death and resurrection.

- *We often lack the will to do what we know we should do.* We procrastinate and postpone unpleasant actions to tomorrow.

I feel I have to go to the dentist - I postpone it until it really hurts.

I know I should change habits, addictions: I may work too much, eat or drink or smoke too much – I will stop tomorrow!

We all know we have to change our lifestyle, our economic system - we don't do it!

We are not prepared to act preventively. What will be in 2030 or 2050 is too far away to motivate us.

There is one more thing we can learn from Jesus: *to look with confidence at the future*, not only on today's problems.

- Jesus suffered, died - and rose from the dead. The experience of the transfiguration confirmed his hope.

We tend to get absorbed by our immediate needs and fears.

- Presently, the threat of the coronavirus takes all our attention. The atmosphere in town is changing. We all know that we have to die one day, but all of a sudden, we realise that this distant possibility has become real.

- Jesus accepted to die freely and willingly, because he knew what was awaiting him.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again." We should try to live in that expectation. *Whatever happens, I am safe in God's hands.*

It is easier to face death when you are 81, much more difficult if you have children who need you. So we must do what is necessary and possible to protect ourselves, without losing the hope and joy of life and the serenity in the belief that whatever happens *"Everything shall be well"*, as the great mystic Julian(a) from Norwich said, *"all manner of being shall be well."*

**Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr**

# 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 8th: 81

Collection: All Saints: €238.45 Catholic Schools: €20.58

## Spring Cleaning of our Church on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>



Join PFF, Crossways and All Saints for our spring cleaning of the church on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

A comprehensive list of cleaning tasks has been created and is posted throughout the church. Please take a moment and sign up for one.. Lent is still being celebrated so this can be one of your offerings.



## Pray the Stations of the Cross on April 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



**ITS COMING** - Daylight Savings Time begins on March 29, 2020.

The All Saints Council will meet after Mass on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you have something that needs to be considered please let Konrad Giersdorf or Buck Chisolm know.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass at All Saints. Fr. Wolfgang Felber presiding the Eucharist

- Lector: Eric Bertrand • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •
- Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Bobot Quiming •
- Hospitality: Charlotte Görsch, Timothy Pedussel • Designated collection: All Saints •

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