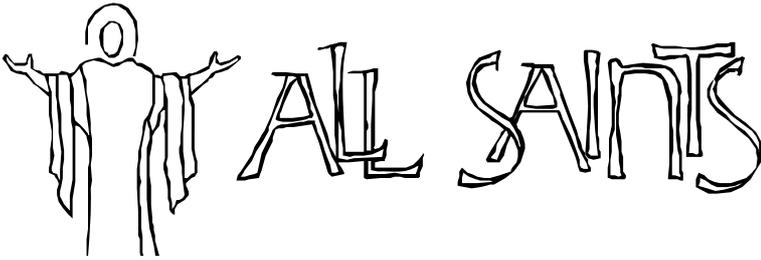


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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

March 6th, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings (*Missal* p 84 et seq.): Jos 5:9a, 10-12 • Ps 34:2-7 • 2 Cor 5:17-21 • Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Sylvester Ajunwa

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

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To look at the world does not change the world, but it changes the one who looks at the world

Looking at the first reading (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15), we are confronted with one of the most important texts of the Bible: God is THE ONE WHO IS, YAHWEH, who is present for his people and cares for them. I do not believe that the bush was set on fire just in the moment when Moses got close. I believe that the bush was always burning, but no one, except Moses, had ever looked carefully enough at the bush to actually see its fire. Whether or not the bush was some kind of illusion is not important. Instead, it is important that Moses sees something others did not see. Moses was different from others around him; he looked at the world differently.

In the Gospel (Luke 13:1-9), the historical Jesus also expected his followers to be different, so he constantly calls upon them to "repent", as he does in today's Gospel. The Greek word for repent - metanoia (μετάνοια) - means more than just "I'm sorry I did it; I'll never do it again." In the New Testament, it refers to a 180-degree change in one's value system: What I once judged unimportant, I've now put at the center of my life, and vice versa Jesus demanded that the first step in imitating him was to adopt his value system: to see people and things as he saw them.

Jesus' goal was to change the way his disciples saw the world - to change their brains so that they were able to interpret the information already before their eyes. Or, in the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, to "see the world through the eyes of God." But you need training to see the world this way, to distinguish between what is and is not important. Paul addresses this problem in today's passage from 1 Corinthians (1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12): Nothing was more significant in the history of Judaism than the Exodus from Egypt. Yet most of those who experienced that unique act of salvation never seemed to have appreciated its significance, namely that their God had intervened in their favor. In the same way, some of Paul's readers don't seem to appreciate the significant things and people in their lives. Acquiring the value system of Jesus is a life-long process and is never entirely complete. This change has consequences, for when one's value system changes, one's responsibilities also change: looking at the world around us with this new value system, with "new eyes", we begin to see needs and opportunities most people around us ignore. Perhaps this "responsibility thing" is the reason some of us walk by a lot of bushes in the course of our lives and never notice the fire burning in those bushes along our way.

Søren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher, has a famous sentence: "Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays" or "The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays." Similarly, we could say "To look at the world does not change the world, but it changes the one who looks at the world". So I invite you to open your eyes and your ears to see and listen to the world, to see the burning bushes along your way, and to let yourself be changed by what you see.

Cf. Roger Vermalen Karban on <http://www.fosionline.com>

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

Meeting of the ministries after Mass TODAY



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!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on February 28th: 138

Collection Friends: €304.46 Caritas: €35.22

CONFIRMATION

The next meeting will take place on Sunday, March 20th after Mass from 11:15 a.m. For more information, please contact the coordinator, Lynn Brinda, at brindanyc@aol.com

Youth in Action

Catholic World Youth Day

Kick-off

Saturday, March 12th

From 4 pm to 7.30 pm

St. Matthias' in Berlin-Schöneberg



In preparation for the Catholic World Youth Day in Kraków, Poland in July 2016, Berlin is having a big kick-off. What awaits you on March 12th? Beloved Sister Norberta will lead religious instruction, Mass with Archbishop Koch, meeting Catholic youth from the various foreign language missions and delicious Polish specialties. Please see Tait or Vanessa for more information.

"Six Weeks with the Bible"

Scripture study takes place after Mass (11:15 – ca. 12:00 h). Our second series of six sessions, "**Getting to Know Jesus**," focuses on the Gospel of Mark. **John Bibby** is the facilitator. Grab some coffee and join us in the classroom. Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de. The remaining dates are: April 3 & April 17



Make a Note . . . Friday Mass

Father Sylvester will celebrate our first weekday English-speaking Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at All Saints on Friday March 11th at 1800 (6 p.m.)

Mark your calendars:

- March 13th – Children's Liturgy during Mass
- St Patrick's celebration on March 19th beginning at 1800 h. Volunteers needed to help set-up and clean the hall!
- March 25th - Good Friday service (1500 h), Way of the Cross beforehand at 1400 h!
- May 1st - First Holy Communion
- October 19-30 - A trip to the Holy Land is being planned. Interested? See Konrad Giersdorf for details.

HS Youth Group meets TODAY!

Our new high school youth group will meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday after Mass. If you are interested talk to Nathan McConvey or Tait Doeringer

Please volunteer for **HOSPITALITY**. To sign up, please use the doodle: <http://doodle.com/poll/mucqb2qub5xmeq3c> or contact Vanessa.

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March 13th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Schonecke

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Directions to All Saints:

Subway: U 3, Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or S 1, Zehlendorf, then bus.

Bus: Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop, 2-min. walk); bus 110 or 623: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or bus 115 stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk).

Car: A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>)