

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



Catholic Community

Member of the English-Speaking Mission

Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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June 5th, 2016 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p 179 et seqq.): 1 Kings 17:17-24 • Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 • 1 Gal 1:11-19 • Lk 7:11-17

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

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

Become What You Receive, Receive What You Are – The Body of Christ

In some moments, we will bring bread and wine to the altar. And Jesus Christ will be present when we commemorate his words: *“This is my body, this is my blood, do this in memory of me.”* We see bread and wine and we know that this bread, that this wine is different from the rest of our daily food products. We see bread and wine transformed into the presence of Christ – and we receive this bread, this wine – we eat and drink. This is what we call “communion” - a sign, an expression of a relationship between **me** and Jesus, between **us** and Jesus.

For 2000 years this small piece of bread has been nourishing people. There are those yearning for love, those crying for justice, those dreaming of a world without weapons and without malice, those searching for God, those asking for the meaning of their lives, those looking for a spiritual home in the church of Jesus Christ. To all these men and women and children Jesus says: *“I am the bread for your hunger, the bread for your longing and for your questions. With me and together with me you will find life that never ends. Through me you will become yourself bread for others.”*

Time and again, Jesus shared meals with people, he ate bread with them. By his sharing of the bread, his disciples recognized him after Easter. This sharing of the simple bread with Jesus brought them something they had missed so much: this sharing of bread brought them life, future, hope, courage to persevere, brought them faith in the presence of Jesus. And we continue to share this same meal; we continue to eat this same bread.

It is no recompense for the fact that we are so good and that we go to church so often. This bread is given to us for free, because we are appreciated in the eyes of God, because God wants us to satisfy our hunger. We can find this in the letter of Pope Francis *“Evangelii Gaudium”*, the Joy of the Gospel from the year 2013:

The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, the doors of the sacraments should not be closed for simply any reason. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems

This meal, this Eucharist is no ‘recompense for the fact that we are so good and that we go to church so often. This bread is given to us for free, because we are appreciated in the eyes of God, because God wants us to satisfy our hunger. God wants us to satisfy our hunger for life, future, hope, courage and faith with this bread and not with all other kinds of things. We receive this bread so that we live, and we are invited to hand it over, to share it so that others may live.

To us all Jesus says: *“Take and eat”*. Jesus says this to all of us, to the whole humankind, he excludes no one; everyone should be able to eat enough, to satisfy his or her hunger. Then what St Augustine says becomes true: *“Become what you receive, receive what you are – the body of Christ”* The All Saints community is part of this body of Christ – we are invited to share the bread we receive so that others may live. *“Become what you receive, receive what you are – the body of Christ.*

High School Youth Group / Meeting of the ministries after Mass TODAY

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 May 29th: 92

Collection: All Saints: €191.97

Registration open for preparation for First Holy Communion

Registration for Communion classes is now open! Classes will begin in the fall with the beginning of the new school year. Please fill out the registration form of the English-speaking Mission which can be found outside the church office. Please submit it to the office (directly or via the mail box). Watch our website for more details.

Make a Note . . . Friday Mass

Father Sylvester will celebrate weekday Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at All Saints every Friday beginning at 18:00 h.

Would you like to become more involved in our community activities??

If you have considered becoming more involved in our community now would be a great time to speak up. From helping to host hospitality, singing in the choir, to teaching our young people; helping hands are always welcome! Ask Konrad, Vanessa, Heide, Jenny or Buck and they will connect you with the head of the ministry that you have an interest in. Thanks.

Call for volunteer catechists: any confirmed adult who wishes to minister to our children and youth by teaching the faith, particularly in preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, is invited to contact Jenny Gebhardt / Fr. Sylvester before the summer break for more information! Email: jgebhar@yahoo.de

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- June 6th – **Altar Server training (Part 2) for our 1st Communion children** in the church from 18:00 – 20:00.
- June 10th – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h.
- June 10th – **Confirmation Class** 18:00 – 19:30 h
- June 12th – **All Saints Council** meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the conference room.
- June 12th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- June 13th – **Altar Server training (Part 3) for our 1st Communion children** in the church from 18:00 – 20:00.
- June 17th – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h.
- June 17th – Join us for our 8th film in our **“Explore the Faith” series** at 19:00. More information below.
- June 19th – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the Classroom.
- June 24th – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h.

Explore the Faith: "Catholicism" Film Series Continues after Friday Mass on June 17th!

Please join us for episode 8 of Bishop Robert Barron's **“Catholicism” series** after Friday evening Mass. The theme this week is:

“A Vast Company of Witnesses The Communion of Saints”

Support All Saints through our fundraising site at www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin at no extra cost to yourself. You can shop at one of more than 1500 online shops through this website. The funds collected this way will go toward supporting our community life, such as our children's and hospitality ministries.

June 12th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers:
Jennifer Evans, Thomas Schmidt, Beate Hausmann
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Beata McGreal •

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