

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 19th, 2016 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p 183 et seqq.): Zach 12:10-11, 13:1 • Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 • 1 Gal 3:26-29 • Lk 9:18-24

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Beate Hausmann, Johannes Ploog
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

Women as evangelisers

It is fortunate that we have four different Gospels, because each Gospel shows us a different Aspect of Jesus. This year we read the Gospel of Luke who was a doctor by profession and thus acquainted with human suffering – very appropriate for the celebration of the year of God's mercy. He saw in Jesus the visible expression of God's love for the sick and the suffering, the poor and the sinners. Another characteristic of Luke Gospel is the place and role he gives to women.

Both aspects come out in today's Gospel in which Luke proves himself again a wonderful story-teller. They key persons are a very religious man, a Pharisee, and a woman who has a bad reputation in town. Who proves to be the better person in the end? It is not the Pharisee who invited Jesus only to put him to the test and treated him with contempt. It is the sinful woman. The Pharisee with his rational, legal mind but he does not understand the message of Jesus. The woman experienced Jesus' compassion and forgiveness and expresses her deep gratitude and love in a very personal way.

Luke then add a little footnote in which he mentions a number of other women, among them Mary from Magdala, who also express their love and commitment to Jesus in a very practical way. They act as a kind of logistic team and support him and his disciples materially and financially. How could the community around Jesus for three years moving from village to village without these women keeping them going very discreetly.

It is still like that in the Church today. Is it not most of the time the women who prepare the after mass coffee, bring biscuits and clean up the kitchen? But it would be a mistake to think that Luke sees the place of women mainly in the kitchen. He put them at the same level as the men by adding very often after a story about a man a similar story about a woman. When the parents bring the child Jesus to the temple there is the old man Simeon who receives them and makes a prophecy about Jesus and his mother. Luke immediately adds the story of prophetess Hannah who also praises God for the birth of the Messiah and tells everybody else about the event. When Luke tells the story of the Good Shepherd who goes after the lost sheep he adds the parable of a woman who lost a coin and turns the house upside down till she finds it. God in the search for lost humanity is depicted both as man and as woman.

Even more dramatic is the role of the women disciples in the Easter story. While the men are totally paralysed after the shock of Good Friday and unable to do anything, the women do what needs to be done. They go to the tomb to embalm the body of Jesus. It is they who understand first that Jesus is risen and alive and become messengers of the Good News. They become apostles of the resurrection and it will take the Twelve quite some time to catch up the women apostles.

In the first generation of Christians the women were evangelisers, messengers of the Gospel, a ministry that got lost later on. Pope Francis would obviously like to give women a bigger scope and a greater responsibility in the mission of the Church. In his gentle and patient manner he just constituted a commission to study the role of women deacons in the early church. What a blessing it would be for the Church if women could also preach. Already now they do most of work in passing on the message as mothers to their children and often also catechists to the youth. The Pope also gave recent a small, but significant sign how much he appreciates the evangelising work of women. He elevated the liturgical commemoration of St. Mary Magdalene to the level of a feast equal to the feasts of the apostles. Luke will surely be happy with that.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

HS Youth Group meets –TODAY after Mass

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 June 12th: 106

Collection: All Saints: €193.75 Caritas: €21.50

About Mass at All Saints!

"The *All Saints Catholic Community* takes great pride that our congregation comes from all over the world. This brings to us a multitude of views and also introduces us to liturgical practices from different traditions with distinct customs.

One such custom may raise the question: "*Should I stand, kneel or even sit during the Eucharistic prayer (the consecration of bread and wine) during the service at All Saints?*"

The answer is: "Do whatever you are **most comfortable** with, determined by what you have done in the tradition or parish in which you grew up."

We hope this helps you to participate in our celebration the way you are used to.

Volunteers needed: Are you coming to Mass over the summer vacation break and willing to help water our plants? If you would be willing to help water our plants this summer please tell Jennie, Konrad or Buck who can explain the location of our gardening stuff.

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.

Coming Events - Mark your calendars:

- June 26th – **All Saints Council** - in the Conference Room after Mass.

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.

Explore the Faith: "Catholicism" Film Series Continues after Friday Mass on June 24th!

Please join us for episode 9 of Bishop Robert Barron's "**Catholicism**" series" after Friday evening Mass. The theme this week is:

"The Fire of His Love
Prayer and the Life of the Spirit"

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.

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

June 26th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Jennifer Evans, Heide Doblhofer
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Patrick, Michael & Thomas Donovan • Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen •
Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

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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>)