

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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October 2nd, 2016 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p 220 et seq.): Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 • Ps 95:1-2; 6-9 • 2 Tim 1:6-8; 13-14 • Lk 17:5-10

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

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Jennifer Evans •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm & Family •
Designated collection: All Saints

Lazarus – God helps

Isn't today's gospel frightening (Luke 16,19-37)? The description of the afterlife is quite comfortable for Lazarus, but it is horrible for the other one, the rich person. We may not be among the very rich, but nevertheless we may fear that we might endure the same fate as the rich person in the gospel.

Fear... - fear never brings freedom. Fear does not really incite us to change our lives. Did Jesus really want to inspire fear by talking about the otherworldly reward or the otherworldly punishment? Was talking about the afterlife his objective? I do not think so: Jesus has the human being in mind, not a theory about the afterlife.

The first who comes to our mind is Lazarus. He has a name. The name means "God helps". His everyday life is ruled by illness and need and misery and hunger. He cannot even reach the "the scraps that fell from the rich man's table".

The rich person has no name. He does not even act in a malicious manner – he just does not notice Lazarus and his needs. The rich man is focused on his comfortable life. He has no eye and no ear to what happens around him. He has no eye and no ear for the human beings in his neighborhood.

And this is the point where Jesus starts his story: Lazarus has a name: "God helps", and God is concerned with Lazarus. God is concerned with Lazarus who lies in front of the door, whose body is covered with sores, and who has less value than a dog. God is concerned with exactly this Lazarus, this "underdog".

And this is the message of today's gospel for me: Do see Lazarus! Do see him in spite of all our activities and business! Do see him in spite of all our prejudices, in spite of all our limitations! Our limitations show us that we cannot help every person who needs our help.

But let us see them and not forget them in spite of our festivities and parties – festivities and parties are OK, they are not bad. Let us see the needs of others in spite of our love of life, our lust for life. Let us become attentive – other persons need our attentiveness; maybe we ourselves need their attentiveness for ourselves, and we need to be attentive to our own needs.

As Christians we have the possibility and invitation to be open for changes, we have the possibility to practice a helping community. A helping community believes that our attentiveness gives change a chance. Then we do experience God as the one who sees us with loving attentiveness just like he sees Lazarus.

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Children's Liturgy during 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 September 25th: 141

Collection: All Saints: €305.63

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.



Gather In My Name ("GIMN") event on the Saints

On October 14th at 7 p.m. we will have the first in a series of intergenerational events within the English-speaking Mission specifically aimed at families. Children and youth of all ages are especially welcome. The events include crafts, games, skits and food.

The events are FREE, but please register by sending an email to Jenny at jgebhar@yahoo.de to allow for adequate planning.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- October 2nd – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom
- October 6th – Rehearsal for the **Confirmation Class Mass** 16:00 – 20:00 in the church
- October 7th – **Confirmation Class** setup of church 16:00 – 20:00 in the church
- October 7th – **Friday Mass - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** at 18:00 h
- October 8th – **Confirmation Mass 11:00 h**
- October 16th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- October 16th – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom. Contact Nathan McConvey for more details.
- November 5th - **Altar Server training** – Time to be determined by voting on the Doodle - Pizza party afterwards ☺
- November 6th - **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- November 6th – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom
- November 26th – **Thanksgiving Dinner** – in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for details in the bulletin and on our website but mark this on your calendar

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 are interested in. Thanks.

October 9th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Helga Beck • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: N.N • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm & Family •
Designated collection: Catholic Schools

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