

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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April 2nd, 2017 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings (Missal p 87 et seq.): Ezek 37:12-14 • Ps 130:1-8 • Rom 8:8-11 • Jn 11:1-45

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

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, John & Glenda Massey •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Luc and Carl and Noemi Dethlefsen •

Hospitality: Elizabeth Sulzberger & Family • Designated collection: MISEREOR

Getting to know Jesus

The Sunday readings of Year A are meant especially for the catechumens who prepare themselves to be baptised during the Easter vigil. We are blessed to have such catechumens in our community. The reading, especially the Gospel texts, want to help them to understand more deeply who this Jesus to whom they will commit their lives in Baptism really is. Both the Gospel of the Samaritan woman last Sunday and today's Gospel about the man born blind whom Jesus enables to see again show us three stages of entering the mystery of Jesus.

The initial spark is an admiration for **Jesus as an extraordinary human being**. His fearlessness, his inner freedom toward everybody, his deep insight and wisdom. The Samaritan woman is amazed, because he told her all she did. The blind man sees Jesus first as the most extraordinary healer. "Nobody ever healed a man born blind."

In the course of the stories there is a second level of understanding of who Jesus is. Both the Samaritan woman and the man born blind recognise: **Jesus is a prophet**, someone who speaks and acts in the name of God. He does not just give personal opinions, he "speaks with authority". He has a new vision of God and of religion to offer. He speaks about God as his true father, he shows a boundless compassion towards suffering and marginalised people, he proposes a new vision of a new society built on solidarity and brotherhood. "No one has ever spoken like him", people will say.

Jesus then takes the initiative to reveal himself **as the Messiah**, as the one sent by God. The Samaritan woman mentions the Messiah will teach them everything. Jesus 'answers to her as also to the man born blind: "I am he." In the Gospel of St. John, the word "I am..." refers to the revelation of God's name to Moses in the burning bush: "I am who I am." In Jesus God reveals himself.

The way Jesus leads these two people to discover gradually who he truly is, also poses to each one of us the question: Who is Jesus for me? Where do I stand in my relationship to him? Relationships are not static. They either grow and or diminish. If we were born into a believing and praying family, God was self-evident for me as a child. As I became an adult I rightly questioned the faith of my parents. I struggled to reconcile faith with reason, the biblical vision of creation with the scientific theory of evolution, the call of the Gospel to live like Jesus a life of compassion and selfless love with the pressures to conform to the values of secular society to seek pleasure, riches and power. Who is Jesus for me today? What place has he in my life? If I am given the grace to experience in Jesus the presence of God in my life, I will feel the urge like the blind man to "fall down and worship" and like the Samaritan woman want to tell others about it.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! *Visiting for the first time? At the end of Mass, please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!*

Attendance on Mar 26th: 120

Collection: €220.40

English Speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin Triduum/ Easter celebrations 2017

April 13th Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00 pm St. Bernard's)

Königin-Luise-Str.33, 14195 Berlin (Dahlem)

April 14th Good Friday

2:00 pm Way of the Cross

3:00 pm the passion of the Lord

(All Saints) Hüttenweg 46, 14195 Berlin

April 15th Easter Vigil with Adult baptism

**9:00 pm (St. Elisabeth's) Kolonnenstr. 38, 10829
Berlin**

April 16th Easter Sunday

**10 am (All Saints) 11 am (St. Bernard's)
12 noon (St. Elisabeth's)**

Mark your calendars:

- April 2nd - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets **TODAY** at 16:00 h at the Dethlefsen residence.
- April 9th - **Palm Sunday Mass** begins with the Blessing of the Palms in the community hall at 10 am.
- April 14th - **Stations of the Cross** - 14:00 h in the Blessed Chapel
- April 14th - **Good Friday Mass** – at 15:00 h in the church.
- April 15th - **Easter Vigil at St. Bernard's** at 21:00 h.
- April 16th - **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the Classroom.
- April 16th - **Easter Sunday Egg Hunt** – after Mass at 11:15 h in the garden.
- April 19th - **Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's**, located at Königin-Luise-Str. 33, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem at 20:00 h.
- April 23th - **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- May 2nd - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 14:00 h at the Zaby residence.
- May 6th - **Altar Server Training** – time to be announced.
- May 6th - **Spring Family Bazaar** from 09:00 to 15:00 h.
- May 6th - **Youth Movie Night** – 18:30 h in the community hall. More details coming soon!
- May 19th - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 14:00 h at the Pedussel residence.
- May 21st - **First Holy Communion Mass** at 10:00 h.
- May 28th - **Spring BBQ** after Mass. Look for announcements on our website or in the bulletin.



GIMN Eucharist - Come to the Lord's Table at All Saints on April 29th at 18:30 h

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life".

Come and join us at or next "GIMN" (Gather In My Name") event as adults, youth, and children of the English-speaking Roman Catholic Mission gather to pray, share faith, and learn more about the Eucharist and the ways that we can deepen our understanding and appreciation of it. We will start with a meal. Each household is invited to bring a donation of canned vegetables or rice or noodles (suitable for soup), which we will be donating to a soup kitchen after the event.

Please register your family, indicating the number in your party, by contacting Jenny at jgebhar@yahoo.de.

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Lectors: Rachel Rückeis, Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: John & Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Luptia Wilhelm • Designated collection: Holy Land

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