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## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Readings (Missal p 148 et seqq.): Acts 2:42-47 • Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 • 1 Pet 1:3-9 • Jn 20:19-31**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Jun de Ocampo, SVD**

Lectors: Christian Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt •

Greeters: Nicole Sulzberger, Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Sara Sheehan, Conrad Chisolm •

Hospitality: Magdalene Kivondo •

### **Easter, the feast of life**

1<sup>st</sup> – For us, **the empty tomb is a reason to hope**

Yes, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, we celebrate the new life, but this Easter mystery does not deny the reality of suffering and pain of Holy Friday. No, this Easter Mystery proclaims reason for hope in our human condition – our human condition marked by illness, suffering, dying and death. The empty tomb of Christ trumpets the ultimate *Alleluia*. The empty tomb makes palpable and visible Christ's message that love, compassion, generosity, humility and selflessness will ultimately triumph over hatred, bigotry, prejudice, despair, greed and death. Sometimes in our lives, we find ourselves in difficult and desperate times - then the Easter miracle enables us to live our lives in hopeful certainty of the fulfillment of the Resurrection – be it still during our earthly life or at the end of our life's journey.

2<sup>nd</sup> - **The empty tomb is the ultimate victory and confirmation of Jesus' message** to his friends.

Today with Peter and John and Mary, we stand at the entrance of the empty tomb. Together with Peter and John and Mary, we wonder what it means, this empty tomb. For me the message is clear: Jesus Christ who challenged us to love one another, is risen and walks among us! During his lifetime, Jesus Christ taught compassion, love, forgiveness, reconciliation, sincerity, and selflessness for the sake of others. And this message is certified and affirmed in the Father raising Jesus Christ from the dead. The empty tomb should not only console us and fill us with joy. No, the empty tomb should challenge us to gladly take up the life of the Gospel with its message of compassion, love, forgiveness, reconciliation, sincerity, and selflessness for the sake of others.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> and last point: **The Church is the Resurrection community.**

The Risen Christ is present to us in the faithful witness of every good person who shares the good news of the empty tomb. To live the Gospel of selflessness and compassion is difficult if you remain alone. If you belong to a community like the Church, a community like All Saints, living the Gospel of selflessness and compassion is made easier. The empty tomb should inspire us as individuals or as a church community to bring resurrection into this life of ours: to rise above life's sufferings and pain to give love and life to others; to renew and recreate our relationships with others; to proclaim the Gospel of *Christ who died, Christ who has risen; Christ who will come again!*

Let me summarize: the empty tomb is a reason to hope for us and it is the ultimate victory and confirmation of Jesus' message to his friends. And we need a community to help us to live this friendship with Jesus. With Easter faith, we can awaken the promise of the empty tomb in every place and moment we encounter on our journey through this life – and we can start today, right here in All Saints on this Easter Sunday.

**Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ**

# Children's Liturgy of the Word During Mass

## 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 April 16th: 179

Collection: All Saints €508.65



### **GIMN Eucharist - Come to the Lord's Table at All Saints on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 h**

Come and join us at our 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.

Please register your family, indicating the number in your party, by contacting Jenny at [jgebhar@yahoo.de](mailto:jgebhar@yahoo.de).



**Save the Date: May 6th  
from 18:30 to 21:00  
is Family Bingo  
Night!** Prizes, food and lots  
more! Fun for all ages! **Bring  
Your Friends!**



### **Altar Server Volunteers**

Spring registration has begun for new Altar Servers. Interested? Fill out a Green volunteer form (found in the info rack outside the office) and drop it in our mailbox or give it to someone in the office. Training is on May 6th in the afternoon.

### **Do you feel lucky??**

During our annual spring BBQ we will be having a raffle: First Prize is a **Lenovo YOGA Tab 3 - 10.1 in. tablet**. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of new altar linen. Watch for additional information, and, be ready to buy your ticket when they go on sale on May 7th after Mass. The drawing is on May 28th at about 11:30 during the Spring BBQ.

### **Mark your calendars:**

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 17:00 h at the Chisolm residence.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 14:00 h at the Zaby residence.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 18:30 h at the Reich residence.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - **Altar Server Training** – in the main church from 15:00 to 17:00 h.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - **Spring Family Bazaar** from 09:00 to 15:00 h.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – **Family BINGO Night** – 18:30 h in the community hall.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 17:00 h at the Wilson residence.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 18:30 h at the Schulze-Makuch residence.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 17:00 h at the Ching residence.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 18:30 h at the Chisolm residence.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 14:00 h at the Pedussel residence.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - **First Holy Communion Mass** – All Saints:  
**Important FHC Mass begins at 9:45 h**
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 17:00 h at the Wilson residence.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - **Spring BBQ** after Mass. Look for announcements on our website or in the bulletin.
- **October 19th – 30th – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** - Konrad Giersdorf has details of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Please contact Konrad ([giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de)) who can give you details.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr**

Lectors: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Will Sheehan, Samantha Scott • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang, Chatin Wildenhoff • Designated collection: All Saints

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