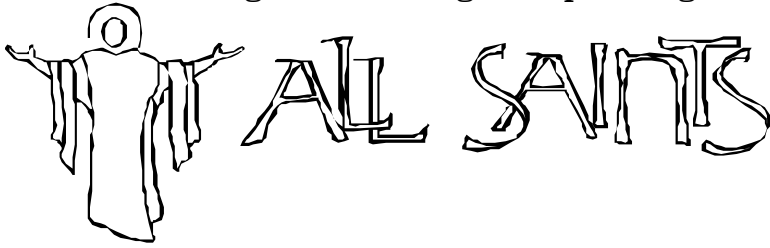


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September 10th, 2017 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p201 et seqq.): Ezek 33:7-9 • Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 • Rom 13:8-10 • Mt 18:15-20

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Vincent Karatunga

Lector: Helga Beck • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Johannes Ploog •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Samantha Scott, Luc & Carl Dethlefsen • Hospitality: Alicia Ching •
Designated collection: Media Sunday: For the work of the Church in television, radio, press, video

Walking with Jesus

Last Sunday's Gospel went further than just asking us to understand why the glory of Jesus our King and Lord was to be found through suffering and the shameful death of the Cross. There is a further call for us to walk the same road with Jesus. "If **anyone** (not just the heroic martyr or the saint) wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Jesus is asking each one of us to dedicate our lives in totally loving and serving others even if, at times, this involves misunderstanding, ridicule, pain and even death itself.

It would be altogether wrong to think that Jesus is asking us to lead miserable lives in order to be good Christians, although one gets the impression that some people interpret the passage in that way. To follow Jesus fully, we must be able to see life as he sees it, we must have that "mind of Christ".

When we have the mind of Christ then we can only see our lives in terms of loving and serving others and not in the pursuit of purely self-centred or even family-centred ambition. When we have the mind of Christ, the whole direction of our life changes. Our whole concept of happiness changes. Jesus is calling us not to a life of sacrifice and suffering but rather to a life of total love and freedom. The person who can go to jail for his beliefs is more free and usually a lot happier than the one who is tied to the pursuit of material things, social position, pleasure and the fear of pain.

"Renouncing oneself" is not a suppression of one's personality. It is rather to let go of oneself so that one can really find oneself.

This is what today's readings are saying, namely, that Jesus is calling us to where true success and happiness are. Maybe when we walk the way of Jesus there will be people who criticise us, think we are stupid and even attack us. Yet those who have chosen the way of Jesus again and again confirm that their lives are full of freedom, happiness and peace. Isn't that what we all would like to experience?

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Children's Liturgy of the Word 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 3rd: 162

Collection: All Saints: €315.29



Fall BBQ Potluck

Please join us for our annual All Saints Community Fall BBQ Potluck on Sunday, September 24th after Mass.

Hamburgers, grilled meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a hearty side dish, salad or dessert to share.

Sign-up to help with Konrad Giersdorf in the Fellowship Hall after Mass today.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- September 17th – **Welcome Back to School blessing** for all students and teachers
- September 24th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- September 24th – **Fall BBQ** at 11:15 h in the community hall and garden. Please sign up to help and provide a side dish.



**Save the Date:
September 23rd from
18:00 to 20:30
is Family Bingo
Night!**

Prizes, food and lots more! Fun for all ages!
Bring Your Friends!



Introduction into the Catholic Faith in English (RCIA)

The Archdiocese of Berlin is offering an RCIA course in English, beginning on Sunday, 10th of September 2017, at 5 pm.

Meetings will continue every two weeks on Sunday at St. Bernhard's from 5 pm - 6.45 pm. Location: St. Bernhard's Parish Hall, Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin. Info and registration: 030 609 75 944, info@ipz-berlin.de.



**Join Us at the GIMN!
Intergenerational Event
Mary: The "Yes" That
Changed the World**

Date: 7 October 2017, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the All Saints Community / Fellowship Hall.

Please contact us if you are planning to attend, providing us with the number of people in your group. E-mail: jgebhar@yahoo.de

Please RSVP by: 1 October 2017



All Saints Church Council Elections - Call for Candidates!

We will be holding elections for a new slate of candidates to serve for the next two-years as members of the All Saints Council.

There are six elected positions on the council. Candidates (16 yrs and older) should submit a brief, one-page (DIN A4) profile with a picture to Mike Hoth.

Profiles will be published. Deadline: October 29th. Elections will take place on Saturday, Nov 25th (Thanksgiving Potluck) and on Sunday, Nov 26th after Mass.



Back to School blessing

Please join us for a special blessing during Mass on Sunday, September 17th for students, teachers and those who work in education. Please bring something savory or sweet to share for Hospitality after Mass.

September 17th, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ.

Lector: Tom FitzPatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Samantha Scott, Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Jackie Anders • Designated collection: Promotion of Caritas work

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