

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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January 14th 2018 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 857): 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 • Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 • 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 • Jn 1:35-72

Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Beata McGreal •

Designated collection: African catechists

Epiphany 2018 – A Light for all Peoples



In an age of globalization, the celebration of Epiphany takes on more importance than ever. The vision of Christ is to provide a light for the whole world, it calls together the whole world and all its peoples, it calls for a healing of divisions and for openness to learn from all people, it calls for a just world order. I think in 2017, we had enough opportunities to see that many of these visions were violated – many of them lost their importance this last year.

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to celebrate Jesus who came as a light to all people, not just to some subset of the human race - be it the rich ones, the white ones, the Christian ones.... No subset of the human race can claim to be nearer to Christ and his vision than another subset. Thus, the categorical exclusion of anyone contradicts the good news of Jesus Christ: racism, stereotyping, discrimination, xenophobia, ethnic violence is all wrong.

The behavior of Herod in our gospel reflects the behavior of one who is afraid. The news about a new child to be "king" threatens the kingship of Herod. Rather than learning from the wisdom of the foreign visitors, Herod is afraid, and seeks to destroy what they came to discover. The behavior of the foreign visitors is the behavior of those who seek the truth at great cost. The child offers a vision that is worth traveling a long distance to experience. Jesus offers a light that is worth sharing. In the wisdom of a child born in humble circumstances, the three foreign visitors find a wonderful light, good news, and a liberation from sin, injustice, and prejudice. The foreigners experience the power and the gift of Christ. They also bring gifts with them - gifts that are given to the child but also "gifts" that open our eyes to the experience of the light of Christ as a gift for the whole world.

This mutuality is part of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Giving and receiving happen at the same time. And this must find its echo in our lives as friends of Jesus, as sons and daughters of God. The story of the three foreign visitors has implications for many aspects for our lives, for the life of the Church. No one is to be excluded from the light of Christ.

Whether we are young or old, female or male, rich or poor, black or white, immigrant or native born, from the south or the north, from the east or the west, educated at a famous school or a very ordinary one, employed or unemployed, healthy or sick, we are all invited to experience the Epiphany, we are all invited to see the light God wants to give to our world.

Fr. Wolfgang Felber

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 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: January 7th: 100

Collection: All Saints: €320.82



World Peace Day 2018

Pope Francis message for the celebration of World Peace Day of January 1st may be found if you use the search string: *World Peace Day 2018 Pope*.



to everyone who helped to take down the Christmas decorations on Friday, January 12th.

Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about the All Saints Community



Speed McQueen invites you to:

Come and see me and my buddies in **Cars 3** on Saturday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m.

No charge for attending. Snacks and drinks provided. *Speed says: "Hey, free food I'm in!"*

So that we are sure to have sufficient snacks and drinks we ask you to please contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) so we know how many to prepare for.

Mark your calendars:

- January 21st – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.
- January 28th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- February 11th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- February 18th – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.
- February 24th – **All Saints Youth Event** – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Movie night – FREE film, soda and popcorn. Invite your friends
- February 25th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- February 25th – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.
- March 10th – **English Speaking Mission Day** – at Rosenkranz-Basilika (Kiekerstr.11, 12163 (Steglitz) Berlin) from 6:00 p.m. Please watch the bulletin and on our website for additional information which is coming soon.
- March 3rd – **Child Protection Training for the English-Speaking-Mission** meets at St. Bernard from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- March 4th – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.
- March 11th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- March 11th – **All Saints Council** meets in the small conference room after Mass at 11:15 a.m.

Check for the latest "News" at the **All Saints website** (<http://www.all-saints-berlin.de/home.shtml>) or visit All Saints on Facebook: **All Saints Catholic Community Berlin**

Visit the **English-Speaking-Mission (ESM) Website** to learn more about what is happening in the ESM: <http://www.english-mission-berlin.de/>

January 21st, 10:00 pm: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection: Family Sunday

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