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February 4th 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 866): Job 7:1-4, 6-7 • Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 • 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 • Mk 1:29-39 (G)

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

Lector: Jennifer Petersen • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, John Massey •

Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Karen Castellan •

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Imitate Jesus: eradicate evil wherever we find it

The four gospels are written after the experience of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' death and resurrection forced his disciples to look from a completely different perspective at the Jesus they had known for three years. Before these experiences, they had seen a prophet in Jesus. This prophetic dimension of the personality of Jesus began to fade into the background of their minds – it was replaced by something they rarely dared to imagine before Good Friday and Easter Sunday - and that is the divinity of Jesus. The longer the authors of the New Testament reflected on Jesus, the more they concentrated on his divine dimension and they lost contact with the prophetic dimension of Jesus.

Yet one thing is true: during the three years of Jesus' earthly ministry it was his role as prophet which most impressed people. When Jesus asked his disciples how people were judging him, most thought he fit the image of the prophets of times gone by. Those with whom Jesus lived and to whom he preached were Jews. And they understood the necessity of having prophets in their midst. Yahweh normally worked through prophets. God's will was conveyed to the people by a God who positioned prophets among them.

That is why today's Deuteronomy Reading (Dt 18,15-20) is very significant. We usually think of Moses as a leader and liberator. But the community he led and freed from slavery would also have emphasized his prophetic ministry. Like all prophets, Moses was their conscience: the person who pointed out the future implications of their present actions: without prophets, the people of Israel would wander aimlessly through life, uncertain of the direction Yahweh wanted them to go. As Moses is dying, they are no longer worried about freedom - Moses had been Yahweh's agent in achieving their liberation; so: that job had been taken care of. What the Israelites would miss most would be Moses' prophetic input in their daily lives. Because of Moses' imminent death, they could only fall back on Yahweh's promise: to "...raise up for you a prophet like (Moses) from among your kin, and put my words in his mouth" (Dt 18,15).

In other words, God will see to it that they would always have prophets in their communities. No wonder Jesus' first disciples often reflected on today's Deuteronomy passage. This passage helped them when they tried to figure out the role Jesus was playing in their lives. Their original emphasis on prophecy seems to be one of the reasons Mark chose an exorcism as Jesus' first miracle. As with the other three gospels, the first miracle sets the evangelist's theme for his work. Mark believes Jesus' followers should imitate him. That is why Mark presents to us the way we are to carry on Jesus' prophetic ministry: by eradicating evil wherever we find it.

This is symbolized by the story Mark tells us: Jesus gets rid of the evil demon, who controls the man in the Capernaum synagogue. Though it is impossible to imitate the divinity of Jesus, one thing is true: **Whenever we get rid of even the smallest evil in our lives, we are carrying on as humans, the prophetic ministry of Jesus.**

In summary, the important thing is the message of Jesus: *give food to the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, help the sick and visit those in prison* – and eradicate evil wherever we can. That is what we are invited to do as friends of Jesus, that is what we are supposed to do if we want to be near to him and true to his message.

cf <http://www.dignityusa.org/node/774>



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 28th: 91

Collection: All Saints: €293.84



Join us on February 14th at 7 p.m. for **Ash Wednesday Mass** at St. Bernard's.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the day on which the faithful have their foreheads signed with ashes in the form of a Cross. It is also a day of fast and abstinence.

St Bernard's is located at Königin-Luise-Str. 33, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem



It's time for a FIESTA on February 18th

Join in the Mexican tradition of the breaking of the piñata on **Celebration of Rosca de Reyes**. All Saints will be having our fiesta after Mass on February 18th in the Fellowship Hall.

Be a part of Scout Sunday on February 25th



For over 100 years, Scout programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

On Scout Sunday our scouts will serve as the Altar Servers, Lector, Greeters, Ushers and will provide our after-Mass hospitality. To volunteer for any of these positions please contact Vanessa Hansen (vhansen980@hotmail.com.)



Plan for the whole family to join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th Mass at 5 p.m. Dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

Mark your calendars:

- February 11th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- February 18th – **Celebration of Rosca de Reyes** after Mass in Fellowship Hall – Children come and take your swing at our piñata.
- 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 – 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Movie night – Cars 3**. Free soda and popcorn.
- February 24th – **Gather In My Name (GIMN)** at St. Bernard's 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theme is "Friendship" Ages 12 and up are invited. RSVP karencastellon908@gmail.com
- February 25th – **Scout Sunday** Boy and Girl Scouts serve at all levels during Mass
- 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 (Kielstr.11, 12163 (Steglitz) Berlin) from 6:00 p.m. Please watch the bulletin and our website for additional information 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.

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