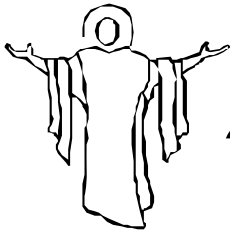


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February 11th 2018 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 869): Lev 13:1-2, 44-46 • Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 • 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1 • Mk 1:40-45 (G)

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

Lector: Tamas Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, John & Glenda Massey •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Jackie Anders •
Designated collection: All Saints

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Busy days for Jesus – but also successful days! Mark, the first evangelist, begins his Gospel by describing the *initial days of the public ministry of Jesus*. Jesus starts by announcing that God's kingdom is at hand, he calls his first four disciples, he goes into the Capernaum synagogue where he exorcizes a demon, then Jesus ends up at Simon's house in time to cure his mother-in-law, and eventually he sticks around through the evening when he "*cured many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons*" (Mark 1,29-39).

What a beginning! No doubt at this point Jesus is certainly the talk of the town. But as we hear at the end of today's passage, Jesus has other plans: "*Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place where he prayed.*"

It is important to note that throughout his Gospel Mark only has Jesus pray when he is under "*messianic stress*" – this is a technical way of saying that Jesus is not certain what he should do, that he is trying to figure out what kind of Messiah he should be. We can assume from this and other parts of Mark's Gospel that the historical Jesus wasn't handed a "divine script" at birth which outlined every action he was to take, every word he was to proclaim for the next 30 years.

No! *Like all of us, Jesus was expected to work out his own destiny.* Like all of us, Jesus reaches a point in his life in which he can continue doing "God's work" in a secure, sustaining environment – that is to "stay in Capernaum". Yet, contrary to this, Jesus agrees to respond to a call to go beyond that peaceful existence,

We see some of this "beyond" in today's passage in the letter to the community in Corinth. Paul not only responds to God's call to "preach the Gospel," Paul goes beyond: "*It is the satisfaction I get from preaching the Good News without expense to anyone, never demanding my rights as a preacher.*" Paul does not ever want anyone to accuse him of "being in the business for the money", he deliberately makes himself "weak to win over the weak." If we do only what is expected of us and no more, we run the risk of identifying with Job, the prophet, asking: "*Is not our life on earth a drudgery? The authors of the Bible believe God is also calling us to this "beyond" - each and every one of us.*"

We presume both Jesus and Paul did not identify with this view of the prophet, Job. And they discovered this when they chose to go *beyond, to go further than people expected them to go.* Their life was never as secure as it was before, but it certainly wasn't boring. And Jesus expects us to begin living that life now; long before we hit the pearly gates of heaven.

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: February 4th: 92

Collection: All Saints: €189.00



It's time for a FIESTA – February 18

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 in the Fellowship Hall.



Family Movie Night ** Cars 3

February 24th 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.
At All Saints. All ages invited!
Free snacks & drinks provided.

Brina friends! RSVP to vhansen980@hotmail.com



Join us as we explore the theme of "Friendship" at our February 24th meeting of GIMN.

We are meeting in the St. Bernard's parish hall on Saturday, February 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ages: 12 years and up.

RSVP to karencastellon908@gmail.com

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)

Mark your calendar:

- February 14th – **Ash Wednesday Mass** at St. Bernard's 7:00 p.m.
- February 18th – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.
- February 24th – **All Saints Youth Event – Movie night.** 6:00 p.m. RSVP vhansen980@hotmail.com
- 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 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 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 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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Visit the **English-Speaking-Mission (ESM) Website** to learn more about what is happening in the ESM: <http://www.english-mission-berlin.de/>

February 18th, 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

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