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February 18th 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

Readings (Missal no. 809): Gen 9:8-15 • Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 • 1 Pet 3:18-22 • Mk 1:12-15 (V)

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

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: John & Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog •
Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: Madeline Ruckeis, Shadrach Nyaaba, Buck Chisolm •
• Hospitality: Piñata Sunday - Vanessa Hansen •

St. Paul writes "I try my best to be considerate of everyone's feelings" (1 Cor 11:1)

In the reading from the letter to the community in Corinth, we just heard St Paul saying: "You must follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ" (1Cor 11:1). Do we really understand all the implications what Paul states in this paragraph to the Christian community in Corinth? Where does our imitation start and where does it end?

When Paul speaks about our acting "*in persona Christi*," Paul is referring to the *risen* Jesus, not the *historical* Jesus. We see this because Paul employs the title "Christ" – "Christ" for Paul is the *risen* Jesus who is alive among us. Paul tells us that all the followers of Jesus must be like "*other Christs*". Paul is teaching that we achieve this title – "*to be another Christ*" - by imitating the mentality of Jesus, his outlook on everyone and everything around him. The founder of my religious order, Ignatius of Loyola, liked to say that we should *see the world through the eyes of God*, or *through the eyes of Jesus*.

Let us have a look at the Gospel according to **Mark** (Mk 1:40-45). One of the big topics of Mark is that for Jesus *all people were equal*. For Jesus, there were no "*ins*" or "*outs*" in the society, no "*ins*" or "*outs*" in the Kingdom of God. Everyone is *in*. This frame of mind always got him into trouble with the religious and the state authorities. Mark demonstrates this disturbing character trait in the very first chapter of his Gospel – and today's paragraph is the end of the first chapter of Mark's Gospel. It's important to notice that Jesus not only cures the leper but even *before* he cures the leper, Jesus "*stretched out his hand and touched him*" (Mark 1:41). No one in Jesus' day and age was more "*out*" than lepers.

Just a short look at our **Leviticus** reading shows what Jesus and his contemporaries were taught about lepers, those unfortunate individuals (Lev 13:1-2, 44-46). The text says: "*Those who suffer from any contagious skin disease must tear their clothing and allow their hair to hang loose. Then, as they go from place to place, they must cover their mouth and call out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' As long as the disease lasts, they will be ceremonially unclean and must live in isolation outside the camp*" (Lev 13:45-46). The consequences of being a leper are terrible. Sometimes one had to worry about a *whisper campaign* where someone was labeled a leper. You know how powerless you are when facing such a *whisper campaign*. That is why only a priest could officially declare someone *leprous* or *free from leprosy*. That is why Jesus always sends lepers "to the priest" after curing them.

Now here is the important thing: Jesus in Mark's Gospel reaches out and touches someone who is *out*. By reaching out and by touching someone, we bring that person *in*.

Let us come back to **Paul** and to his letter to the community in **Corinth**: what does he tell the Corinthians immediately before he mentions that we should be imitators? Paul writes: "*I try my best to be considerate of everyone's feelings in all these matters; I hope you will be, too.*" (1Cor 10:33). Paul is convinced that his following of Jesus revolves around what he can do for others, not for himself.

And this could be an appeal to a community like All Saints: we can change the small part of the world in which we live. One change might be to include and integrate others whom we do not like right at the beginning. This would mean to turn the *outs* in our small part of the world into the *ins* Jesus wants them to be. Or help others when they are in difficulties – like Jesus did. I am sure we find enough occasions to make our small part of the world more similar to the world Jesus wanted it to be.

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Fiesta de Rosca de Reyes (3 Kings - Piñata) - Today after Mass



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 11th: 106

Collection: All Saints: €273.92



Family Movie Night ** Cars 3
February 24th 6 - 8 p.m.
at All Saints

A film for the whole family from ages 6 to 60. Join us for a really fun night at the movies. Invite your 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)



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

RSVP to vhansen980@hotmail.com

Mark your calendar:

- February 18th – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.
- February 22nd – **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's at 5:00 p.m. to do a walk-through of the February 24th Gather in My Name presentation.
- 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 9th – **All Saints Council** meeting 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- March 17th – **St Patrick's Day potluck dinner.** Mass at 5 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with dinner to follow at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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