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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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February 25th 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent (v)

Readings (Missal no. 812): Gen 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18 • Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 • Rom 8:31-34 • Mk 9:2-10

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

Lector: Conlan McConvey • Eucharistic Ministers: Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •
Greeters / Altar Servers / Ushers / Hospitality: Boy and Girl Scouts •
• Designated collection: Catholic Schools •

The First Sunday of Lent

(Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25; 1Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15)

As we begin our Lenten preparation for the celebration of Easter we are reminded of the reason behind this penitential time. We are reminded of the covenants God made with his people, of how the people broke those covenants and of how God then sought to destroy them and begin creation afresh. Nevertheless, we are also told that God will no longer destroy those who break his covenant because he has sent us the means to be saved from our sins and from death, but only if we believe.

In the first reading we see God talking with Noah after the great flood has receded. The flood was God's way of removing sinful humans from the earth and restarting or renewing his creation to its original state of purity and it was clear in this episode that it was humans who brought sin into creation. However, God has realized that humans are a species prone to go wrong and so he tells Noah that he will never again seek to destroy the human race even if they break the covenant which he makes with Noah and which is to last throughout the generations. The sign of the covenant and God's promise not to destroy the peoples is the rainbow in the sky.

Our second reading comes from St. Peter and at the time he was writing there was a belief in Judaism that evil spirits had brought sin into the world at the time of the flood and that the flood saved Noah from this contamination. Peter takes this idea and says that the saving of Noah by water is similar to our being baptized with water because, at baptism, the soul is washed clean and original sin is removed. Peter also attests to the death of Jesus Christ as something which leads us to God through his resurrection from the dead.

We read very briefly in St. Mark's Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness after his baptism and how he did not succumb to Satan's promises. Mark doesn't give us the detail of the temptations, as do the other evangelists, because Mark sees Jesus as being tempted throughout the Gospel but that he never gave in to those temptations. After this episode and the arrest of his cousin, John the Baptist, Jesus begins preaching repentance for the sake of the Kingdom because that is the way we enter heaven – through repentance we renew our souls and make ourselves acceptable for the heavenly court. We know that what awaits us is a much greater promise than awaited Noah and so we should use this time well by examining our own life and making sure that it is in keeping with the covenant.

www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html

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 18th: 91

Collection: All Saints: €340.35



Mark your calendars for our annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK** celebration on Saturday, March 17th

'cause everyone is Irish when celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

We will celebrate Mass this year in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 5 p.m.

Dinner follows beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing until the last leprechaun has gone home!

Please bring a main or side dish, a salad or a desert to share with the others.

Read the history of Saint Patrick which is featured in our March Community news and events newsletter.

Volunteers needed to help set-up and clean the hall so please sign-up with Vanessa Hansen (vhansen980@hotmail.com).



Thank you for your offerings each Sunday. We are a self-financed community so every cent counts!

Your tithes finance our rent, daily running costs and our Community Life which includes Children's & Youth Ministries, Hospitality and many others.

Special thanks to the eight families who made a Lenten donation on Sunday, February 18th to offset the cost of our new missals. Your generous giving will really make a difference!

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2018

Formation in Spiritual Discernment - That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Mark your calendar:

- February 25th – **Combined Confirmation Class** meets at St Bernard's from 4:45 – 6:45 p.m.
- **NEW** - February 28th, **Boy's Confirmation Class** meets at 6 p.m. at Family Dethlefsen's house
- **NEW** - March 2nd, **Boy's Confirmation Class** meets at 6 p.m. for Friday Mass and then continues afterward in the All Saints Fellowship Hall until 8:00 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.
- **NEW** - March 9th – **All Saints Council** meeting 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- March 11th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- 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.
- **NEW** - March 21st, **Boy's Confirmation Class** meets at 6 p.m. at Family Chisolm's house.
- March 30th, **Good Friday - Stations of the Cross (2 p.m.) / Mass (3 p.m.)** in the main church.
- April 15th, **Confirmation Mass** at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard's
- May 13th, **Spring All Saints Family BBQ** in the Fellowship Hall and Garten after Mass
- May 21st, **First Holy Communion Mass** at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard's
- **RESCHEDULED** – June 30th – **English Speaking Mission Day** – at St. Bernard's (Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin) from 6:00 p.m. Please watch the bulletin and our website for additional information coming soon.

✓ 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**

March 4th, 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt • Greeter: Conrad Chisolm • Altar Servers: Shadrack Nyaaba, Carl Dethlefsen, Nisha Wunder, Buck Chisolm • Hospitality: Families Brinda & Ademi • Designated collection: To promote Caritas work

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