

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



ALL SAINTS



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

Interfaith Community Center • Hüttenweg 46 • 14195 Berlin-Dahlem

Phone (030) 8620-3636 • Fax (030) 8620-3638

Email: allsaintsberlin@t-online.de / Website: www.all-saints-berlin.de

Facebook: All Saints Catholic Community Berlin

Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays 10:00-12:00

March 25th 2018 – Palm Sunday of the passion of the Lord

Readings (Missal no. 823): Isa 50:4-7 • Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 • Phil 2:6-11 • Mk 14:1-15:47

Welcome to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

Lectors: Helga Beck, Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, John Massey

• Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: Tom & Brenden FitzPatrick, Luc & Carl Dethlefsen •

Hospitality: Trinh Scott • Designated collection: Holy Land

A NEW COVENANT – A NEW PEOPLE – A NEW LAW

“I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel... Deep within them I will plant my law, I will write it on their hearts.”

It is this “new and eternal covenant”, sealed with the blood of Christ, which we celebrate and renew each Sunday in the Eucharist. A covenant is an old word for a pact of friendship, a mutual pledge to share everything. It is often concluded by drinking a drop of each other's blood, a symbol of life. God wants to share his life with us; we offer our lives to God's service. All the people who want to live this new relationship with God become a new people.”

They are given a new law, written no longer on stone or in books but in our hearts. It is the law of love of God and neighbour, the law of the Spirit who dwells “deep within us.” Christians living under this law do not simply ask: What must I do? What is my obligation? They want to find out: What is God's Spirit telling me? What would Jesus do in this situation? What does love invite me to do?

To learn to listen to this inner voice of the Spirit is especially important in a period of rapid change in all spheres of life where we are constantly faced with new moral questions, new religions and ideologies, new technical possibilities, new people from different cultures. The old answers are often inadequate and we are not certain what to do. Already the Vatican Council saw this clearly: “Today, the human race is involved in a new stage of history. Profound and rapid changes are spreading by degrees around the whole world... we can already speak of a true cultural and social transformation, one which has repercussions on people's religious life as well... As a result, buffeted between hope and anxiety and pressing one another with questions about the present course of events, they are burdened down with uneasiness.” (Gaudium et Spes 4) And Pope Francis expressed similar thoughts on his last journey to Argentina: “Our societies are changing... New and different cultural expressions are being born which do not fit into our familiar patterns. We have to realize that many times we do not know how to deal with these new situations.” And Francis is well aware that we need new answers, a new language in communicating the Gospel message, a new pastoral approach.

Yet, in the Church as in secular society many are afraid of this unknown, unpredictable future and seek security by returning to the past. This phenomenon exists in all religions under the name of “fundamentalism”. In the political world, it expresses itself under the label of “populism”: the flight from the complexities and the confusion of a multilateral world into the safe haven of a narrow nationalism.

A return to the past is the wrong track; it leads to a dead end. What is the true Christian answer? The keyword is discernment, a process of differentiating what is good and life giving and what is negative and destructive in a new situation. When we cannot find solutions to our problem in the books, we have to look for them in “the law that is written in our hearts”, using the best we can and our own reason and listening to “what the Spirit is telling the churches.” (Rev. 2) We need this discernment for important decisions in our personal life, in family life and in our Christian community. A parish council's responsibility is not only to organize liturgies and celebrations, but to give some time to discern the pastoral challenges of today. One of the crucial and difficult questions is: How can we transmit our faith and the values of the Gospel to the young generation who lives in a different cultural world from that of their parents. There are no quick, easy answers. But when we share our experiences, learn from what others are doing around us and put our trust in the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, in the Christian community, in the Church, surprising things do happen.

“With this newness Christ is always able to renew our lives and our communities... Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world. Every form of authentic evangelization is always ‘new’.” (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 11)

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr

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: March 18th: 68

Easter Triduum



The English-speaking Mission celebrates the Triduum as one large community, with All Saints, St. Bernard's, and St. Elisabeth's each hosting one of the liturgies.

Holy Thursday (29.03) - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Bernard's Church, 7 p.m. The faithful are invited to stay for a period of quiet adoration after the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday (30.03) - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - All Saints Church - with distribution of Holy Communion, at 3 p.m., preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. Opportunity for individual confessions.

Holy Saturday (31.03) - Easter Vigil Mass - St. Elisabeth's Church, 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday (01.04) - Masses will be celebrated according to the usual Sunday schedule in each community.



Pray the Stations of the Cross on March 30th 2 p.m. at All Saints

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

The 14 devotions focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Thank you to everyone who donated to All Saints during Lent to help offset the added cost of our new Missals. Almost €600 was received.

Collection: All Saints: €136.44 MISEREOR €36.00

Mark your calendar:

- March 29th - **Setup for Good Friday** at 3 p.m. in the main church. Volunteers sought.
- March 30th - **Stations and Good Friday Liturgy** – 2 p.m. in the main church.
- April 1st - **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** following Easter Mass.
- April 11th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- April 15th - **Confirmation Mass** at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard's
- April 21st – **All Saints Youth/Family Event – Movie night.** 6:00 p.m. featuring *The Sandlot* please: RSVP vhansen980@hotmail.com
- April 22nd – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- May 5th - **Spring Family Bazaar** from 8 a.m. until about 3 p.m. This is one of two annual fund-raising events for All Saints. Volunteers sought to help with this event. Please speak with Heide Doblhofer.
- May 5th – **All Saints Youth/Family Event** - Details to be announced.
- May 6th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- May 13th - **Spring All Saints Family BBQ** in the Fellowship Hall and Garden after Mass
- May 27th - **First Holy Communion Mass** at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard's
- June 9th – **All Saints Youth/Family Event** - Details to be announced.
- 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**

April 1st, 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

Lector: Tom FitzPatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, John & Glenda Massey • Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints

Designated collections are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. **However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support, so we are completely dependent upon your donations.** Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **WHITE ENVELOPES** stamped "**ALL SAINTS FUND**" and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account written below. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** • *Friends of All Saints e.V.*, IBAN: DE15 3706 0193 6001 6690 18, BIC: GENODE33PAX