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Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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April 29th, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings (Missal no. 836): Acts 9:26-31 • Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 • Jn 3:18-24 • Jn 15:1-8 (W)

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

Lector: Zachary Chitwood • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer •

Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Buck Chisolm • Hospitality: NN •

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SHEPHERD OR HIRELING?

The world of Jesus was that of a rural, agricultural society in the first century. It is very remote from the modern, urban society in which most of us live. Who of us has ever seen a shepherd walking with his flock over the hills? Biblical images often do not speak to our experience and imagination. They need explanation. Let us try to enter into the life of a nomad people moving with their flocks and compare that with a life of a CEO of a global company responsible for thousands of workers.

The north of Uganda and Kenya is populated by various nomad people. They are extraordinary people managing to survive for centuries in very harsh climatic conditions. Their survival depends on their cattle; their food is the milk and blood of their cows. So, they live in a kind of symbiosis with their herds of cows. Each single cow has a name according to its characteristics and the owner knows each one of them. The cow is the most precious possession, more than his wife and children. The shepherd is ready at any time to risk his life to defend his herd. It is difficult for us to imagine such a close relationship between a nomad and his animals. They are like his children, they are part of himself, of his identity. He can't imagine living without them. The nearest comparison in our culture may be the relationship that some people have with their dog or cat.

This is what Jesus is referring to when he says: "I know my own and my own know me." To know in the Bible means also to love. The people of Israel had nomadic origins. They understood what Jesus meant. He wants to enter into a life relationship with us that goes deeper than anything we can experience in an ordinary friendship. Like the Karimojong shepherd, Jesus is deeply concerned with the whole flock, yet has a special, unique relationship with each one of us, though we are so many.

The Gospel contrasts the good shepherd with the hireling, the hired hand, a servant who is paid for the job. He does not care for the animals as long as he gets his pay. They are not his cattle. When I think of a comparison of the hireling in our time I cannot help thinking of some managers of big international shareholder companies. They have learned during their studies that the purpose of the economy and of the enterprise is to maximize profits. They were never told that they have a responsibility for the social welfare of the workers and of future generations. Their focus is on the balance sheet of the next quarterly report and on the bonus at the end of the year. Companies must make profits but when maximization of profits becomes the exclusive purpose one must not be surprised about scandals of the German car producers who spend millions in a PR campaign to tell lies about their products and cheat their customers. Did they ever think for a moment about the thousands of people who will get sick and die because of the toxic exhaust fumes of their cars? Well, they do have a good argument in their favour: if they do not do like all other companies, they cannot be competitive and jobs will be lost. There are also many devoted, responsible entrepreneurs who care for their workers

The key word of the parable is CARE. The shepherd cares about his sheep; the hireling cares only about himself. The Gospel asks us what about you: do you truly care about the people whom God put in your way and entrusted to your care: your partner and your children, but also your neighbours, the members of your Christian community, your colleagues at work? Are you a shepherd or a hireling?

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr



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: April 22nd: 106

Collection: All Saints: €216.16



All Saints Family Bazaar - Saturday, May 5th from 8 a.m.

Our traditional spring and fall bazaars are major fundraisers for our community.

The space for setting up a table costs €10 plus a donation of a cake or package of coffee. Space reservation at (030) 8620-3636 or email: allsaintsberlin@t-online.de.

We need your help in spreading the information in kindergartens, schools, etc.

Special help is needed on the 5th for setup (from 7 a.m. on) and cleanup (around 3 p.m.). During the bazaar we need volunteers to help at our coffee and cake-stand. To volunteer contact Heide Doblhofer.



Spring Potluck BBQ - After Mass on May 13th

Please join us for our annual All Saints Community Spring BBQ Potluck starting after Mass.

Hamburgers, grilled meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a hearty side dish, salad or dessert to share.

We will need volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up. Please sign-up to help in the Fellowship Hall after Mass today and in the coming weeks.

Would you like to become more involved in our community activities?

From helping to host hospitality to teaching our young people; helping hands are always welcome!

Ask in the office or ask any member of the ASC and they will connect you with the head of the ministry that you are have an interest in. Thanks.

Mark your calendar:

- May 5th - **Spring Family Bazaar** from 8 a.m. until about 3 p.m. This is one of two annual fundraising 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 16th – **Child Protection Training in English** – at St. Bernard’s from 1030 a.m. to 5 p.m. – reservations required and seating is limited. Contact Buck Chisolm if you would like to attend. See announcement in the bulletin or website for more details.
- 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 us on Facebook: **All Saints Catholic Community Berlin**

Child Protection Training in English

A course is being offered at St Bernard’s on 16 June (10:30 to 17:00) for members of the ESM who may wish to teach or be a substitute teacher for our Youth Religious Ministry (First Holy Communion, Children’s Liturgy of the Word and Confirmation).

Seating is limited to 25 so if you would like to attend please email b.chisolm@gmx.de and we will reserve a seat for you.

May 6th, 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: NN • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •

Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Beata McGreal •

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