

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



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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May 6th, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings (Missal no. 839): Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • Ps 98:1, 2-4 • 1Jn 4:7-10 • Jn 15:9-17 (W)

Welcome to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Zachary Chitwood • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •
Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Buck Chisolm • Hospitality: Beata McGreal •
• Designated collection: All Saints •

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30-32; 1John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Our first reading sees Saul sometime after his conversion. He has been forced to flee Damascus and has arrived in Jerusalem where the disciples and believers still feared him because of his reputation as a persecutor of the early Church. St Barnabas speaks on his behalf and they accept him and allow him to join the group. However, his time with them is short lived because he has to flee from another group who wanted to kill him because of his positive preaching about the Risen Christ. Saul then leaves the area and the faith continues to flourish under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, St. John reduces the commandments to two basic instructions: belief in Christ and love of neighbour. This is nothing new for Jesus who had said this himself, but John is reminding us to keep these two commandments knowing that if we do then God will live in each of us. John also reminds us that the Father's love is real and that even if we stray we can always return to him and seek forgiveness.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the true vine and we are the branches. Like a good gardener, the Father prunes the vine to make it yield more by cutting away the weak or diseased parts and disposing of them in fire. The good parts, the fruitful parts are nurtured with care so that they yield much fruit. Those of us who believe in Jesus Christ will be looked after but those who ignore him will wither and be gathered up for burning as rubbish. Only if we believe in him can we achieve eternal happiness and bear much fruit and thereby give glory to God. The fruit of the vine can mean that we nurture our own faith and also that we do all we can to nurture the faith in others, in other words that we partake in the mission of the Church to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in whatever way we can.

<http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>

Children's Liturgy of the Word – TODAY during 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: April 22nd: 92

Collection: All Saints: €318.09



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.



2018 VELOTHON 60/120/180 km races

Will be held on May 13th throughout Berlin!

This may make it difficult for you to reach All Saints by your normal route. You can plan your route of travel by visiting their website (<http://www.velothon.com/events/velothon-berlin.aspx#axzz4hjdkUGTo>) and viewing the course.



Altar Server Volunteers

Interested in becoming an Altar Server? We are looking for new Cross Bearers.

Fill out a green volunteer form (found in the info rack outside the office) and drop it in our mailbox or give it to someone in the office.

Mark your calendar:

- 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 10:30 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**

About Mass at All Saints!

"The *All Saints Catholic Community* takes great pride that our congregation comes from all over the world. This brings to us a multitude of views and also introduces us to liturgical practices from different traditions with distinct customs.

One such custom may raise the question: "*Should I stand, kneel or even sit during the Eucharistic prayer (the consecration of bread and wine) during the service at All Saints?*"

The answer is: "Do whatever you are **most comfortable** with, determined by what you have done in the tradition or parish in which you grew up."

We hope this helps you to participate in our celebration the way you are used to.

May 13th, 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

Lector: Tamas Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, John Massey • Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection: All Saints

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