

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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June 24th, 2018 – Birth of John the Baptist

Readings (Missal no. 960): Isa 49:1-6 • Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 • Acts 13:22-26 • Lk 1:57-66, 80 (W)

Welcome to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Rachael Rueckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Tom FitzPatrick •
Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection: Catholic nurseries •

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In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel makes God say: *"I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel, I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar."* (Ez 17,22-24).

The prophet Ezekiel who writes this was rejected by most of his fellow Israelites. He consoles himself with the conviction that this small branch will one day grow into a huge tree, a majestic cedar. What group of persons is this small branch? All those who actually listen to Ezekiel and carry out Yahweh's word. This small group of believers is what biblical prophets call the "remnant", the holy rest.

Many prophets begin their prophetic ministry with high hopes for success. But all are eventually forced to admit that very few of the "faithful" are even interested in hearing the word of God. Very few want to listen to the message the prophets are commissioned to deliver. And even less are interested in carrying out this message. Ezekiel's task was to demand that his listeners live the kind of lives which flow from believing in Yahweh.

This is also true for Christians: We are invited to imitate the lifestyle of Jesus – there are many who call themselves Christians, who may even be baptized, but they have no intention whatsoever to imitate Jesus. As we hear in **the second reading**, Paul knows it takes courage to *"walk by faith, not by sight,"* (2 Cor 5,7), it takes courage to *"live by believing and not by seeing"*. Yet Paul also knows we are eventually going to be assessed only on what we do "in the body" as he says in our paragraph. A loving God looks on what we did during our lifetimes. A million good thoughts about faith don't equal one good action done out of faith. Christians are to imitate Jesus, not just think or talk about Jesus. We are gradually to become more and more like Jesus Christ – an idea very dear to Paul.

In **the gospel** (Mk 4 26-34) Mark expresses his conviction that God is working effectively right here and now in our daily lives. Yet today's parables stress patience as a dimension of faith: the patience of farmers planting fields or the patience of farmers sowing mustard seeds. Eventually the things we sow in faith will grow. But it will take a long time before we notice any tangible results. Most of us demand immediate results, but we have to learn patience.

Let us pray for pope Francis, for the newly appointed cardinals, for all who have a responsibility in the church, for ourselves that they encourage us to imitate Jesus, that we encourage each other to imitate Jesus.

cf: Roger R. Karban: <http://fossilonline.com>

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: June 17th: 84

Collection: All Saints: €254.75

2018 Registration forms are now available in the office



Registration is open for preparation for First Holy Communion (FHC) and Confirmation 2018-2019

Registration for Communion and Confirmation classes is now open! Classes will begin in the fall with the beginning of the new school year.

Please fill out the registration form of the English-speaking Mission which can be found outside the church office. Please submit it to the office (directly or via the mail box). Watch our website for more details.



Teens sought for service to the community.

Tom FitzPatrick has been asked to help spearhead an effort for our teens to be more involved in our church life. We are looking for help with our Youth Ministries in the Fall, especially, for Children's Liturgy of the Word which is held during Mass. We are also planning food drives and other activities where teen participation will be most welcome.

If you are already interested in being more involved speak with Tom.

Mark your calendar:

- 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**



Will you be in Berlin over the summer?

If so, would you consider helping in one of these ways?

Hospitality – during the summer we just need to have someone make coffee and put out the cakes.

Water the garden – from time to time help water the flower beds, especially if we have some hot days. See someone in the church office to volunteer and thank you very much.

Lectors – If you would like to be our lector during the summer months please contact johannes.ploog@gmx.de or b.chisolm@gmx.de. Lectors need to be at church 30 minutes prior to Mass to make preparations.

Altar Servers – We don't have our sign-up Doodle during the summer months. If you would like to serve drop a line to b.chisolm@gmx.de or talk to me at church. Even if you don't volunteer when you arrive for Mass and are willing to serve just check in the sacristy. Chances are you will be asked to serve in the Mass. Thanks to all.

Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints Catholic Community

July 1st 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

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