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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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September 2nd, 2018 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal 917: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 • Ps 15:2-5 • Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 • Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Rachel Ruckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: John & Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog •

Greeters: Christopher Lusaka, Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael, Buck Chisolm •

Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Catholic Schools

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Our first reading comes from the last chapter of the Book of Exodus as the people have now returned to the Promised Land. In the passage, Joshua – Moses' successor as leader – calls the people together at Shechem and asks them whom they wish to serve: the true God or the gods of the local peoples. They opt for the true God who led them from Egypt, from slavery, and who preserved them all along their long journey. The people affirm that they will not desert the Lord.

Our gospel passage comes from the closing section of the Bread of Life discourse from the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel. In the preceding passages Jesus had told the people that he was the bread of life; that only those who ate of his flesh could have eternal life; and that he was the Son of Man, the one sent by the Father. Many of those who had listened to him were not happy at these words, particularly the idea of eating his flesh, and so they left him and refused to listen to him again. It is possible that some of those who left were from the multitude who had come to hear him at the beginning of the discourse, but the passage makes it clear that some of the disciples also left, showing how difficult the teaching was even for those who had been committed to him. Jesus turns to the Twelve, his inner circle, and asks them if they too want to leave. On behalf of the group, St. Peter says that they will stay with Jesus because only he has the message of eternal life. We too must ask ourselves whether or not we believe in Christ's message and whether or not we follow the Lord as the people in the first reading swore to do. If we truly believe in the words Jesus spoke, then that should be evident in the way in which we treat others and in our attendance at the Eucharist.

At the time that the letter to the Ephesians was being written there was criticism being levelled against Christians that their ideas of equality were causing a breakdown in society. Today's passage was an attempt at correcting that charge and uses structures which were commonly found in Roman society. It does appear very patriarchal, which is to be expected, as it is a product of the time. However, there is still a new standard being set before the people here and that is the love of Christ as the foundation stone of our relationships in which the Christian is to act as Christ would act. That means that the relationships within a family must become much deeper and more open to each other and, while the man was the traditional head of the household, now he must act from a Christ-like perspective which puts the needs and wants of others in the household before his own. The family unit, the bond between husband and wife, is an imitation of the bond between Christ and his people and which is built on the foundation of love.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Next Week

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 on August 26th: 115

Collection: All Saints: €176.76 World Church €46.42



ANNUAL FALL FAMILY BAZAAR on SEPT 8th!

We will be having the fall bazaar on Saturday, September 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at All Saints. Registration is €10 and one cake. Please register with Heide in the office via email or phone (contact info on top of the bulletin) or in person.

We will also need volunteers to help with setup (7:30 – 9:00 a.m.) and cleanup (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.) and with selling coffee and cake (help for an hour or more). Youth are welcome to help too. The bazaar is an important source of income for our community so please spread the news with others.



Back to School blessing

Please join us for a special blessing during Mass on Sunday, September 16th for students, teachers and those who work in education. Please bring something savory or sweet to share for Hospitality after Mass.



Fall BBQ Potluck

Please join us for our annual All Saints Community Fall BBQ Potluck on Sunday, September 23rd after Mass.

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

Sign-up to help with Konrad Giersdorf in the Fellowship Hall after Mass today.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- September 9th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- September 9th – **Confirmation Class** has an organizing meeting at 11:10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- September 9th – **All Saints Council** meets at 11:15 a.m. in the conference room.
- September 16th – **Confirmation Class** meets with parents at 11:15 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.
- September 16th – **First Holy Communion Class (FHC)** meets at 11:15 – 12:00 a.m. in the Nursey.
- September 16th – **FHC Parents information meeting** at 11:15 in the Nursey.
- September 23rd – **Fall BBQ** at 11:15 a.m. in the community hall and garden. Please sign up to help and provide a side dish.

Registration is open for First Holy Communion (Spring 2019) and Confirmation (2020)!

- Confirmation class (for 7th & 8th graders) begins September 9th
- First Holy Communion classes (for 2nd & 3rd graders) begins September 16th

Please share this news with friends and invite our young people to grow in their faith through the sacraments.

Registration forms are outside the church office; please submit completed forms to the office or via the mail box.

For questions about the sacraments, please contact:
(FHC): Zachary Chitwood (zacharias7@gmail.com) or
(Confirmation) Karen Castellon (karencastellon908@gmail.com)

Watch the bulletin and our website for more details.

September 9th, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. D. Lenfers

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