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## ***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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**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal 920: Isa 35:4-7 • Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 • Jas 2:1-5 • Mk 7:31-37**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Dietmar Lenfers**

Lector: Karen Castellon • Eucharistic Ministers: Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann  
Greeters: Christopher Lusaka, Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael, Timothy Pedussel, Buck Chisolm • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection: Media Sunday

## **Reflection on the Twenty-Second Sunday Reading**

In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, we see that Moses has given the people the Ten Commandments and the various other Laws and now he encourages the people to be faithful to them. In this they are not to alter the laws or add to them but are to live them as the Lord gave and intended them, to see the wisdom that they contain. By the people being faithful to these instructions, non-believers will come to see that there is indeed a God to be followed – a God who is close to his people.

Today we return to St. Mark's Gospel and which will take us to the end of the liturgical year. In today's passage, we see Jesus admonishing the Pharisees and scribes for over-emphasizing the letter of the Law and not adhering at all to the spirit of the Law. Some of the laws regarding washing were originally intended for the priestly class but through the centuries some of the elders had extended them to all of the people, placing the emphasis on the action rather than on the reason for the action. Jesus was not saying that washing was bad but that the emphasis was wrong, and not in a way that was good for the people. The Lord's words about the food people ate didn't necessarily dismiss the idea of a kosher diet but again highlighted an incorrect interpretation and application of the law: the evil thoughts and actions of the people come from within themselves, from within their hearts, rather than through their food. These readings today remind us that the Commandments and the Law of God are there not to make life difficult but to give life, to improve the quality of life which we already have. Only by keeping the Commandments of God as he intended them can we grow and inherit eternal life.

Our second reading for the next five weeks comes from the letter attributed to St. James, leader of the Mother Church in Jerusalem. In today's passage, the reader is reminded that all the gifts they receive come from above and all are good. They come from God the Father who, unlike the sun in the sky or the light it emits, never changes but is always present and life giving. So too, the message of God is never changing but always the same and calls for a response. The people are to accept the word given them at baptism, to take it to heart, to live it out in their lives. As elsewhere in the letter, the author gives an image of faith in action: faith cannot simply be a matter of words but of action too.

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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word – TODAY**

**All Saints Council meets September 16<sup>th</sup> after 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 on September 2<sup>nd</sup>: 65

Collection: All Saints: €197.87 Religious Edu. €10.50



Please join us for a special blessing during Mass on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



Our Fall Family Bazaar was a huge success. Many thanks to Heide Doblhofer who organized this event and to all those who lent a helping hand.

**Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!**

## Mark your calendars:

- September 16<sup>th</sup> – **Confirmation Class** meets with parents at 11:15 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – **First Holy Communion Class (FHC)** meets at 11:15 – 12:00 a.m. in the Nursery.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – **FHC Parents information meeting** at 11:15 in the Nursery.
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – **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)!**

First Holy Communion classes (for 2nd & 3rd graders) begins September 16<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:zacharias7@gmail.com)) or  
(Confirmation) Karen Castellon ([karencastellon908@gmail.com](mailto:karencastellon908@gmail.com)).



## **Did you know that All Saints is run entirely by volunteers?**

**We pride ourselves that we are a self-supporting parish, but, new-helping hands are always appreciated! Please consider joining one of the volunteer groups that make the community work.**

Would you like to help with the offering and acting as an usher during Mass? Are you 16 years or older and think being a Lector is your cup of tea? Altar Servers are always welcomed! The choir is always looking for more members too! Finally, hosting the hospitality hour is a great way for your family to contribute together!

If you are interested, you can fill in a form located outside the office. We will be in touch to give you additional details and help you join in our volunteer efforts.

## **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr**

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Christopher Lusaka, Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: Karen Castellon • Designated collection: All Saints

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