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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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October 28th, 2018 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal 941: Jer 31:7-9 • Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 • Heb 5:1-6 • Mk 10:46-52

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

- Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Glenda Massey, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •
- Greeter: Christopher Lusaka • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: World Mission •

Reflections on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday

Our readings today have the common theme of servant and suffering. The first reading today comes from the Fourth Song of the Servant in the Book of the prophet Isaiah and in the passage, we see that the servant of God will suffer for the people in order to justify them. While this suffering takes place in this life, the reward comes in the next and part of that is the justification of those for whom the servant has offered himself, an offering which takes away the sins of others. We know that the servant is Jesus Christ and, through his passion, death and resurrection, he has justified all human beings and atoned for their sins.

In the gospel we see two of the disciples coming to Jesus and telling him that they want particular seats in the Kingdom. It is a reminder that even the disciples didn't fully grasp the meaning and implication of Jesus' teachings. The others are furious with the two brothers over this but it becomes a moment of instruction for them. Entry to the Kingdom is open to all people but it is conditional on living a life of faith, which also means that status in life is not something which the Christian should be worried about. We cannot dominate people but must help our fellow men and women to achieve perfection and this is to be done with a great deal of humility on our part and with an example of true Christian living. The key attitude should be that of a servant, and of a servant who is willing to suffer for the sake of their belief in Jesus Christ. This is not always an easy thing to do but the greatest reward is a place in the Kingdom and, if we are to be worthy of that, then we must be willing and accept whatever suffering comes our way. The final sentence is a prediction of the suffering which Jesus himself would undergo to atone for the sins of the people. Most of us will not be called on to suffer for our faith as Christ did, yet the suffering servant is the example which we must follow.

In the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews, the author says that Jesus is a greater priest than the human priests the people were familiar with. Jesus was fully human and so can understand the weaknesses of the people, and he too was tempted as the people are tempted. However, unlike the other priests, he never gave in to temptation and so that should be the example that the people should follow and try to emulate, rather than those of the priests they see every day. They are also reminded that Jesus is now in the heavens with God and so the people can confidently turn to him whenever they need help.

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

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 October 21st: 65

Collection: All Saints: €167.65



Join us to celebrate Thanksgiving at our annual dinner held on Saturday, November 24th in the Fellowship Hall.

Turkey, potatoes, corn and lots of other goodies provided. Plan to sign your family up to attend so we know how much to prepare and plan to bring a dish (salad, side or dessert) to share with the community.

You are invited to volunteer to help with the preparation on Friday, November 23rd at 16:00.

Watch for more details and sign-up sheets!



CASTING CALL

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CASTING CALL Boys and girls - we are looking for actors. Angels, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph; wise men, sheep, donkeys, camels, shepherds, and more! You do not have to attend All Saints to participate so pass on the word to your friends. An adult DIRECTOR is also sought. Our seasoned director will be away over the Christmas holidays but can train and assist with the rehearsals. Sign up in the office.



All Saints Church Council Elections - Call for Candidates!

We will be holding a special election in early December to replace John & Glenda Massey who will be leaving us in December. If elected the term of office will run until the next regular election for all six candidates in Fall 2019.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- November 2nd – **Friday Mass** at 7 p.m. at St. Bernhard, **not** at All Saints
- November 4th – **All Saints Council** meets after Mass in Classroom 2.
- November 9th – **Confirmation Class** – Attend Friday Mass at 6 p.m. followed by Adoration.
- November 11th – **Friends of All Saints Membership meeting** after Mass
- November 18th – **Confirmation Class** meets at 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.
- November 18th – **First Holy Communion Class (FHC)** meets at 11:15 – 12:00 a.m. in Classroom 1.

LONGER RANGE (get these in your planner):

- November/December – **Special election for open position on the All Saints Council** – consider volunteering to serve the community – Plan to vote!
- November 23rd – **Set-up for Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall from 5 p.m. onward.
- November 24th – **Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall from 6 p.m. onward.
- November 30th – **Christmas Tree arrives**. Tree set up / decorated and church decorated with ivy beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- December 2nd – **Annual Christmas Caroling** at Elder Folks Home starting at 3:00 p.m.
- December 8th – **Combined Advent Service** with PFF and Crossways – additional details coming soon
- December 8th, 2019 – Preparations for the **Annual Children's Pageant** – details TBA

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS PLANNING DATES:

- February 9th, 2019 – **First Reconciliation** for our First Holy Communion Candidates.
- June 2nd, 2019 – **First Holy Communion Mass** at All Saints. Exact times to be announced.

November 4th, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

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