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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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## October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal p 226 et seqq.): Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 • Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 • 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 • Lk 18:9-14

### Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans, Thomas Schmidt • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: N.N • Hospitality: Beate McGreal • Designated collection: World Mission Day

## Christians are called to unceasing vigilance

Jesus sets before us a parable sketched from life (Luke 18,1-8).

A persistent widow importunes an uncooperative judge until she obtains satisfaction.

From this account, let us not conclude that the way to pray to God is to bore him to death or to drive him crazy.

Only the Gentiles imagine that they will succeed in getting an answer by dint of words.

This gospel demonstrates in a remarkable way the danger of interpreting parables as allegory.

In an allegory, every element has another dimension of meaning.

A **parable** works as a whole to make a single point or to raise a disturbing question.

In this parable it would be a mistake to equate God with the judge.

It would be even more of a mistake to equate the woman's obstinate pleading with a superstitious attempt to pry an answer from God.

Jesus' parable is set under the heading of persevering prayer.

It calls Christians to unceasing vigilance.

Prayer is less an act which forces God's hand, but much more one which opens us to the always available gifts of God.

### **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 16th: 78

Collection: All Saints: €128.12, St. Hedwig's Cathedral €20.73

#### Halloween Party on 29 October

Mark your calendars- **HALLOWEEN PARTY** for kids up to 6th grade on Saturday, October 29th from 5 pm to 8 pm at All Saints! Kids 7th grade and older are invited to run the activities and receive service hours.

This event is open to everyone so bring friends and wear costumes. There is no cost but we do ask for everyone to bring snacks for sharing and contribute a bag of candy for trick or treating.

RSVP to vhansen980@hotmail.com

#### Fr. Lichtenberg Mass

The English-speaking Mission will be having a special Mass on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am "in the lower church" / crypt at St. Hedwig's Cathedral to commemorate the life of Fr. Lichtenberg, a Roman Catholic priest who spoke against the Nazi regime and died in Hof while en route to Dachau in 1943.

All Saints has been invited to do the reading and to read one Prayer of the Faithful during Mass. If you would like to represent All Saints, please contact vhansen980@hotmail.com. This is open to all youth and adults.

#### **Eucharistic Minister Training**

Please consider volunteering for this very important ministry!

**Eucharistic Minister Training** on January 14<sup>th</sup> and/or 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 09:30 – 18:00 h and continued over three weekends at the Conference Center of the Kath. Academy, Hannoversche Str. 5B, 10115 Berlin-Mitte.

Applicants must be approved by Fr. Sylvester. All registrations must be completed before 30 November 2016.

Good command of the German language is necessary. Contact Fr. Sylvester (fadasylvester@yahoo.com) for additional details.

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

#### Mark your calendars:

- October 28<sup>th</sup> Friday Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h. Eucharistic Adoration follows at 19:00 h. If you can assist with the preparation of the chapel, organize music or help in any other capacity please let Jenny Gebhardt or Heide Doblhofer know. Also tell your friends about our Friday Mass
- October 29th Halloween Party Fellowship Hall 17:00 – 20:00. Movie, food and fun for kids from 6 to 66.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Altar Server training new and refresher training from 15:00 to 17:00 h in the main church – Please sign-up at our Doodle. Pizza party afterwards ☺
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Fr. Lichtenberg Mass The English-speaking Mission will be having a special Mass at St. Hedwig's Cathedral to commemorate the life of Fr. Lichtenberg.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> High School Youth Group meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> High School Youth Group meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom
- November 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree arrives. Tree set up / decorated and church decorated with ivy beginning at 17:00 h. Volunteers to help with the tree and church decorations should contact Konrad Giersdorf.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 17:00 h onward. Please volunteer with Konrad Giersdorf to help with the setup and take down of the hall or to be a helper in the kitchen during dinner.

#### October 30th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: N.N • Hospitality: Karen Castellon • Designated collection: All Saints

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