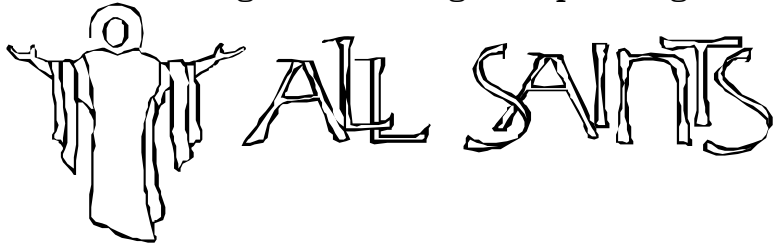


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December 10th, 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent

Readings (Missal no. 787 et seq.): Isa 40:1-5, 9-11 • Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 • 2 Pet 3:8-14 • Lk 3:4, 6

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

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang, Alicia Ching •

Designated collection: Orphans



First Sunday of Advent

The readings today look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus, our Lord, asking that he reveal once again his mercy and his saving help.

In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the prophet asks God to 'tear the heavens open' and come to the help of his people just as he came to help them when they were slaves in Egypt and in Babylon. The prophet reminds the Lord that he is the only God and that only he can act to save the people. The prophet speaks of the sinfulness of the people but that the Lord has the power and authority to forgive them. Like clay in a potter's hand, the people can be remolded if they allow the Lord to have a greater place in their lives. The Psalm asks God, the shepherd of Israel, to deliver the people he created: 'God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved'.

In the second reading, St Paul invites the community at Corinth to wait with patient endurance for the Lord's return. He reminds them that they have been blessed with an abundance of grace from God and of the gifts of the Spirit. Despite what they might do, God is the one who is always faithful and it is he who will accept them into the kingdom.

The gospel warns us to be on our guard and to 'stay awake' at all times if we are to be ready for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ at the end of time. Like somebody who leaves his servants to look after his house when he goes abroad, he can return when we least expect it and when he does he will expect to find us ready and waiting to give an account of our stewardship and of how we have lived out his precepts in our lives. Now is the time to look seriously at our lives and to make ourselves truly ready to accept him into our lives once again this Christmas. Now is the time to root out those elements of our lives which place a barrier between us and God.

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

Friends of All Saints Verein annual meeting today 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 December 3rd: 70



The Blessed Sacrament Chapel turns 60 on December 17th!

The All Saints Catholic Community will have a special hospitality after Mass to celebrate the anniversary of our chapel being consecrated 60 years ago. Please bring cookies or baked goods to share.

We will also be “dedicating” our new bench outside the church.



Christmas Pageant Information

- Sunday, December 10th - **Costume fitting** after Mass.
- Saturday, December 16th – 3:00 - 5.00 p.m., **Rehearsal and costume fitting for remaining actors** (from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.).
- Saturday, December 23rd - **Final Rehearsal with costumes** from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, December 24th – **CURTAIN CALL**: all actors be at the church not later than 9:00 a.m. in costume.
- Sunday, December 24th – **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** from 9.30 – 11:00 am.

The collection during the CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is designated for the support of our Children, Youth and Hospitality ministries.

Collection: All Saints: €352.00 Caritas: €61.30

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- December 10th - **Boy's Confirmation Class** meets at **5:00 p.m.** meets at 1800 at Family Dethlefsen.
- December 16th - **Penance Service at St. Bernard's**, Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin, at 6:00 p.m. This is intended for **all** interested ESM members (children, teens, adults),
- December 24th – **Annual Children's Christmas Pageant and Mass at 9:30 a.m.** Fr. Felber is our celebrant – See information to the right about dates and times. Sign up today to be a part of this annual event!
- December 24th – **Midnight Mass** – Caroling begins at 9:30 p.m. with Mass at 10:00 p.m. Fr. Schonecke is our celebrant.
- December 25th – **Christmas Day Mass at St. Bernard's**, Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin, at 11:00 a.m.
- December 26th – **Holy Mass at St. Bernard's**, Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin, at 11:00 a.m. December 31st – Holy Mass at All Saints at 10:00 a.m.
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- January 1st – **Holy Mass at St. Bernard's**, Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin, at 11:00 a.m.
- January 7th – **Special Three Kings Day** hospitality after Mass in the Fellowship Hall.

During Advent dates and times of events may change. 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*

Visit the **English-Speaking-Mission (ESM) Website** to learn more about what is happening in the ESM: <http://www.english-mission-berlin.de/>

December 17th, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Tom FitzPatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen • Designated collection: All Saints

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