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Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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April 22nd, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings (Missal no. 833B): Acts 4:8-12 • Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 • Jn 3:1-2 • Jn 10:11-18 (W)

Welcome to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt •

Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Karen Castellon •

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See the risen Jesus in the men and women and children around us!

One of the most significant lines in today's three readings comes at the end of our gospel passage: Jesus reminds the disciples: "You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48). This verse assures us that the true followers of Jesus, his friends, cannot be identified by the catechism answers they can rattle off or by the number of indulgences they have acquired or by the religious symbols they wear. The disciples, the friends of Jesus are simply people to be listened to, they are witnesses to the dying and rising of Jesus; witnesses not so much because they actually were in Jerusalem during Passover week in the year 30, but because they have had the same experience of "dying and rising" in their own lives. Since these life-changing things happened to the disciples, these things must also have happened to Jesus: these experiences they have are the same one Jesus must have had: "dying and rising".

The apostle Peter can certainly witness to this unique experience. Just a few weeks before, he emphatically told one of the maids of the high priest: "Woman, I do not know him!" when she asked him about his relationship with some newly arrested Galilean carpenter. Now Peter not only cures a crippled beggar in Jesus' name, he openly scolds and blames those who took part in putting Jesus to death. Yet Peter does not do so just to give them a guilt trip, he wants them "to convert, that your sins may be wiped away" – as the text says (Acts 3:19). Peter hopes they will also be witnesses of Jesus' dying and rising in their own lives.

Of course, the main way our biblical authors believe we die and rise with Jesus is by undergoing a "*metanoia*," a repentance. That is how Jesus began his public ministry; proclaiming the presence of God in the lives of those who undergo a total change in their value systems. The author of the first letter of St John sees this repentance as revolving around keeping God's commandments as Jesus taught them (1 Joh 2); these commandments focus on the needs of others around us.

If friends of Jesus experience this *metanoia*, this repentance, this change of their value system, this new perspective, then they experience the risen Jesus in their daily lives, then they must be witnesses of that experience. And it is not something they are to keep to themselves. Others must also be invited to share in this new life.

It is important in today's gospel passage that the two Emmaus disciples mention that the risen Jesus "was made known to them in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35). Jesus as Luke presents him takes great pains on Easter Sunday night to prove he's "not a ghost." But how do we know he is real *today*? The best and most beautiful way is in the breaking of the bread. Though most of our early Eucharistic catechesis puts the stress on Jesus' presence in the bread, we know from the letters of St Paul that second-generation Christians stressed his presence in one another: it was not so difficult to profess faith in the presence of Jesus in the bread and wine; but it was certainly "controversial" to acknowledge that same presence of Jesus in those standing or sitting around them. If these first Christians couldn't experience the risen Jesus in them, then Jesus most probably **was** just a *ghost*.

We here in All Saints should wish to form our Sunday Eucharistic community into the Body of Christ – see the risen Jesus in the men and women and children around us. The followings are valid for you here in the assembly just as for us priests: if we worry only about saying the right words and performing the right gestures then we shall never have a true breaking of the bread, then we shall never help anyone become a true *witness*. And even ourselves will not become true *witnesses* of the life God has given us in the risen Jesus.

cf. <https://fosilonline.com>

Children's Liturgy of the Word – TODAY during 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: April 15th: 99

Collection: All Saints: €170.30



All Saints Family Bazaar - Saturday, May 5th from 8 a.m.

Our traditional spring and fall bazaars are major fundraisers for our community.

The space for setting up a table costs €10 plus a donation of a cake or package of coffee. Space reservation at (030) 8620-3636 or email: allsaintsberlin@t-online.de.

We need your help in spreading the information in kindergartens, schools, etc.

Special help is needed on the 5th for setup (from 7 a.m. on) and cleanup (around 3 p.m.). During the bazaar we need volunteers to help at our coffee and cake-stand. To volunteer contact Heide Doblhofer.



Spring Potluck BBQ - After Mass on May 13th

Please join us for our annual All Saints Community Spring BBQ Potluck starting after Mass.

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

We will need volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up. Please sign-up to help in the Fellowship Hall after Mass today and in the coming weeks.



Congratulation to our girls and boys on their confirmation on Sunday, April 15th. We invite you to continue your spiritual journey and become involved in our All Saint's youth ministries.

Mark your calendar:

- May 5th - **Spring Family Bazaar** from 8 a.m. until about 3 p.m. This is one of two annual fundraising events for All Saints. Volunteers sought to help with this event. Please speak with Heide Doblhofer.
- May 5th – **All Saints Youth/Family Event** - Details to be announced.
- May 6th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- May 13th - **Spring All Saints Family BBQ** in the Fellowship Hall and garden after Mass.
- May 27th - **First Holy Communion Mass** at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard's
- June 9th – **All Saints Youth/Family Event** - Details to be announced.
- June 16th – **Child Protection Training in English** – at St. Bernard's from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – reservations required and seating is limited. Contact Buck Chisolm if you would like to attend. See announcement in the bulletin or website for more details.
- June 30th - **English Speaking Mission Day** – at St. Bernard's (Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin) from 6:00 p.m. Please watch the bulletin and our website for additional information coming soon.

✓ 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**

Child Protection Training in English

A course is being offered at St Bernard's on 16 June (10:30 to 17:00) for members of the ESM who may wish to teach or be a substitute teacher for our Youth Religious Ministry (First Holy Communion, Children's Liturgy of the Word and Confirmation).

Seating is limited to 25 so if you would like to attend please email b.chisolm@gmx.de and we will reserve a seat for you.

April 29th, 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Celebrant Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr.

Lector: Zachary Chitwood • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints

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