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Mass: 1st Friday at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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February 3rd, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 864): Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 • Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17 • 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 • LK 4:21-30

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

- Lector: Brendan FitzPatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •
- Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: Jackie Anders • Designated collection: All Saints •

Reflections on the Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our first reading today comes from the Old Testament book of Nehemiah and recounts one of the restoration stories. In the passage, the people have returned to Jerusalem and are in the process of rebuilding the city and the Temple and are now listening to the Law of God being read by Ezra the priest, who also gives an interpretation of the Law. The people listen attentively and are aware that the difficult times now drawing to a close were the result of their disobedience to the Law of God. If now they remain faithful to the Law then the restoration will continue and the nation will prosper. The Psalm is a reminder that *'The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul'*.

In the gospel we read from the opening chapters to St Luke's gospel in which he sets out why it is that he is joining others in writing a gospel. Luke's account of the life of Jesus Christ is for someone who has already heard about Jesus and Luke is now giving him the key parts of Jesus' life so that the reader might come to true and final belief. In our passage, Jesus is seen in the synagogue in Nazareth, the town where he grew up and where the people knew him. Being in the synagogue is important because it shows that Jesus was a faithful Jew and was continuing the traditions handed down through the ages. It is also obvious that he is a teacher and so he reads from the scroll and then gives an explanation of the text, and Luke makes it clear that Jesus is the fulfilment of the texts he had read from the prophet Isaiah. The fulfilment of the text didn't just take place on that one day in Nazareth but continues throughout our time wherever faith in God is to be found and the mission of preaching the gospel is continued. We do this by living according to the Law of God, living as faithful members of Christ's mystical body here on earth.

In the second reading we continue St Paul's theme from last week in which he said that different gifts are given to different people by the one Holy Spirit. Today he extends that and says that the community of the baptized all belong to one body with Christ as its head. Just as the human body is made up of diverse parts all working together as one whole, so too the Body of Christ is made up of a variety of different people, though all should work together on the journey towards heaven. While we are all called to live a life of holiness, the contribution of each person is different and yet there is a profound unity in the diversity of so many members of the body. No matter who we are, we each have a contribution to make to the Body of Christ and the building up of the Kingdom. If the Church – the community of the faithful – is to grow and be the true presence of Jesus Christ on earth, then all of us must do our share for that body.

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 January 27th: 77

Collection: All Saints: €301.76



Scout Sunday on February 17th



For over 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were in 1910. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. While various activities and youth groups teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that and encourages youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their community.

On Scout Sunday our scouts will serve as the Altar Servers, Lector, Greeters, Ushers and will provide our after-Mass hospitality. To volunteer for any of these positions please contact Vanessa Hansen (vhansen980@hotmail.com).

Scouts & Scouters, please be in uniform!



Mark your calendars for our annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK** celebration on Saturday, March 16th

'cause everyone is Irish when celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Liturgy of the word in the Blessed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 5:00 p.m. followed by the potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until the last leprechaun has gone home!

Please bring a main or side dish, a salad or a desert to share with the others.

Volunteers needed to help set-up on Friday, March 15th and clean the hall after the dinner. Please sign-up with Konrad Giersdorf (giersdorf@hotmail.de).

All Saints is looking for one or more persons to be our new

Bulletin editor: Has overall responsibility for the coordination of inputs and completeness of the weekly bulletin with a deadline of Friday night each week. He will circulate the draft of the bulletin to a select group who will supply information and edit the draft.

Webmaster: Responsible for managing a progressive, relevant website for All Saints Catholic Community: <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>. The webmaster will create, request or be provided with content on a continuous basis and have the responsibility for the update / upload of the material to the site. Content includes text, photos and links to interactive media. We estimate that our webmaster will need to spend two to four hours a week.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions please contact Heide Doblhofer (allsaintsberlin@t-online.de) or Buck Chisolm (b.chisolm@gmx.de).

February 10th, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber

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- Hospitality: Karen Castellon • Designated collection: All Saints •

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