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## ***Catholic Community***

**Member of the English-Speaking Mission**

**Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary**

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### **February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal no. 867): Isa 6:1-2, 3-8 • Ps 138:1-3, 4-5, 7-8 • 1 Cor 15:1-11 • LK 5:1-11**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ**

- Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •
- Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
- Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection: All Saints •

## **Reflections on The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



In our first reading today, we read of the call of Jeremiah to be the Lord's prophet. The Lord himself created Jeremiah in the womb and from his conception has marked him out as one of his prophets. This work of being the Lord's messenger is not simply confined to the Jewish people, but he is also to be prophet 'to the nations' – just as Elijah and Elisha were as quoted by Jesus in the gospel for today. Jeremiah will have the Lord at his side in this work and he is not to be dismayed regardless of who he comes up against. If he turns away from this work, then the Lord will abandon him.

Our gospel passage today resumes with the last line of last week's passage where Jesus was teaching the people in the synagogue in Nazareth. Initially we are told that the people are amazed at the words he speaks to them, particularly because he was one of their own. He continues with the teaching and quickly the mood in the congregation

changes from one of praise to murderous intent. His reference to Elijah and Elisha stings them because these two key prophets were – according to Jesus – sent by God to non-Jews rather than to the Jewish people, and this is a reflection or a judgement on the faithfulness of the Jewish people who saw themselves as the only one's worthy of God's favor. The text also suggests that knowing a person can create a block to listening to the message that they preach. Even though Jesus is rejected by those who thought they knew him best it doesn't stop his mission and is a reminder that we too are called to spread the gospel, beginning in our families and among our friends.

In our second reading from the first letter to the Corinthians we have St Paul's tremendous passage on love which is common at wedding ceremonies and becoming common at funeral liturgies. In our previous passage, Paul had spoken about the gifts which are given to the faithful by the Holy Spirit to be used in the building up of the Kingdom. Now he says that higher than all of those different and essential gifts are three which are the most important: faith, hope and love (sometimes referred to as 'charity'). Without these three and especially the last, all of the other gifts will be fruitless. Paul was writing to a community who were doing the opposite of what he sets out in the text about love, which he personifies rather than simply defining. If we do not have love as the guiding principle of our own lives then our work for the Kingdom will not bear fruit.

<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 February 3<sup>rd</sup>: 77

Collection: All Saints: €280.32



## Scout Sunday on February 17<sup>th</sup>



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](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)).

**Scouts & Scouters, please be in uniform!**



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

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

Liturgy of the word 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 15<sup>th</sup> and clean the hall after the dinner. Please sign-up with Konrad Giersdorf ([giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto: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 one to two hours a week working on the website.

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

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