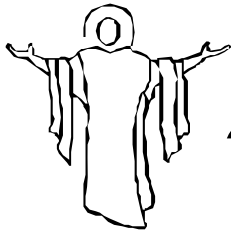


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April 28th, 2019 – Sunday of Divine Mercy

Readings (Missal no. 828): Acts 5:12-16 • Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 • Rev 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19 • Jn 20:19-31

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

- Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •
- Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Timothy Pedussel •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints •

Easter - Jesus now has the face of Everyone

The message of Easter is that Jesus shares his life with all of us. "*I have come that they may have life, life in abundance*", says Jesus in the gospel according to John and this life cannot be taken away from **him**, cannot be taken away from **us**. This message of Easter is first communicated by the **empty tomb**. The **death** of Jesus was an *observable* and *observed* fact by both friends and enemies. **No** one saw the resurrection. The resurrection did not involve resuscitation of a corpse.

The first witnesses that something **had** happened were women. And what they saw was not Jesus but his empty tomb. The women were puzzled and alarmed. Then Peter and John, the Beloved Disciple, go to investigate. They find the empty tomb as the women reported.

Peter just sees a loss, the absence of a body. But **John**, the other disciple, the beloved one, sees with the eyes of one who loves - and he sees a void filled with the presence of his friend, filled with the presence of the Risen One. John, the Beloved Disciple, sees the empty tomb and believes. John sees what cannot be literally seen. He suddenly understands the teaching of Scripture and the words of Jesus that he must "rise from the dead". Every disciple who loves Jesus is one who sees — and believes with all his or her heart in the presence of a Risen Lord.

It is clear from the Gospel accounts that the Risen Jesus is the same person who died on the cross. It is equally clear that he is so different that his followers have difficulty in recognizing him. In various post-resurrection scenes, he does not even look the same. *For Jesus now has the face of Everyone*. The risen Jesus is known and recognized only by faith.

The basis of that faith is the fact of the *empty tomb* and the *extraordinary transformation of the disciples*. They were not expecting to see their Master again. At the time of his arrest and execution, his closest friends had fled in all directions. They were terrified and in hiding. When they finally did realize that Jesus, their master, was still with them, even if in a very different way, they were *transformed from fearful people to a group overcome with joy and enthusiasm and afraid of nothing*. They were now ready to endure what their Master had gone through, to give their lives for Truth and Love, and many of them did so.

Easter is not only a time for celebration, for bunnies and Easter eggs, for new clothes and fancy bonnets — it is also a time for deep inner renewal. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the meaning of our Baptism and Confirmation. We need to remember that as we break and share together the unleavened bread of the Eucharist, we share the Body of Christ, and that body embraces both Jesus and the whole community.

We, too, share that mission. We are not just disciples, followers of Jesus. We are also meant to be his *living ambassadors*. No one will know about Jesus and what he means for our lives unless we tell them. Many people got baptized yesterday during the Easter Night Celebration. Not a single one of them came to the Church without the intervention of some Christian, of some Christians somewhere. The Good News about Jesus is not to be kept a secret. There are many people out there waiting to hear it. They are depending on you and me, members of Christ's Body, to tell them.

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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 April 21st: 189

Collection: All Saints: €259.13 Holy Land €119.08



All Saints Family Bazaar - Saturday, May 11th 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: all-saintsberlin@t-online.de.

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

Special help is needed on the 11th 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.

About Mass at All Saints!

"The *All Saints Catholic Community* takes great pride that our congregation comes from all over the world. This brings to us a multitude of views and also introduces us to liturgical practices from different traditions with distinct customs.

One such custom may raise the question: "*Should I stand, kneel or even sit during the Eucharistic prayer (the consecration of bread and wine) during the service at All Saints?*"

The answer is: "Do whatever you are **most comfortable** with, determined by what you have done in the tradition or parish in which you grew up."

We hope this helps you to participate in our celebration the way you are used to.



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple: It is that God loves us – all of us.

And, **God** wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for God's Mercy.

God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful.

God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. God wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus.

God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



Spring Potluck BBQ - After Mass on May 12th

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.

May 5th 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa

- Lector: **Johannes Ploog** • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt • Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: Jackie Anders • Designated collection: Pro Vita Collection •

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