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Youth 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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June 9th, 2019 – Pentecost Sunday

Readings (Missal no. 846): Acts 2:1-11 • Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30,31, 34 • Gal 5:16-25 • Jn 20:19-23

Welcome to our 9:30 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Dietmar Lenfers

• Lector: Rachel Ruckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt •
Greeter: Anthony Kwasi Sessi • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: For needy people in Eastern Europe •

The Ascension of the Lord

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us of the Ascension of Jesus when he was taken up into heaven in the sight of his followers. The text begins with Luke reminding Theophilus about Jesus Christ and his work and how he died and rose from the dead. He recounts how he met with his followers for forty days after this and how, as he was speaking to them, he was taken up to heaven and not seen by them again. Those who were with him at that moment continued to look into heaven because they had not realized what had actually taken place and had to be brought back to reality by two angels who told them that the Lord had returned to heaven. But before departing from them the Lord told them that they would receive the Holy Spirit and that this would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

The second reading from Ephesians tells us that Jesus Christ, now he has ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God and that everything is now subject to him. The reading is in the form of a prayer that the Holy Spirit will come to guide the people so that they can see the glory of God and his plan for his people. It is also a reminder that even though Christ has ascended to heaven he has a body here on earth in the form of the Church and so all those who believe in him are part of that body.

In the alternative second reading, the Hebrews are reminded that when Christ ascended, he went straight to heaven and not to anything human. He went to heaven to be in the presence of God where he would intercede on behalf of his followers. The author also tells them that because Christ had sacrificed himself there would be no need for any other sacrifice for sin and wrong-doing because Christ's sacrifice wipes away all sin and is eternal. This means that the sins of the people are also removed once and for all and so the sanctuary (heaven) is open to them too because this is the promise made by Jesus Christ, and he is always faithful.

Our gospel reading gives St Luke's second account of the ascension in which Jesus Christ promises the disciples the Holy Spirit who will lead and strengthen them. As soon as he has blessed them, he is taken from them forever and at that moment the disciples worship him – the only time Luke records that the disciples worship Jesus and this is a highlight because finally they understand who he really is. The gospel ends with the early followers of Jesus worshipping in the Temple where the gospel began and from where the disciples will carry the forgiveness of sins across the world. It is our Christian hope that as Christ has ascended into heaven, we too will follow him and will join him in the Kingdom. But we can only do this if we remain faithful to his teaching handed on through the Apostles and if we are open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

<http://www.carmelites.ic/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 June 2nd: 139

Collection: All Saints: €277.67 Caritas: €95.65



Summer vacation "Goodbye" BBQ - June 16th after Mass

Please join us for our annual Goodbye BBQ before summer vacation begins on Sunday, June 16th 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.



Congratulations to all our candidates for First Holy Communion on June 2nd.

We also wish to extend special recognition to Zachary Chitwood our Program Director for 2019 as well as the parents who assisted Zach in the teaching.



Will you be in Berlin over the summer?

If so, would you consider helping in one of these ways?

Hospitality – during the summer we just need to have someone make coffee and put out the cakes.

Water the garden – from time to time help water the flower beds, especially if we have some hot days. See someone in the church office to volunteer and thank you very much.

Lectors – If you would like to be our lector during the summer months please contact johannes.ploog@gmx.de or b.chisolm@gmx.de. Lectors need to be at church 30 minutes prior to Mass to make preparations.

Thanks to all.



Altar Server Volun- teers

Spring registration has begun for new Altar Servers. Interested? Fill out a Green volunteer form (found in the info rack outside the office) and drop it in our mailbox or give it to someone in the office. Training dates will be announced shortly.



Lost and found items

are located in the hallway on the hangers and also in a box. Please check for any items that may belong to you. Later this year, all unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

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