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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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November 17th, 2019, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (Missal no. 951) Mal 3:19-20, Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9, 2 Thes 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

• Lector: Justine Pédussel • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt •
Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael •
Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Diaspora Sunday

What comes after death?

The question "What comes after death?" is as old as humanity. Faced with it, we can distinguish three positions:

a) The atheistic, materialistic position states: *there is no God, nothing spiritual*, with death everything ends, *there is nothing after death* - a clearcut answer.

b) The agnostic position, shared by the majority of Europeans:

- There *may be God*, there *is something spiritual* in human beings, *there may be something* after death, but *we do not know what*.

- There is something true in this position: God is Spirit. What continues is man's Spirit.

- Spiritual beings are very real, they exist outside of space and time. God is nowhere and everywhere.

- So we talk about spiritual things using comparisons: heaven is a beautiful city, a wonderful garden for people living in the desert, or, in the Muslim tradition and to recruit soldiers for ISIS, every martyr will be received by 77 virgins.

c) Then Jesus', the christian position: Not, there may be something, but *there is someone* waiting for us, who created us to live. This is the real purpose of our life: to be with our loving God.

The same three positions existed also in Jesus' time. - In the Gospel of the woman who had seven brothers as husbands, following the ancient custom to raise children for their dead brother, the Sadducees want to ridicule this uneducated rabbi from Galilee and prove that he is just naive. To whom shall this woman belong after death?

Jesus' answer is remarkable: You are totally off the point! You project your human experience into a different world. - We will be *like angels*, i.e. spiritual beings. There will be no marriage, no death. As children of God we will share in God's life.

God is not a God of the dead, but of the living! For Him all are alive.

So when we go to the *cemetery* we do *not remember something of the past*, that was but is no longer. We think of them as being *alive more than ourselves*, because they are *with God* and so in God *with us*.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr

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 November 10th: 91

Collection: All Saints: €240.49



Thank you to everyone who helped at our Fall Cleanup Day on November 16th.



Christmas Caroling at the Bergstrasse Senior Citizen's Residence (Steglitz) on Sunday, December 8th, 2019

It will soon be time again for our annual visit to the Senior Citizen's Residence located at Altmarkstr. 27, 12169, Berlin.

Practice starts at 3:00 p.m. and caroling at 4:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Konrad Giersdorf at: giersdorf@hotmail.de.

Mark your calendars:

- November 29th – **Christmas Tree arrives.** Tree set up / decorated and church decorated with ivy beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- December 8th – **Annual Christmas Caroling** at Elder Folks Home starting at 3:00 p.m.



Join us to celebrate **Thanksgiving** at our annual dinner held on Saturday, **November 30th** in the Fellowship Hall.

Turkey, potatoes, corn and lots of other goodies provided. Sign your family up to attend so we know how much to prepare and plan to bring a dish (salad, side or dessert) to share with the community.

To help defray the expense we will have a donation jar in the Fellowship Hall on the Sunday's leading up to this dinner.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship hall after Mass. Consider volunteering to help with the preparation on **Saturday, November 30th beginning at 14:00.**



CASTING CALL

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CASTING CALL: Boys and girls - we are looking for actors. Angels, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph; wise men, sheep, donkeys, camels, shepherds, and more!

You do not have to attend All Saints to participate so pass on the word to your friends.

An adult DIRECTOR is also sought. Our seasoned director will help train and assist you with the rehearsals. Please stop by the office to volunteer or send an email to: allsaintsberlin@t-online.de

November 24th, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ

- Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints •

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