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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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December 29th, 2019 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Readings (Missal 799: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 • Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 • Col 3:12-21 • Lk 2:41-52)

Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Fr. Wolfgang Felber will preside the Eucharist

• Lector: Zachary Chitwood • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog •
Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Bobot Quiming •
Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints

Reflections on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (G&P 792)

Our three readings for today all refer to Jesus Christ whose birth as a human being we are about to celebrate. It is a reminder that there is now very little time to make our real preparations to worthily celebrate the season of Christmas.

In our first reading for today we read from the Prophet Isaiah of an encounter between God and Ahaz, king of Judah. This comes at a time when Ahaz was being given differing advice by various groups including Isaiah. In the encounter, God, through Isaiah, tells Ahaz to ask for whatever sign he wants to show that the Lord is right but Ahaz refuses to put the Lord to the test which may also indicate that he had already made up his mind about what course of action he was going to take. As a result, the Lord tells him and the House of David that a maiden will give birth to a son who will be Emmanuel – God-is-with-us – and this will be the sign for all ages that what the prophet spoke on God's behalf was true.

In the second reading from his letter to the Romans, St Paul tells his readers that he is writing to tell them about the Son of God who is a descendent of King David and who has the power of God. Paul begins by saying that he is the servant of God and was called by God to preach the Gospel and this Gospel is what was promised by all the prophets of old. That message proclaims the Son of God as the Risen Lord through whom come grace and peace.

In the gospel from St Matthew, we have another encounter, this time between Joseph and God's messenger – the Annunciation to Joseph. Joseph now knows that Mary is pregnant with someone else's child and so he has decided to divorce her quietly and save her too much public embarrassment. The angel tells him to go through with the marriage for the child was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit and his name will be Emmanuel. Mary, therefore, is the maiden referred to in the first reading and Jesus is that Emmanuel, Jesus is God with us. Joseph follows the angel's instruction and takes Mary as his wife.

<http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>

Have a blessed Happy New Year 2020!

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 December 22nd: 112

Collection: All Saints: €255,69



Children's Christmas Pageant 2019

Many thanks to all our children and a special thank you to Anne Sophie Pedussel (plus helpers: Justine, Emily, Ben and Johannes)

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board! Mark your calendars:

- **January 1st** – Holy Mass at St. Bernard's, Königin-Luise-Straße 33, 14195 Berlin, at 11:00 a.m.
- **January 5th** – Special Three Kings Day hospitality after Mass in the Fellowship Hall.

During Advent dates and times of events may change. Check for the latest "News" at the **All Saints website** (<https://all-saints.info/>) or visit us on Facebook: *All Saints Catholic Community Berlin*



Holy Father's prayer intentions for January 2020

Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



Three Kings Day Celebration

We will have a special Three Kings Day hospitality after Mass on **Sunday, January 5th**.

Did you know? - January the 5th is a special day in Mexico. Known as *El Dia de Reyes* (Three Kings Day), this holiday represents the height of the Christmas season. The date marks the culmination of the twelve days of Christmas and commemorates the three wise men who traveled from afar, bearing gifts for the infant baby Jesus. The children of Mexico in particular look forward to this holiday as traditionally, gifts are exchanged on this date, not on Christmas day.

Will you be the lucky one to find the special item in the very special cake? **If so, you get to be the King or Queen of the day!**



On Friday, January 10th we will take down the Christmas tree and decorations. Will you help us?? If so, please be at the church at 5:00 p.m. and depending on how many helping hands show up we should be done by 7:00 p.m. or earlier.

Thank you for your generous tithes on December 24th. We are a self-financed community so every cent counts.

The tithes help to finance our rent and every day running as well as our Community Life such as our Children's & Youth Ministries and Hospitality. Thank you for your support.

January 5th Mass at All Saints. Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke is presiding the Eucharist

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- Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Bobot Quiming •
- Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: For African Catechists •

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