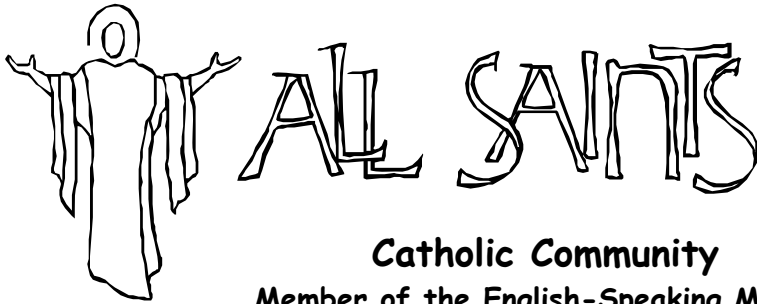


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Our Mission Statement: *The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.*

March 7, 2010 Third Sunday of Lent • Year C

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 • Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 • 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 • Luke 13:1-9

I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. It not, you can cut it down. Luke 13:8-9

Truth and Revelation

If universities are established for any other purpose than to teach the truth they are not true to themselves. If books are printed and press circulated for the dissemination of anything but truth they commit treason against their very existence. Yet in the basic essentials of living we do not avidly search for truth. There are, in fact, few who claim to possess truth. Far too many are seeking truth in the way Pilate sought it of Christ; "What is truth?" he asked the Lord . . . but he did not wait for an answer. Like Pilate, millions of people seek the truth with the attitude that truth can not be found. They are either not interested in it or they do not believe that anyone can possess it.

Yet is it not contradictory to believe that we know the truth about thousands of relatively trivial things, but consider truth beyond our reach on the only thing that really matters? For truth can be possessed. The most confirmed skeptic is certain of the truth of some matters. Even if he has persuaded himself that religious truth is an impossibility, he at least believes there is truth in the reasoning which tells him this.

Religious truth is not different from any other. It is a matter of conclusions based on ascertainable facts. We can definitely know the basic facts of religion. We can know there is a God. We can know that we depend upon Him and that we have duties toward Him - duties of love, obedience, and service. We can know that we exist for a purpose and our obligation is to find that purpose and follow it.

We also know that the God Who created us will not compel us to remain ignorant of what we need to know. We know that revelation is possible, and that being possible it will be made in such a way that we can recognize it for the truth.

We have seen that God's revelation must be made known by unmistakable signs - signs whereby we cannot fail to recognize the true voice of God. Some of these signs will be present in the teaching itself - its own excellence that makes it worthy of God and its lack of contradiction both in itself and with valid principles of reason. But more important, it must be confirmed by external signs that can come from God only and which will provide us with the absolute certainty of divine confirmation.

March 7th 10 a.m. Mass

Celebrant: Father Herbert Gillissen

Lector: Rachel Rückeis

Servers: Dylan Schmidt, Dennis Loebach

Greeter: Konrad Giersdorf

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Menjares, H. Doblhofer, L. Menjares

Hospitality: Josephine Schmidt

**Collection on March 7th is
designated for All Saints**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on February 28th: 105

Collection: Friends: € 174.44, Caritas: € 45.40

- If you are **visiting us for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you! Please do join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall.
- **Lectors:** The 2010 schedule for March & April has been distributed by email and put up in the Sacristy and the Office.
- **Altar Servers:** Please let Marcell (spanke@hotmail.de) know about your availability over Easter that the server schedule for April through June can be compiled.
- We thank **Father Wolfgang** for the **Easter Retreat** yesterday, which was the most valuable spiritual food and a great help in preparing our hearts for Easter. Thank you!
- Mark the date: **St. Patrick's Day Family Potluck Dinner** on Saturday March 20th at 6 pm. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Konrad after Mass.
- All **food donations** in the wicker basket at the entrance to church go to families in need and to the Soup Kitchen of the Sisters of Charity in Kreuzberg. Thank you for your generosity.
- Many of the **designated collections** are for special purposes of the Archdiocese of Berlin. All Saints supports these initiatives and transfers this money in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support from the Archdiocese. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **white envelopes** stamped **ALL SAINTS FUND** and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account printed below. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

*Please take this copy of the **bulletin** and use it to spread the word about All Saints.*

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March 14th 10 a.m. Mass

Celebrant: Father Wolfgang Felber SJ
 Lector: Howard Eyth
 Servers: Niels Waliszewski, Anna Berger
 Greeter: Konrad Giersdorf
 Eucharistic Ministers: H. Doblhofer, C. Menjares, L. Menjares
 Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen

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Bus: Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop 2 min. walk); Bus M11: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10 min. walk) or Bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5 min. walk),

Car: A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>).

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