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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 25, 2012, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

WHO LIVES THE TRUTH, COMES TO THE LIGHT

Nicodemus has a divided heart. Although he is fascinated by the person of Jesus and his message, there are many unanswered questions in his heart. He seeks clarity; he wants to understand the truth of behind this man. Jesus does not give him a book to read or a catechism to study. He first puts him starkly before the hard reality of the cross. "The son of man (Jesus himself) has to be lifted up..." and then, in two short sentences, he describes two ways of living: one that leads deeper into darkness, the other that leads to the light. What blocks us on the way to the light are "evil deeds". When I do something wrong, I do not want it to be seen, I hide. When they had taken the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve hid. Children try to cover up when they have done something wrong. Political parties employ "spin doctors" to cover up unpopular decisions and make them look nice. Companies cover up their wrong-doing by publicity campaigns. Fishy dealings and contracts that are not above board are kept secret.

What is there in my life that I do not want to be known? What blocks me on my road to the light, to the Lord? Jesus proposed Nicodemus a way to get nearer to the light: "Live the truth". Do always what you know to be true and right. Live according to your conscience, even in the small decisions of every day. You may just watch a shallow show on TV and the idea crosses your mind that your aunt is just out of hospital and would enjoy a call... Live the truth, follow the appeal of this moment: now, not tomorrow. You are just about to buy a 3-Euro T-shirt, when you realize that at such a price the worker who sewed it cannot have been paid a fair salary. Buy a "Fair Trade" product instead because the producer has paid his workers a fair salary. Act always according to the voice of conscience. Jesus promises Nicodemus and us that we will get nearer to the light, nearer to God, when we eliminate from our lives whatever is not open and transparent and live always consequently the truth, do what we know to be true and just.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

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

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Levina Menjares •
Altar Servers: Tait Doeringer, Joshua Wunder, Karoline Stein • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Josephine Schmidt & Loebach Family

Collection today is designated for Misereor.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 18 attendance: 101

Collection: Friends € 310.92

- On **Palm Sunday, April 1st**, Mass will begin in the Community Hall with the blessing of palms. Please, be on time.
- If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you, and join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall!
- This year's **St. Patrick's Day Potluck** was special thanks to all the old and new friends attending the family event. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped set up and clean up after the St. Patrick's Day Potluck. You know who you are!
- A **membership meeting for the Friends of All Saints Association** has been scheduled for **April 22nd** after Mass. Please mark your calendars and, if necessary, check that you have paid your membership dues for this year.
- The 2012 **lector schedule** for April through June is available in the Office & Sacristy.
- 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. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. **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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Father Wolfgang Felber SJ

April 1st 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr Herbert Gillessen

Lectors: Rachel Rückeis, Matthias Waliszewski, Cathleen Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Celso Menjares, Beate Hausmann • Altar Server: Isabella Gneist • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm

Collection on April 1st is designated for the Holy Land.

Fathers of the Jesuit Community

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Boy Scout Troop 46: All Saints is the proud Chartered Organization for Boy Scout Troop 46 "Freedom Outpost." *True to Scouting Values for Over 55 years* (www.troop46berlin.ScoutLander.com)

Access to All Saints:

Subway: U 3, Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or S 1, Zehlendorf, then bus.

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: Via Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>). Currently, **no access** from the A115 **Avus highway**.

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