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## ***Catholic Community***

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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.

### **August 19, 2012, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:2-7, Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58**

**Celebrant: Fr Ludger Hillebrand SJ**

#### **God gave us people like Elijah to reflect on, not catechisms**

Is our faith aimed at achieving results? Are we better Christians because we achieve good or even better results than others? No, I think our failures are often more rewarding than our successes. And this is especially the case, if in those failures we have faithfully tried to go where we think God *wanted* us to go. If we really believe each of us is being "*taught by God*," we have to presume that sometimes we succeed, sometimes not.

The question is: How can any human completely know God's will?

There are different answers to this question. Catechisms are supposed to supply a certainty for our lives. But this certainty often just doesn't correspond to the real life situations in which we struggle to live our faith. I do not think that God only gave us catechism questions and answers to memorize. No, I am grateful that God gave us biblical people like Elijah (I Kings 19:4-8). On people like Elijah we can reflect. A figure like and other biblical figures help us to discern God's will – if we are willing to get to know them.

Cf. [www.dignityusa.org/breath/august-12-2012-nineteenth-sunday-year](http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/august-12-2012-nineteenth-sunday-year)

Our fellow parishioner **Anna Jennex** passed away on July **23rd** at the age of 74. Her funeral service will be presided by Father Felber on Wednesday Aug 22nd 2012 at 2 pm in the Hermsdorfer Friedhof (Frohnauer Straße 112-122, 13465 Berlin). The members of the Jennex family have been part of our community for about 40 years. R.I.P.

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