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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.

September 16, 2012, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

The miracles show HOW God is, they are no PROOF of God

In last week's gospel (**Mark 7:31-37**), Mark invited us to reflect upon one fact: how Jesus, as God, both opens our ears and gives us the ability to speak.

Those who first heard this passage were amazed that their faith in Jesus had enabled them to hear things they never heard before because they didn't have the ability to distinguish those specific sounds from others. The risen Jesus had pronounced "Effata!" over each of them. Effata – get open! Open up! And because they now heard new things, they were also able to speak new things.

The letter of Saint James gives us an example of these new insights (**James 2:1-5**). In our passage we see that each Christian had felt God's love in a special way through the presence of Jesus among them. And that is why they began to hear the cries of the poor in a way they had never heard before. The cries of the poor were always present, now they hear them.

Once they discovered that they were all equal in Jesus, they knew they never again could discriminate. That is why James urges his community: "*My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly....*" Or in a different translation: "*If you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others.*"

The early Christians wrote down miracles to express what the risen Jesus had changed in their lives and to give voice to the newness they had achieved in their Christ-filled lives. With this in mind, it would be interesting to compose some new miracles of today that mirror **our** experiences of Jesus changing **our** lives. We might come up with a few new miracles the evangelists never thought of.

cf. <http://www.dignityusa.org/node/821>

September 17th is the feast of the German Saint **Hildegard von Bingen** (1089-1179). Pope Benedict XVI announced in May 2012 that he would promote her "Doctor of the Church" on Oct 7th 2012. A Benedictine nun, known as "Sybil of the Rhine", she produced major works of theology and visionary writings. She was consulted by and advised bishops, popes, and kings. She used the curative powers of natural objects for healing, and wrote treatises about natural history and medicinal uses of plants, animals, trees and stones. She founded a vibrant convent, where her musical plays were performed.

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

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer •
Altar Servers: N.N, N.N. • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Hansen family
The designated collection today is for Catholic Schools.

**Familiarization class for all Lectors in the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel following Mass today**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 9th: 86

Collection: Friends €231.40, Media: €11.82

If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall! Welcome to All Saints!

Mark your Calendars

- **Lectors** (new and old) will be meeting in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel following Mass **today**. For those who cannot attend today, there will be another meeting if necessary on **Sunday, September 30th**.
- Our **Annual Fall BBQ** will take place after Mass on **Sunday September 23rd**. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Altar Server Sunday** on **September 30th**. We would like to recognize you for your service to our community. A special event is planned after Mass. More details coming soon!

Other Notes

- We would like to thank Michael Duke for renovating the Children's Quiet Room as part of this **Eagle Scout Project**. Michael is a member of BSA Troop 46! Thank you!
- Our Music Director, **Johannes Wrembeck** will play a short piece following Mass every Sunday. Enjoy the beautiful tunes which accompany the Eucharist.
- The **Hüttenweg exit** on A115 Avus highway is open again except for the entry toward Potsdam.

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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September 23rd, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Schonecke M.Afr.

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Celso and Levina Menjares • Altar Servers: N.N, N.N. • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Rückeis family
The designated collection on September 23rd is for Caritas.

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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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