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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.

December 23, 2012, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a

Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Jesus is born into a world of violence and suffering

When we celebrate Advent, do we simply wait for the birth of a baby, a special baby? I hope this is not all we do! There must be more because we know that as a grown-up this baby had to suffer, was killed and – this is what we believe – rose from the dead. He came into a world where massacres like the one in Newtown/Connecticut (Dec 14th 2012) take place – a world of suffering and violence.

We know the whole life and message of this baby who is to become Jesus the Christ. We know his message that was about freeing people, setting people free. In the Old Testament, God leads his people out from Egypt; the exodus gives the people a new homeland, new hope, new future. In the New Testament, Jesus sets us free by his resurrection, he sets us free from sin and brings new life, assures us of the love of God.

This is why John's comment about Jesus is so important: *"...One mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* In other words: *"The one I'm preceding will be even more emphatic than I am on how you are to relate to one another. There is no other way he can lead you to freedom."*

Fortunately, we hear these biblical words in the context of the Lord's Supper, of our Sunday Eucharist here at All Saints, the action which makes us one. The Eucharist builds our community. Look around as these words are being proclaimed, glance at those with whom you share responsible ties, those who guarantee us the freedom Jesus has won for us – and let us not forget the victims and families in Newtown: they are also part of our community of humankind and we are responsible to act in such a way that, in the future, God does not have to suffer together with us as much as we and He suffer now.

Fr. Wolfgang Felber cf. <http://www.dignityusa.org/node/836>



Merry Christmas!



Our Christmas Schedule

December 24, 3:00 pm: **Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant** – Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

December 24, 9:30 pm: **Christmas Carols**

December 24, 10:00 pm: **Midnight Mass** – Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke M.Afr.

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

Lector: Cathleen Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina, Celso and Renée Menjares • Altar Server: Niels Waliszewski • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Loebach Family •
The designated collection today is for All Saints.

Attendance on December 16th: 100

Collection: Friends €527.88

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!

A big thanks to Maureen, the All Saints Confirmation class and our members for **donating fresh food items and other goods** to less fortunate families in our community. Thank you for spreading the holiday cheer this season!

We are looking for a **helper to print and copy the bulletin** from January 10th through April. It takes half hour every week on Fridays or Saturdays. Please contact Tamás if you can help.

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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December 30th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Simon Boiser SVD

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Celso and Levina Menjares •
Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Levina Menjares •
The designated collection on Dec. 30th is for All Saints.

Celebrants		Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community	
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ALL SAINTS COUNCIL: Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) * Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) * Rudolf Hausmann * Nora Loebach * Tamás Meggyes * Marianne Sihotang

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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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