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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 3, 2013 Third Sunday of Lent

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

Press Release by the German Bishops' Conference

The resignation of our Holy Father has deeply affected me. Pope Benedict is the shining example of one's real sense of responsibility and living love for the Church. Christ has entrusted him with the Petrine ministry by the Cardinals. He returns this office back into God's hand in the hour when his forces are too weak to provide the required service to the church. It is a great human and religious gesture. We, the German bishops, thank the Holy Father for his service on the Chair of Peter and are filled with great respect and admiration for his decision.

Those who had the chance of personally experiencing Benedict in the past years and carefully absorbing his message, could clearly see what he considered to be his most important and essential service in his heart: God and thus the people. This can be seen in the concise motto that he chose for his Apostolic journey to Germany in September 2011: "Where God is, there is future!"

Pope Benedict is a great teacher of our church. Joseph Ratzinger has an abiding concern that stretches almost like a red thread through his life and work. He wants to reconcile faith and reason. Yes, Pope Benedict is a pontiff in many ways: he wanted to build bridges between faith and reason, bridges to God, bridges between denominations and religions in order to prepare the way for peace in the world and to bestow growth to the kingdom of God.

Pope Benedict is a convinced and convincing pastor of his church. What he asked for all believers from the Mother of God in his prayer at the Maria Column in Munich in 2006 distinguishes him: "Help us to be patient and humble, but also free and courageous".

The image of the shepherd has marked him as a pope. His three visits to us in Germany remain to be remembered: on the occasion of the XX World Youth Day in Cologne in 2005 and a year later in his native Bavaria. In September 2011, his official visits to Berlin, Erfurt, Eichsfeld and Freiburg remain unforgettable moments of a pilgrimage which has deeply touched the Church in Germany. It is a happy feeling to see pictures of him blessing people, hugging children, turning toward his interlocutors and celebrating liturgy among the great community of faith. The shepherd of his flock is humble in appearance, authentic as a witness and convincing in the words he chooses.

Religions listened to the Pope, governments asked for his opinion. Not least his three encyclicals are the clearest guarantors of what the Pope considers crucial: a just, united and peaceful world which accepts its responsibility before God and man. Especially in his encyclical "Caritas in Veritate," the Holy Father has left us a Magna Charta of a successful globalization which is concerned with social justice and the protection of all creation with all its strength.

The Church in Germany and the German Bishops' Conference are deeply grateful to Pope Benedict for his work and his tireless commitment. The German Pope will now pass on the helm of the Church. He will be missed but his legacy will remain for he has made a lasting impact on theology and the Church: as a bridge builder, a shepherd of his flock, a scientist and a teacher. We know that he will continue to commit his life to the service of the people. We wish him the needed strength and we will pray for God's blessing in which he will be secure. The German Bishops' Conference will remember the Holy Father in their prayer in a special way.

February 11, 2013

First Holy Communion Class after Mass

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Herbert Gillessen.

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann and Celso Menjares • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Altar Servers: Caroline Rosenberg, Gwendolyn Walton and Erik Walton • Hospitality: Rose Oruga • The designated collection today is for Catholic schools.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on February 24th: 115

Collection: Friends €215.50

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!

Mark your Calendars

- The next **First Holy Communion Class** takes place on March 17th after Mass, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.
- **Confirmation retreat** on March 16th from 2:00 pm through 6:00 pm.
- **St. Patrick's celebration** on March 16th at 6:00 pm.
- The next **Confirmation Class** takes place on March 17th after Mass from 11:00 am through 1:00 pm.

Other Notes

- If you are interested to help with the **Greeter ministry** (welcoming people, taking the collection etc.), please contact Anthony (anthony.m.reilly@gmail.com).
- Mike has sent the March & April **Lector Schedule** by email. Lectors, please check your inbox.

March 10th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Schonecke.

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso, Levina and Renée Menjares • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm • The designated collection on March 10th is for All Saints.

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Access to All Saints:

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Bus: Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop, 2-min. walk); bus 110, or 623: 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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