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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.

## **April 28, 2013 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 14:21-27 • Psalm 145:8-13 • Revelation 21:1-5a • John 13:31-33a, 34-35**

### **I give eternal life to my sheep**

Jesus says: “**I give eternal life to my sheep.**” What does this mean? We cannot simply focus on eternal life in some other future world, in a world after our death. Jesus is concerned with what promotes eternal life **in the present** and expresses his concern for all things that promote a **full human life**: We need food, water, health care and decent housing. Then we need community, compassion and solidarity. Spirituality, freedom and spirit are also necessary – without them we cannot think freely and make choices.

On a political level, human rights, end to racism, respect for every human person are quintessential. And finally, we want to live in a world, where there is justice, peace, righteousness and virtue. This might be the meaning when Jesus says: “I give them eternal life” because Jesus was a human being and he knew the needs of his fellow human beings. Jesus’ concern that we have a full human life does not only embrace his followers, but includes the entire world, concerns every human person. In the context of Easter, we are called to feel the joy that is part of this divine concern. The citizens of Antioch and the multitude in Revelation were filled with life and joy. This was not the joy of the consumer culture, military victory or political control – not even of a long life or perfect health. It is the joy of an eternal life that is beginning **now**, is shared with others and comes as solidarity with others and a relationship with a loving shepherd. It is a life which finds its origin and purpose in Christ. For this, we do not need a spirituality of individualism, “being better than others” or of superiority. We do not need a religion of “knowing it all”, where dogmas define everything. No, joy and life flow from a relationship in community, a relationship fostered and nourished by the Good Shepherd whose desire is to bring all sheep together into the fullness of life, justice and righteousness with people “from every nation, race, people and tongue.”

Pope Francis has recently captured the attention of many in the world by his gift of being able to symbolize the gospel message in actions of simplicity and solidarity with people in need. If we can express our faith by similar actions, we certainly can transmit the joy of Easter.

**Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ**

<https://educationforjustice.org/resources/lectionary-reflections-fourth-sunday-easter-c-april-21-2013>

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

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina and Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Greeters:

Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Altar Servers: Confirmation Candidates •

Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm • The designated collection today is for All Saints.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes today after Mass**

**Family Bazaar: Saturday, May 4th, 9 am – 3 pm**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on April 21st: 104

Collection: Friends €157.95, Kindergartens: €10

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

- May 4th 10 – 12 am: **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes:** Zoo visit with Director Blaszkiewitz
- May 4th, Saturday: **Family Bazaar:** Your help is needed for setup, cleanup and selling coffee and cake.
- May 5th 11:00 am – 12:30 pm: **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes** after Mass
- May 8th, Wednesday 7:00 pm: **BibleLive** study at Muthesiusstraße 4, 12163 Berlin.
- May 11th, Saturday 10 – 12 am: **First Holy Communion Rehearsal** and 2nd reconciliation
- May 12th 11 am: Celebration of the **First Holy Communion** at St Bernhard's
- May 30, Corpus Christi: **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes:** Mass and Procession with Cardinal Woelki, Gendarmenmarkt, Stadtmitte 6-8 pm. **Meet at 5:30** pm in front of the Hilton.
- June 1st 10 – 12 am: **Confirmation Rehearsal**, 2nd reconciliation and decoration at St Bernhard's
- June 2nd 11 am: Celebration of the **Confirmation** at St Bernhard's

### Other Notes

- The **Altar Server Sunday** has been rescheduled for June. The new date will be announced.
- **Anthony Reilly** is our new Greeter coordinator. We wish Anthony well in his task and thank Konrad for his long-term commitment.

#### **Sunday, May 5th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Herbert Gillessen.**

Lector: N. N. • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: N. N. • The designated collection on May 5th is for Pro Vita.

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**Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints.**

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#### **Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers**

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	<b>Hospitality</b>	Levina Menjares, Lupita Wilhelm	466 09 788, 305 82 45
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**All Saints Council:** Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) \* Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) \* Rudolf Hausmann \* Nora Loebach \* Tamás Meggyes \* Marianne Sihotang

**Friends of All Saints Verein:** Howard Eyth \* Mike Hoth \* Lupita Wilhelm \* Heide Doblhofer \* Eddie McGreal

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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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