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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.

May 19, 2013 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 • Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 • John 20:19-23

Jesus is with us in his word and in sacred signs

Effective communication combines word and sign. A mother says to her child: "You are wonderful" and then hugs and kisses the child. A lover says: "I love you" and offers a bunch of red roses. Commercial posters always combine both a catchy text and a cool picture.

Jesus, too, most of the time started his ministry with an extraordinary sign and then explained its true meaning. He shocks Peter with a miracle catch of fish and then sends him into the world to "catch" people into the net of his Church. He heals a physical defect and points to the sickness of the soul. ("Your sins are forgiven!") He breaks and shares bread and explains that the broken and shared bread is really are himself as he gives his life to all.

The Eucharistic celebration follow the same pattern: Jesus gives us his Word as "a light for our path" and then gives us a sign of his self-giving in the breaking of the bread. The word without the sacramental sign lacks life; the sign without an explanation has no meaning.

Word and sacrament, these two intimately connected modes of communication were torn apart during the Reformation. Catholics had forgotten the bible and given the sacraments an almost magic quality. In reaction the reformation throw out most sacraments and at times even destroyed all images. The Second Vatican Council brought together what belongs together. Catholics have rediscovered the riches of the bible, Protestants the power of sacraments and signs.

As Catholics we have to ask ourselves what place the Word of God has in our lives. When did I last open my Bible? Bible study can help us to understand the text better. But more important is the prayerful reading of God's word (lectio divina) with the conviction that God has through his word a message for me. I read the words slowly, let them touch me and ask myself: What does God want to tell me for my life today?

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

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

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •

Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Thomas Schmidt, Lupita Wilhelm •

The designated collection today is for Renovabis.

God's blessings on all of the children who celebrated their First Communion last Sunday:

**Ava Brinda, John Loughran, Caroline and Sebastian Rosenberg,
Louise and Paul Richter, Annalena Mecagni, Milo Krehne, Madeleine Rückeis,
Samuel Wilson, Conrad Chisolm, Hannah Mei Doeringer, Benji Ademi**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on May 12th: 67

Collection: Friends €128.03

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

- **BibleLive** study at Muthesiusstraße 4, 12163 Berlin on May 22nd, Wednesday at 7:00 pm:
- **Taizé prayer and singing** in the Alte Dorfkirche, Zehlendorf Mitte on May 23rd, Thursday, 6:30 pm
- **Confirmation Class** on May 26th after Mass from 11 am to 12:30 pm.
- **All Saints Council Meeting** after Mass on May 26th.
- **Corpus Christi Mass and Procession** with Cardinal Woelki for First Holy Communion & Confirmation at the Gendarmenmarkt in Stadtmitte on May 30th from 6 to 8 pm. **Meeting time** is at 5:30 pm in front of the Hilton at Gendarmenmarkt.
- **Confirmation Rehearsal** on June 1st from 10 am to 12 pm at St Bernhard's.
- **Confirmation** on June 2nd at 11 am at St Bernhard's.
- **Annual All Saints Summer Potluck Barbeque** after Mass on June 23rd.

Other Notes

- The **Hüttenweg exit** on the Avus Highway is closed again.

Sunday, May 26th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ.

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann •

Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Beata McGreal •

The designated collection on May 19th is for All Saints.

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.

Friends of All Saints Verein: Bank Account No.: 6001669018, BLZ 370 601 93, Pax-Bank eG

Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers

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Boy Scout Troop 46: All Saints is the proud Chartered Organization for Boy Scout Troop 46 "Freedom Outpost." *True to Scouting Values for Over 55 years* (www.troop46berlin.ScoutLander.com)

Access to All Saints: Subway: U 3, Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or S 1, Zehlendorf, then bus.

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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