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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.

June 23, 2013 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1 • Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9 • Galatians 3:26-29 • Luke 9:18-24

Gestures of Love

Just imagine that the scene in the Gospel would happen today after Mass in the hall. As we are sipping our coffee, a woman whose dresses and make-up clearly show how she earns her living, walks in, embraces the priest with tears in her eyes and kisses his feet. The community would be deeply scandalized; all kinds of rumors would begin to go round. As priest I would be deeply embarrassed and turn red in the face with shame and anger. How does Jesus react? He allows the woman to express her love in her own way. What an extraordinary sovereign inner freedom undisturbed by what the law says or what people might think.

Can we receive such gestures of gratuitous love and affection from others, from God? Yet, this is the core of the good news: that God loves us first before we have done anything, and God keeps loving and forgiving us if even we chose not to pay any attention to Him and live our lives without Him. In fact we are unable to love others if we have not made the experience of being loved in the first place. Children who do not get enough love often are unable to give love.

The readings illustrate the point with the story of two people who make the experience of being loved and forgiven. King David could not resist the attraction of a beautiful woman. To get her he arranges to have her husband killed. The prophet Nathan tells him God's judgment: David will die. The talion law: a life for a life. But then God forgives him, He gives David back his life, and for the rest of his life David will sing God's merciful love in the psalms which we still pray today.

The woman in the Gospel has been used and abused by men and treated as dirt. In Jesus she meets a man who treats her with respect and makes her realize that God still loves her and forgives her. She is so overwhelmed that she expresses her gratitude with a crazy gesture.

How much love is there in our lives? Are we still creative enough to show others signs of our appreciation? They need not be the wild dramatic outburst of the woman in the Gospel. They can be little gestures, small surprises, gratuitous gifts that keep a relationship alive and feed a friendship. And it is the occasional spontaneous prayer and the small sacrifice that keep our relationship to God on fire.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

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

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann •
Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Summer Barbeque •

The designated collection today is for All Saints.

Annual Summer Potluck Barbecue after Mass today
Altar Sever Sunday after Mass today



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on June 16th: 75 Collection: Friends €210.22 + \$10.25, Religion teaching €12.53

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!

Notes

- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.
- Please visit our website at <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>.
- For daily Mass texts or prayer intentions please visit: <http://www.sacredspace.ie/>.
- All food donations in the **wicker basket** at the entrance to church go to families in need and to the Soup Kitchen of the Sisters of Charity in Kreuzberg. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer •
Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm
The designated collection on June 30th is for All Saints.

Many of the **designated collections** are for special purposes of the Archdiocese of Berlin. All Saints supports these initiatives and transfers this money in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support from the Archdiocese. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. 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. 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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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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