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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.

October 27, 2013 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 • Psalm 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 • 2 Timothy 6:6-8, 16-18 •
Luke 18:9-14**

Persevering in Prayer

It is a powerful picture: Israel engaged in battle. As long as Moses lifts his arms up in prayer, they have the upper hand; when he stops praying they are defeated. Prayer seems to be the life-line between God and his people. The story reflects Israel's experience throughout history. When they remain in a covenant-relationship with Yahweh, they have peace and prosperity. When they forget their God and go their own way, the result is moral decay, internal divisions and political disasters. We may well wonder whether our present-day wellness-religion which tends to center not on God but on Self will succeed.

For Jesus, a faithful Israelite, prayer was the constant life-line to his "Abba". Luke often shows us Jesus in deep prayer: in the early morning before dawn and sometimes throughout the night, before important decisions and in times of trial. His constant conversation with his Father seems the source of his wisdom, the inspiration of his preaching and the root of his mysterious healing-power. Abba always answers his prayer. Well, not always. Although he prays repeatedly from the bottom of his heart almost in despair "to let this chalice pass", the Father seems silent all through his agony until his last loud cry: "Why have you abandoned me?" God's answer is the resurrection. He did not give what Jesus asked, he gave something infinitely greater.

What is our experience with prayer? Most of us find it difficult! Maybe we have even given up to pray. We prayed and were disappointed. So we dropped prayer and turned to more practical solutions: doctors for sickness, therapists for depression, pills against stress... But our deepest longings remain unanswered: we want to be free and are so conditioned; we crave to be loved and people only care for themselves; we want to be able to love and forgive, and we just can't. Maybe at the end of the road a desire for God and for prayer emerges.

But then it is so hard to pray. When we try, a thousand ideas and images crowd our mind. The Gospel invites us to go on chasing them like the widow keeps going after the unjust judge. Or we may find that our day is too busy as it was for Jesus. He prayed early in the morning and late at night. Let's try it: when we wake up to look at the day ahead, dedicate it to the Lord and ask him to stay with you. And before sleep, to go over the day, its events and encounters and simply say thank you, Lord and place the day and all our life into His hands.

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 and Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer •
Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The designated collection is for MISSIO.

The next All Saints Council Meeting takes place after Mass today.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on October 20th: 78

Collection: Friends €96.17, Catholic schools: €20.82

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 **Altar Server Training** will take place on November 2nd at 3:00-5:00 pm. We will also have food and games.
- A **Friends of All Saints Association membership meeting** will take place on **November 10th after Mass** in the Community Hall. A list of dues paying members is in the Office. Please check to see that you have paid for 2013. **Please renew your membership if you have not yet done so.**
- “**Discover your spiritual GPS**” Fr. Felber and Klaudia Höfig offer a day of retreat on Saturday, Nov. 16th at 9:30-17:00, Kranoldstraße 24a, 12051 Berlin-Neukölln. Cost: 5 €
- All Saints will be celebrating its annual family **Thanksgiving** on **Saturday, November 23rd** starting at 6 pm. Konrad and Vanessa are organizing the event and ask for help with setup/cleanup, decorating, as well as for people cooking the turkeys. Please sign up after Mass. We expect visitors from the diocese.

Notes

- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.

Sunday, November 3rd, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Levina Menjares • The designated collection on November 3rd 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.

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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>)