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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.

November 03, 2013 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2, 16-18 • Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13, 14 • 2 Thessalonians 1:11--2:2 • Luke 19:1-10

The Pharisee and the tax collector

A well-known scene: the Pharisee and a tax collector are praying, both are in search for a relation with God. The Pharisee is self-confident and upright – and addresses God. He is aware and proud of everything he does for God. He really tries to lead a life that pleases God: the doctrine and the rules of the religious law are important for him. His fasting and charity are signs of this holy life. He thanks God for not being like many others. By distinguishing himself from others, he finds his uniqueness before God and in an intimate relation with God.

The tax collector sees himself differently: he knows about his weaknesses and his failings. He is depressed, weighed down by his human misery. His profession has the reputation to be a means for corruption. Therefore he does not dare to approach God, he humbles himself and admits that he is a sinner.

Isn't the Pharisee a model for us in many regards? We also dare to approach God in an upright way – we are no underage children. God created us in his image, we are human beings with our own responsibility, our talents and capacities, and we can be proud of this. We can show God everything we have achieved in our lives by these talents.

The tax collector can also be our model. In spite of the talents we have, there is so much we cannot achieve, where we fail, where we are insufficient, inadequate and incapable. It is difficult to admit our failures to ourselves, others, or to God. But our trust in God's mercy and love enables us to deal with ourselves in a candid and honest way. This is what the tax collector did. He felt that God would not dismiss him because of his mistakes and weaknesses. He felt that God would give him the chance for a new beginning.

The tax collector is also a model for us – just as the Pharisee. We should look more for the things we have in common than for the things that separate us. Sometimes we are the Pharisee, sometimes the tax collector. And what is true for us as individuals is also true for religions, cultures and nations.

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

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

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Levina Menjares • The designated collection is for All Saints.

The Friends of All Saints Association membership meeting will take place next Sunday after Mass



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on October 27th: 82

Collection: Friends €211.49, Missio €13.80

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

- 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.**
- **Remembrance Sunday:** Nov. 10th at 10:30 am, Fr. Felber will be holding a service in the British part of the Berlin South-Western Cemetery (WW1) in Stahnsdorf. This service was also celebrated during the time of the Berlin Wall and inhabitants of Stahnsdorf were able to attend. Another service will be held in the Zehrendorf Indian Cemetery (WW1), 50 km south of Berlin at 2:30 pm.
- **“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.

Sunday, November 10th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Renée Menjares • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Rückeis Family & Doeringer Family • The designated collection on November 10th 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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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>)