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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.

December 15, 2013 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 • Psalm 146:6-10 • James 5:7-10 • Matthew 11:2-11

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

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Renée Menjares •

Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm, Isabella Gneist, Niels Waliszewski •

Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The designated collection is for All Saints.

The risen Jesus is counting on us to bring about his new world

We, Christians, speak of Jesus as the Messiah, "*the anointed one*", "*a savior or liberator of a group of people, most commonly in the Abrahamic religions*" (Wikipedia) or "*Christos*" in Greek. Each generation of Jews had their own idea of a liberating Messiah.

For Isaiah (Isaiah 11:1-10), the Messiah is a descendant of King David who will be "*a sprout from the stump of Jesse*" and will be open to Yahweh's spirit creating a world in which natural enemies become friends.

Paul believes that Jesus will fulfill Isaiah's expectations of a royal Messiah (Romans 15:4-9). But Paul brings in an element which the prophet seems to ignore: community. Unlike Isaiah's Messiah, the risen Jesus isn't going to bring about the new world by himself. He counts on us to play an essential role. Paul reminds the Christian community in Rome that it is up to us to "*think in harmony with one another*" and to "*welcome one another as Christ welcomes us.*" During Paul's ministry, Jewish Christians had the great challenge of welcoming Gentiles. Paul envisions Jewish Christians taking the first step and seeking Gentiles as equal partners in the salvation offered by Jesus; only then will God's peace become reality.

We must accept the other as an equal, no matter their background in order to become imitators of Jesus. This is the "good fruit" John the Baptist expected from all of God's people (Matthew 3:1-12). Jesus' true followers realized that the Messiah and their relations to others were equally as crucial. Both Paul and Matthew are convinced that the special person destined to usher the longed-for era isn't going to do so alone. This will only happen when we have the courage to live our lives as Jesus of Nazareth lived his life. No wonder St. Augustine always reminded those who received the Eucharistic bread, "*Receive what you are: the Body of Christ, the Messiah.*"



cf. <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/december-8-2013-second-sunday-advent>

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

**Christmas Mass on Dec 24th at 10 pm
preceded by Carol singing at 9:30 pm.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on December 8th: 73

Collection: Friends €154.73, Orphans €25.70

We wish well to **Anthony Reilly**, who served our Community over the past years and will be leaving for a new assignment in Cambridge, U.K. Thank you, Anthony, for all your help.

Next Sunday, please bring fresh food etc. for Christmas for a needy family in our Community.

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

- **Red Sea Talks in Kreuzberger Himmel**, Yorckstrasse 89, Kreuzberg: subway: Mehringdamm, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. Holy Night – so what?! Christmas postcards today. A different approach to the Christmas craziness.
- **Sunday, December 22:** our community will participate in the **Christmas Carol Singing in the Senior Citizens Residence** in Steglitz. Practicing will start at 3:30 pm, Carol Singing will start at 4:00 pm. Please make sure you are there at 3:30 pm. Directions to the Residence: Seniorenresidenz Domicil, Altmarkstr. 27, 12169 Berlin-Steglitz, phone: 8101010 S-Bahn: Feuerbachstr. or Priesterweg. Bus: 170, the Altmarkstr. stop is right in front of the Residence.
- **Taizé prayer & singing** in the Alte Dorfkirche, Zehlendorf Mitte on **December 19th** 6:30 pm.
- **Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant** on **December 24th at 3 pm**. We are looking for actors, musicians and/or singers for the Christmas Children's Choir. If you are interested in participating, please contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) **Costume fitting** and instructions are taking place immediately after Mass on **December 15th** and the **rehearsal** will take place on **December 23rd from 2 pm to 4 pm**.

Sunday, December 22nd, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée and Celso Menjares •

Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm, Joshua Wunder, Caroline Rosenberg •

Hospitality: Rose Oruga • The designated collection on December 15th 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!

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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)

Directions 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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