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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.

January 5, 2014 The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 • Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2:1-12

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

Lector: Anna Berger • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Renée Menjares •

Altar Servers: Erik Walton, Gwendolyn Walton and Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Rose Oruga

The designated collection is for African Catechists.

The Family – an Intimate Community of Love and Life

It's no coincidence that the Church chose the Sunday right after the birth of Jesus as the feast of the Holy Family. The Church wants us all to focus on the family. The Holy Family has been depicted in many ways: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, saintly dressed, looking so serene and relaxed, Jesus obediently helping Joseph in his carpentry work, and Mary nearby spinning some thread. They give us the impression that the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for 30 years in Nazareth was very peaceful and without problems.

The Gospel however tells us something different: Joseph, Mary, and the baby faced serious crises when they were fleeing from Herod to Egypt and finally brought Jesus to Nazareth. Even the circumstances of Jesus' birth: Mary was pregnant, not by Joseph but by some mysterious cause, Joseph had to travel with Mary to Bethlehem, and Mary delivered the baby in the most uncomfortable conditions. They were poor and had to survive struggling with their special problems. They could be just like any of today's families. A school teacher once shared her experience about her students who were asked to write a letter to Santa Claus. Many asked for toys, money, or for their parents' health. But a little girl wrote the most forlorn letter: "*Dear Santa, don't bother to come. We don't celebrate Christmas at home*" How many of us do not celebrate Christmas because there is no peace at home, they are never together, someone just died, or is seriously ill, or causes problems? Or they have no home at all, as the tens of thousands of survivors of typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Our culture has become less and less supportive of the family. Our time is consumed by the media. The number of activities, the demand by our jobs and the drive to earn more money pulls families apart. Migration, which affects many of us, has split up many families.

The Church wants us to direct our attention towards the family. The family still remains the place where we can develop our self-esteem, our attitude towards God, how we pray and live our faith. This is where the Church is powerfully formed, where we learn our lessons about responsibility, self-reliance, self-control, and getting along with others. And most of all, it is the family where we feel being really loved and accepted. Paul writes: "*Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And above all these, put on LOVE that is the bond of perfection.*" (Col. 3:17ff). Even in an imperfect family or in a family with only one parent, love can be real and people can grow in love and faith. Therefore my Christmas prayer and blessing is that you experience the greatest gift of all – LOVE within YOUR family. *Fr. Jun de Ocampo SVD*

We wish you a blessed New Year!

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January 2014

Universal: That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

For Evangelization: That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on December 29th: 81

Collection: Friends €166.37

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

- We will be celebrating **Three King's Day** after Mass today with a '**Rosca de Reyes**' during Hospitality. The lucky one who finds the treasure in his or her cake will be King or Queen for the day.
- Join us two weeks later for the Fiesta as we celebrate with a piñata on Sunday, January 19th after Mass!

Notes

- The people in need whose **Christmas** you made more joyful with **your gifts**, thank you all and wish you a blessed New Year.
- 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, January 12th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Cathleen Ruckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée and Celso Menjares, • Altar Servers: Madeline Ruckeis, Samantha Ruckeis and Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Ruckeis Family • The collection on January 12th 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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