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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.

February 2, 2014 The Presentation of the Lord

Malachai 3:1-4 • Psalm 24:7-10 • Hebrews 2:14-18 • Luke 2:22-40

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

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée, Celso and Levina Menjares •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm, Erik Walton and Gwendolyn Walton •
Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The designated collection is for All Saints.

The joy of the Gospel

No Church document, since the Second Vatican Council, has touched me so much as Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Evangelii Gaudium*. It is nothing less than a blueprint of the Church of tomorrow. Unlike many other Vatican documents it is written in a simple language that also lay people can understand it. It is not just about reorganizing or restructuring the Church as an institution, but takes us back to the roots of our faith: to the person of Jesus, his challenging message, the central mission of the Church and all her members to bring that good news of great joy to the world.

Evangelii Gaudium takes also a critical look at the world which badly needs the message of the Gospel. Pope Francis speaks of our present economic system as one that kills. Instead of serving the true needs of human beings, it forces people to serve the demands of financial markets. It does not only exploit people, it excludes many from a dignified life. Christians must struggle so the common good and the dignity of people can take a central place in political and economic thinking.

Pope Francis also sees the Church as turned toward herself and urges all Christians to move out and evangelize wherever they live and work. Following the example of Jesus, he wants us to reach out especially to the poor and the weak. Would that not be a key question for parish councils and all groups to find out where the poor are in their own contexts and how their lives can be improved?

In the opening paragraphs the Pope speaks to each one of us. He sees many Christians "caught up in their own interests and concerns", in "the desolation and anger born of a complacent yet covetous heart" and in "the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures". That is not where real happiness is to be found. Francis invites us to break out of the prison of our own selves to the needs of others in order to find the source of true joy. "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew." Let us experience that joy and share it with others!

Fr Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February 2014

Universal: That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

For Evangelization: That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity for evangelization.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on January 26th: 63

Collection: Friends €118.68, Bible Work €6.70

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 annual **Scout Sunday** will take place on February 16th.
- The Berlin Diocese is organizing an international **Catholic Youth Day in Berlin on April 12th** at St. Matthias in Schöneberg from 13.00 to 22.00. Vanessa will coordinate a delegation of English-speaking youth ages 13 and older (13-18) to attend the event. Please contact her (vhansen980@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending the Catholic Youth Day.

Notes

- Please visit our website at <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>.
- 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday, February 9th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso and Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Caroline Rosenberg, Sebastian Rosenberg, Dylan Schmidt and
Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang and Rosenberg family •
The designated collection on February 9th 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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