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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.

March 2, 2014 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:14-15 • Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9 • 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 • Matthew 6:24-34

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

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée and Celso Menjares •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Caroline Rosenberg, Sebastian Rosenberg •

Hospitality: Levina Menjares • The designated collection is for All Saints.

Love with God's Love

Jesus developed his way of thinking from his Jewish contemporaries (*Matthew 5:38-48*): “*You are called to much more than what the existing rules and laws prescribe. You can do much more if you let your heart govern you.*” He uses examples such as the rule of “*an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*” from the Old Testament to show how it should be applied. This rule was meant to protect people from unrestrained revenge, not a call for counter-attack, but for moderated revenge. However, Jesus goes one step further and invites us to renounce revenge and retaliation altogether. Instead of “*tit for tat*” we should walk in the way of love. The motto: “*As you are to me, so am I to you*” should be replaced with: “*Your heavenly father makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, he causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.*”

God does this out of love. We humans are images of God and we should imitate our creator. God takes no revenge and does not insist on retaliation – so we also should refrain from revenge and retaliation. Nevertheless, Jesus does not keep silent when confronted with evil, but he does counter evil with love. To oppose evil with love is not a sign of weakness but an active fight in which evil loses ground and can no longer escalate. Here are a few examples:

- we should refrain from every form of hatefulness or nastiness in a quarrel,
- we should not counter reproach with a reproach but look if there is any truth in the reproach,
- if we are disappointed in a relation, we should not break the relation without thinking about it,
- if someone is maladroit or clumsy, we should not brand him or her a fool or an idiot,
- if someone refuses to take our advice, we should not let this person down,
- if we are exploited or taken advantage of, we should not refuse to help others.

Jesus did not presuppose that we are perfect but wanted us to explore the love of which we are capable. If we transcend the ordinary, the usual, the normal, we come nearer to being the image of God. Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher and theologian said: “**The one I am greets nostalgically the one I would like to be**”. Let us pray to strengthen this longing and yearning that time and again we leave the out-trodden ways of Christianity to become the Christians we would like to be.

Wolfgang Felber SJ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on February 23rd: 89

Collection: Friends: €135.87, Caritas: €28.12

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

- **American Songs at Hüttenweg. RIAS Kammerchor Concert on Thursday, March 13th at 8 p.m.** Entrance fee: €20. Ticket service: www.rias-kammerchor.de, tickets@rias-kammerchor.de, phone (030) 20 29 87 25.
- **St. Patrick's Day Potluck on Saturday, March 22nd starting at 6 pm.**
- **World Catholic Youth Day on Saturday, April 12th from 13:00 – 22:00** for youth 13 and older. Please contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) for more information.

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 in Kreuzberg. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée, Celso and Levina Menjares •
 Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Isabella Geist, Dylan Schmidt and Niels Waliszewski •
 Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm • The designated collection on March 9th is for Catholic kindertagesstätten.

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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