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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 23, 2014 Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 • Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 • Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 • John 4:5-42

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

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Erik Walton and Gwendolyn Walton •
Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The designated collection is for Catholic schools.

Life's peaks and plains

Newspapers show every day charts of the movements of the stock market with lines going up or down or just remaining level. If we would try to depict the movements of our lives in such a diagram we might find a similar pattern: long years when life just flows without much excitement or major upheavals; then sudden crashes when sickness, unemployment or broken relationships throw us into darkness and despair; but hopefully also a few peak moments when someone's love and friendship, a sight of utter beauty or a deep insight trigger overwhelming joy and profound peace in us and seem to lift us out of this world to experience an inkling of God's loving presence.

Jesus' life seems to follow the same kind of pattern. 30 years of uneventful village life in Nazareth with the daily work of a carpenter punctuated by some traumatic events. In early childhood his family has a narrow escape from Herod's death squads. The end of his life is marked by his decision to go to Jerusalem with fatal consequences. But Jesus is sustained by three experiences of God as his loving "Abba", first as a 12-year old during his first pilgrimage to Jerusalem, then at the moment of his baptism and today on the peak of mount Tabor when the Father confirms him in his mission and allows him and the three disciples to have a glimpse of the resurrection to come. It is this assurance that his "Abba" is with him that gives Jesus the courage to go through show-trials and torture and accept the agony and shame of a criminal's death on the cross. The certainty of God's love gives him the strength to forgive when he is rejected by his people, betrayed by his friends and in the end seemingly abandoned by his "Abba".

What does all this teach us? Spiritual "highs" such as the vision of the transfigured Christ do not last, even if we, like Peter, want them to go on forever. We are as wrong as young couples who believe that their honeymoon will last for life. From any spiritual peak experience we will have to come down to the level of daily life and at times we are invited to walk with Him to Jerusalem. The spiritual experiences are to give us strength for times of trials and darkness so that we can carry on trusting God even when we no longer feel His presence.

Fr Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr



**Summer daylight-saving time starts on March 30th.
Don't forget to advance your clock by one hour,
otherwise, you will only make it to Coffee Hour!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 16th: 69

Collection: Friends: €127.93

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

- **Taizé prayer and singing** in the Alte Dorfkirche, Zehlendorf Mitte on Thursday, March 27th. Singing starts at 6:30 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

- We would like to thank all the **volunteers** who made our annual **Saint Patrick's Day** celebration an unforgettable event!
- We congratulate **Fr Klaus Mertes SJ** for being awarded with the "2014 Herbert Haag Prize for Freedom in the Church".
- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.

Sunday, March 30th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Jun Ocampo SVD

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

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm, Erik Walton and Gwendolyn Walton •

Hospitality: Rückeis Family • The designated collection on March 30th is for All Saints.

Many of the **designated collections** are for special purposes of the Archdiocese of Berlin. All Saints supports these initiatives and transfers this money in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support from the Archdiocese. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. 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. **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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