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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.

April 6, 2014 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14 • Psalm 130:1-8 • Romans 8:8-11 • John 11:1-45

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

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée and Celso Menjares •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Philip, Madeleine and Samantha Rückeis •

Hospitality: Rückeis Family • The designated collection is for Misereor.

Spiritual blindness

Jesus healed a blind man; the Pharisees, instead of rejoicing, turned the event into a controversy by choosing to look at Jesus through colored eyeglasses: "This man is not from God, in fact he is a sinner." But the blind man saw differently: "How could he be a sinner, he cured me" but he was insulted by the Pharisees: "You were born blind and brought up in sin – and you are trying to lecture on us?"

We may be like the Pharisees – *wearing colored eyeglasses* – having our eyes open, but walking in darkness. There are times when we judge good acts of others wrongly because we are locked in our own preconceived views about them. If they behave differently, we criticize them instead of seeing the good in them. We may view them as opponents, enemies or competitors instead of well-meaning people with whom we can relate or work with. When we are in their presence, we feel threatened and distracted due to our human differences in character, personalities, looks and likes which can ruin our relationships.

Each of us is created in God's image – this is the only fundamental aspect that can conceal these differences. Even the person you dislike the most is an "image and likeness of God." God loves that person in the same way he loves you. Jesus died for us so God can forgive and have mercy on us. When we fail to realize God's image and likeness in those people, we are no better than the Pharisees who misjudged Jesus and the blind man. This is a **Spiritual Blindness** and it is a far greater tragedy than having been born blind.

The blind man received two cures. The first cure was physical when he regained his sight. The second cure was when he recognized Jesus as a prophet and Lord with a deeper understanding of faith: **from sight to insight**. From a blind beggar, he transformed into a disciple who witnessed Jesus. We all need the second cure: moving from sight to insight and having our faith transform us into disciples of Christ.

Today, may we all receive the healing of our spiritual blindness from Jesus. May we see God's image and likeness in our brothers and sisters and see the goodness in others. May we recognize Jesus' forgiveness through the absolution in the Sacrament of Penance. May we recognize the Lord Jesus Christ among us in the host of bread raised in Consecration and receive Him as food and source of strength so that we may be ready to witness for Him in our life.

Fr Jun Ocampo SVD

Holy Father's prayer intentions for April 2014

Ecology and Justice: That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

Hope for the Sick: That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 30th: 82

Collection: Friends: €141.15

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

- **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.
- April 13, 10 am **Palm Sunday** – All Saints. Holy Mass begins with the **blessing of the palms** in the Community Hall. We then proceed together into the church. **Please come early.**
- April 17, 7 pm **Holy Thursday** – St Bernhard's
- April 18, 3 pm **Holy Friday** – All Saints
- April 19, 7 pm **Easter Vigil** – St Albert's
- April 20, 10 am **Easter Sunday** – All Saints, followed by our annual Easter egg hunt directly after Mass.

Palm Sunday, April 13th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Lectors: Ruby Schmidt, Rachel Rückeis, Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée, Celso and Levina Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Eric and Gwendolyn Walton • Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The designated collection on April 13th is for the Holy Land.

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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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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