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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.

May 25, 2014 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 • Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20 • 1 Peter 3:15-18 • John 14:15-21

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

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer,
Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm,
Hanna Mei Doeringer • Hospitality: Thomas & Josephine Schmidt •
The designated collection is for the Deutschen Katholikentag.

“Either-or” approaches are not Catholic

The Catholic theologian Charles Curran wrote: *"The Catholic approach to theology is characterized by 'both-and' rather than 'either-or'."* The Vatican II council fundamentally changed the Church's "either-or" approach 50 years ago by replacing the strictly vertical hierarchy with the "both-and" approach. This emphasized that all members of the Church are *"people of God"* and the Church was encouraged to look and act horizontally. The Acts of the Apostles give a good example. Greek widows are experiencing difficulties with Aramaic-speaking food distributors (Acts 6:1-7): they fear to be disadvantaged in the daily food distribution. The Twelve appoint seven new distributors – all Greek. The problem was not solved by imposing a solution "from above", but by a horizontal approach: letting those who had the problem solve the problem.

The faith in the importance of everyone in the community was later reinforced by the first letter of the apostle Peter (1 Peter 2:4-9). *"You are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises' of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* Jesus provides us with an even more confidence-building image (John 14:1-12). During his Last Supper discourse, he amazed all around the table with the promise: *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater than these, because I am going to the Father."* According to John's theology, we all become priests by baptism and are committed to carrying on Christ's ministry. The formula at baptism says: *"As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life."* All baptized Christians share in Christ's priestly, kingly, and prophetic responsibilities. Jesus promises that we will do *"greater"* things than he accomplished: 60 years after his death and resurrection his followers took his ministry far beyond Palestine's confines. Today we are not only carrying on his ministry, but we are expanding it to much larger areas than at the Last Supper. A hierarchy alone could never have accomplished such a feat. The both-and approach enables us to be true to the first Christians' message.

Jesus said: *"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places"*. At the time of voting for the European parliament, the European Union's motto *"unity in diversity"* must also be true for the Church, the family of Christ.

cf <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/may-22-2011-fifth-sunday-easter>

Wolfgang Felber SJ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on May 18th: 44

Collection: Friends: €156.56, Pro Vita: €26.56

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

- June 29th: Annual Summer **Barbecue**.

Notes

- We are in great need of a **Hospitality Volunteer Coordinator(s)**. Both **Lupita** and **Levina** will be stepping down in July after many years of service. We would like to warmly thank them both for their continued commitment to our community. If you are interested in taking over the position, please contact Heide or Vanessa. The primary function of this position is to coordinate volunteers for hospitality throughout the year.
- **Lectors:** The June through July lector schedule has been distributed via email and is available in the Sacristy and the Office.
- 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.
- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.
- Please visit our website at <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1st, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée, Celso and Levina Menjares •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: N. N., N. N. • Hospitality: N. N. •

The designated collection on June 1st is for the 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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