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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.

September 14, 2014 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9 • Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-38 • Philippians 2:6-11 • John 3:13-17

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Clemens Pfaff

Lector: Christian Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Aidan, Hanna Mei & Tait Doeringer • Hospitality: Barbecue • The designated collection is for Church Media.

King Solomon's special request to God

King Solomon's wisdom is proverbial. He was the son of David and became king although he was not the elder son. His mother and the prophet Nathan were intrigued for Solomon to be made king. According to the bible, he reigned for forty years – *“for a very long time, for a generation”*. Solomon's reign was peaceful; he had the first temple built in Jerusalem and modernized the kingdom. After his death the kingdom split in two.

Solomon was mainly concerned with his people. *“Give your servant an understanding heart to judge, to govern your people and to distinguish right from wrong. – Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right and wrong. Then I will know how to rule your people. If you don't, there is no way I could rule this great nation of yours”*. (1 Kings 3:9). Not asking for power or material goods is typical for a wise person. God answers: *“Ask something of me and I will give it to you”*. Solomon does not ask anything for himself, instead he asks for something which he can use to serve others. Would we also do the same if asked?

Do we see personalities like Solomon today in the US, Europe, or elsewhere? Do we see politicians and people who put the common good before self-interests and are interested in *“the big project of a just society”*? We must include our Church and its leaders. Power, special interests and lobbying by different groups all play an important role. Do we still see the *“pearl”* the gospel presents us, the *“treasure from the field”*? Or is the pearl hidden behind ecclesial lobbies and particular interests within the Church?

Am I unselfish enough to desire gifts or talents that can be put at the service of others? Paul says in the letter to the Romans: *“God has always known who his chosen ones would be. He had decided to let them become like his own Son, so that his Son would be the first of many children.”* (Rom 8:29) What is my relationship to God? Do I try to become a brother or a sister to others? And finally: Where do I invest my energies? Do I look for the *treasure in the field* or do I resign myself to be *“thrown away with the bad fish”* as the gospel says (Mt 13:48)?

Wolfgang Felber SJ

Please join us for the Fall Barbecue after Mass today

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 28TH
FOLLOWED BY A FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION HOSPITALITY!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 7th: 86

Collection: Friends € 362

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

- We will begin the **Children's Liturgy** on **September 28th** for children 7 and younger followed by a special Fall Harvest Celebration during hospitality! Be ready to fish or bob for apples!
- Please note that the **Berlin Marathon** is taking place on September 28th. Although the Avus highway and Hüttenweg will not directly be affected, traffic disruptions can be expected. Please allow a longer travel time to reach All Saints on this morning.

Notes

- A special thanks to Heide and all helpers for our **Annual Fall Family Bazaar** on September 7th which was an exceptional success and the 'help from above' for the favorable!
- We wish God's blessing to **Cardinal Woelki** in his new assignment in Cologne. May God's guidance help his future work for our Church.
- Congratulations to Cheyenne, Julia and Josephine for receiving their Girl Scout Bronze Award! For the award, the girls organized a fundraiser and used the funds to purchase art supplies and craft materials for a children's program at the Hauptbahnhof refugee center.

September 21st, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Isabella Gneist, Dylan Schmidt • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm • The designated collection on September 21st is for Caritas.

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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