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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 21, 2014 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9 • Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 • Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a • Matthew 20:1-16a

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is 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 today is for Caritas.

The Exaltation of the Cross

According to tradition, Empress Helen found the true cross of our Lord in Jerusalem on September 14th in 320. Her Son, Emperor Constantine, had the Church of the Holy Sepulcher built on this spot. It was consecrated with a great celebration and September 14th became the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, or Exaltation of the Cross, meaning holding up the cross. There are good reasons to celebrate such a feast today.

First: The cross is the sign of Jesus' death. One day, we will also have to cope with our death. Looking at the cross, we discover that attempts to suppress death are an attack on life. It is through death that life gains depth, uniqueness and irrevocability. Holding up the cross means to live with contradictions by reflecting on Christ's death: salvation on the cross and life in death.

Second: The cross is a symbol of freedom. God gives us freedom to decide to be for or against him. We begin to understand that suffering is the price for freedom. In human experience, he who suffers has compassion and love for God. Holding up the cross as a symbol of freedom means that God's love for mankind can be found in the cross. We'll learn to live with the contradiction that a man nailed to the cross redeems me and the one laid on the cross helps me rise. God cares about me and is full of compassion.

Finally: The cross is a sign of protest. We are redeemed and liberated from this world's reality. The cross "calls me up" against suffering, injustice and evil. This freedom given as a free gift allows us to live as the one lived who died on the cross, by obstructing the intrigues of the powerful, by protesting against those that cause suffering. Holding up the cross as a sign of protest means that I speak up for those who are being laid down on the cross and mistreated.

Even if the cross remains a mystery, it accompanies us through life. Even if living up to its challenge is difficult, we might realize that the cross is the biggest plus in our life. It is an asset because it shows a perspective beyond all failure and defeat.

Fr Clemens Pfaff

Children's Liturgy beginning on September 28th,

followed by a Fall Harvest Celebration!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 14th: 117 Collection: Friends €171, Church media: €9.25

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

- **Children's Liturgy** begins on **September 28th** for children 7 and younger, followed by a special **Fall Harvest Celebration!** Be ready to fish or bob for apples! There will be prizes! Please bring a baked good for Hospitality using your favorite seasonal ingredient!
- Please note that the **Berlin Marathon** is taking place on September 28th. The Avus highway and Hüttenweg are not directly affected, but traffic disruptions can be expected. Please allow a longer travel time to reach All Saints.
- **Taizé prayer and singing** in the Alte Dorfkirche, Zehlendorf Mitte on Thursday, September 25th. Singing starts at 6:30 pm.

Notes

- A special thanks to Konrad, Lupita, our Grill Meisters, Jost and Christian, and all of the helpers who made the **Annual Fall Barbecue** an unforgettable event!
- Congratulations to our Boy Scout Troop 46 "Freedom Outpost" for celebrating their 60th anniversary in Berlin!

September 28th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Renée Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Niels and Josephine Waliszewski • Hospitality: Rose Oruga and Vanessa • Designated collection on September 28th is for All Saints.

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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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