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## ***Catholic Community***

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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.

### **November 16, 2014 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 • Psalm 128:1-5 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 • Matthew 5:14-30**

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

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •  
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Karoline Stein • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •  
Designated collection today is for Diaspora Sunday.

#### **You are the Temple of God and the Spirit of God Dwells in You**

For 300 years, Christians did not pray or break bread in churches but did so in their homes. Roman Emperor Constantine, after recognizing Christianity as an official religion, built the first church in Rome: the Lateran Basilica. Today we remember the dedication of "the mother of all churches". The Lateran Basilica, not St. Peter, is the cathedral of the bishop of Rome, the Pope. Since, Christians have built many churches, often being the biggest and most beautiful buildings in town with stained-glass windows, art and a tall tower pointing to heaven. They were meant to serve as a meeting place for the Christian community and as a symbol of the heavenly Jerusalem. Churches are a reminder in the business of daily life that we are destined for a more wonderful world.

We build churches out of stones and bricks to honor God, but God builds a Church out of living stones: people. "You are God's building," Paul tells the Corinthians. The community of believers is the Church and it does not matter whether they pray in a home, a grass hut or a cathedral, as long as they are spiritually alive and have Jesus as the cornerstone of their community. Without a shared living faith in Jesus, the Christian community would be merely a social club or a human organization.

This is illustrated in a powerful scene in Zeffirelli's film *Jesus of Nazareth*. As Jesus dies on the cross in the company of Mary and "the disciple", the camera moves over an empty temple which is normally crowded with people bringing offerings and priests sacrificing animals. The presence of God has moved from a splendid building of the Temple to Jesus who became the new temple. Jesus Christ, dead and risen, becomes the meeting point with God. In the Gospel we heard how he predicted this. "Destroy this temple and I will rebuild it in three days." His listeners thought of the building, but the Evangelist John comments, "But he was speaking of the temple of his body."

The body of Christ, dead and risen, is the new temple. In him the fullness of God dwells. In him we encounter God. And if we believe in him we, too, share in the gift of His Spirit. We, too, became a temple of God. "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth. This is the foundation of human dignity. Not our intellectual or physical gifts, not our social status, not our achievements give us our identity and our dignity. It is the fact that God has given us His Spirit to dwell in our hearts and so made us a temple of God. "God's temple is holy and you are that temple." If we believe this, we know who we are and no longer depend on what others say or think about us.

**Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr**

**Today: Friends of All Saints annual membership meeting after Mass.**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> 6 pm: All Saints Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on November 9th: 105

Collections: Friends €185.79, St. Hedwig's €30.82

*Visiting All Saints for the first time? Please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you and join us after Mass for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!*

**November 23rd, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ**

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Dylan Schmidt • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

Designated collection on November 23rd is for All Saints.

***Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints.***

## Mark your Calendars – lots going on!

### NOVEMBER

- **Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** –The **All Saints THANKSGIVING POTLUCK** begins at **6 pm**. We need volunteers for set-up, clean-up & cooking turkeys. SERVICE HOUR opportunity for the youth! See Konrad after Mass to sign-up and/or help.
- **Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** followed by a special hospitality!
- **Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** – **Christmas tree** set-up & decoration. Help is welcome!
- **Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** – **LIFT Youth Group: "Voices of Gratitude" Thanksgiving Concert & Reception** at ACB at 6 pm. Proceeds benefit the ACB food distribution with the Berliner Tafel. Following, enjoy homemade pumpkin soup and American-style dessert reception. Ticket purchase online or at the door (5 euros youth/10 euros adults). Doors open at 5 pm.

### DECEMBER

- **Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **"Living" Advents Calendar Christmas Caroling**. Join us for some holiday cheer! Meeting at 5.45 pm at All Saints. We will host members of the St. Otto & Herz Jesu Community for Christmas Caroling on their daily pilgrimage spreading Christmas joy. We will warm up with Gluehwein, hot chocolate, hot dogs, cake and Christmas cookies.
- **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** – **LIFT Youth Group: Hanukkah Celebration** with the Jewish Community for kids ALL AGES -games, music and food from 6 pm to 8.30 pm at All Saints.
- **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** – **LIFT Family Christmas Carol Singing** at 3 pm at the Senior Citizens' Residence in Steglitz. More info soon. SERVICE HOUR opportunity for the youth!
- **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** – **Children's Liturgy** followed by a Christmas-themed hospitality!

## Other Announcements

- We would like to invite the children and youth to participate in the **Annual Christmas Pageant** on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. We will need ushers, altar servers, lectors, singers, musicians & actors! Please contact Katharine (kcdoeringer@gmail.com) or Lynn (brindanyc@aol.com)
- **Cross Bearer/Altar Server volunteers** are still being sought for November and December. Please see Buck. The doodle link to sign-up: <http://doodle.com/u548zq3xq8k92qsd>
- **Hospitality volunteers** needed for **November 30th** and **December 28th**. Our current volunteers are burning out. Please consider volunteering alone or in a team of friends!
- **Support our children and youth programs! RAFFLE** for a new **Samsung Galaxy Tab4 tablet** at the Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck on **November 22nd** at All Saints. Even if you do not need one, consider making it a Christmas gift and support our programs! Raffle tickets available today after Mass and at the Potluck as well. More information in the Fellowship Hall after Mass.

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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