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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.

December 7, 2014 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 • Psalm 85:9-10, 11-14 • 2 Peter 3:8-14 • Mark 1:1-8

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

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

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Niels and Josephine Waliszewski •

Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Today's designated collection is for Orphans.

Be Spiritually Awake

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Paris, on a nonstop flight of over 33 hours. To prepare himself for this ordeal, he often refused to go to bed. Jesus says to his disciples, "Be watchful! Be alert! Remain awake." He did not mean for the disciples to remain awake like Lindbergh. Jesus left them for an unknown period of time and gave tasks and responsibilities. He said: "Watch therefore, you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at dawn, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

What Jesus means today is that we should be "spirituality awake". He wakes us our thought that there is something far greater: living in the light of eternity. Life is a gift, but it also a responsibility. The way we live in this life will determine whether we will inherit eternal life in the Lord's Kingdom. For a Christian to remain spirituality awake in this life means to be able to recognize the Lord and be willing to receive him at any time. Recognition is crucial because he does not always come in easily recognizable ways. When he came as a human baby at Bethlehem or as a needy and disadvantaged person, people did not recognize him. Christ comes into our lives in the form of ordinary people and events. It will be useless for us to recognize him on the Last Day if we have not recognized and served him every day. At the Last Judgment, the condemned regret that they didn't recognize him.

What does recognizing and serving Christ day by day mean?

- It means seeing Jesus in every person we encounter. This comes easily when we like that person and when we don't, it is hard. Try to see Jesus in that person and in Jesus' name you can even forgive him.
- Jesus comes into our lives not only through the joyful events, but also through the pains, sorrows, or crisis. See Jesus on the cross as helping you and working a great blessing for you. Choose to be happy. Jesus is with you.

There will always be many opportunities for people through wChrist to come to you. But you can only recognize Christ's coming into your life, when you are spiritually awake. Staying spiritually awake is about more than just crossing the Atlantic Ocean. It's about crossing this life into eternity.

Fr. Jun Ocampo SVD

Please join us after Mass for a special Hanukkah-themed Hospitality!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on November 30th: 85

Collections: Friends €96.76, Caritas €6

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

December 14th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm •
Hospitality: Heide Doblhofer • Designated collection on December 14th is for All Saints.

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

DECEMBER AT ALL SAINTS

TODAY, Sunday, December 7th - ADVENT CAROLING at the Seniorenpflegeheim Bergstrasse!
Help spread the seasonal joy to those in need. Meeting at the residence on Altmarkstr. 27 in Steglitz at 3.30 pm. Service hour opportunity.

Sunday, December 7th – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR with homemade crafts and gifts for sale from 11.00 am to 3 pm at Herz Jesu Catholic Church on Riemierstrasse 2 in Zehlendorf-Mitte.

Sunday, December 14th - Children's Liturgy during Mass. Special hospitality!

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

December 24th - Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant at 3 pm

December 24th - Midnight Mass starting at 9.30 pm with Christmas carols followed by a 10 pm Mass

We would like to invite the children and youth to participate in the **Annual Christmas Pageant** on Dec. 24th at 3 pm. We will rehearse **every Sunday after Mass at 11:10 in the Small Chapel**. There are only three weeks before Christmas so we would like **all of the actors with speaking parts to come to every rehearsal**. Of course, non-speaking actors are also welcome. We will need ushers, altar servers, lectors, singers, musicians & actors! Please contact Katharine (kctdoeringer@gmail.com) or Lynn (brindanyc@aol.com)

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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