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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.

## **December 28, 2014 The Holy Family**

**Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 • Psalms 105:1-6, 8-9 • Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 • Luke 2:22-40**

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

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •  
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm •

Hospitality: Donna Diaz • Designated collection on December 28th is for All Saints.

### **Sit back and reflect on the good things God has done for us**

We often want to “*do good things for God*” such as make the world a better place and imitate the example of Jesus or of people who live as good Christians. At times, it’s also correct to *sit back and reflect on what good things God has done for us, even before we start doing good things for God*. King David discovers this aspect of faith in a powerful way (II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16). He intends to build Yahweh a house; but Yahweh plans to build David and his family a house by promising him a dynasty. “*Yahweh spoke to Nathan and said, Go tell my servant David, Thus says Yahweh: Should you build me a house to dwell in? ... Yahweh reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I shall raise up an heir for you ... . Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.*” Quite a turnabout!

Gabriel’s annunciation to Mary is the classic story where God works in the life of ordinary human beings (Luke 1:26-38). Annunciations can be found in the Holy Scripture and help us understand the importance of events. Not only does this message provide us with the meaning of Mary’s unique pregnancy, it also helps us understand our own uniqueness. Gabriel greets Mary: “*Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you*”. No wonder that Mary is “troubled”, we would also be surprised if someone greeted us as like this. The angel quickly adds the details of the virgin’s pregnancy, always stressing what God and the Holy Spirit will do for her.

Mary is only expected to acknowledge and accept what the angel proclaims: “*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*” What Luke says about Mary, he also says about us. He wants us to acknowledge that God and the Spirit are working in us in order to bring Jesus into the world. This may be one of Christmas’s messages: we are those who bring Jesus into the world. At times, it’s OK to *sit back and reflect on what good things God has done for us, even before we start doing good things for God*.

<https://www.dignityusa.org/breath/december-21-2008-fourth-sunday-advent>

**Wolfgang Felber SJ**

## **We wish you Happy New Year!**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on December 21st: 95

Collections: Friends €288.75

**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!

**January 4th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Herbert Gillessen**

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Thomas Schmidt • Designated collection on January 4th is for African Catechists.

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

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, January 10th – LIFT Youth Group.** Join us for a “**MEXICAN FIESTA!**” from 6 pm to 8.30 pm at All Saints. We will watch Walt Disney's "The Tres Caballeros" while munching on popcorn, eat yummy Mexican food, hit the pinata and more! Friends are welcome!

**Sunday, January 11th – Children’s Liturgy** during Mass with a special Three King’s celebration!

**Sunday, January 25th** (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) – **Children’s Liturgy** during Mass

**Other Notes**

**Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.

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.

The **lector schedule** for January and February 2015 has been sent out by email.

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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**All Saints Council:** Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) \* Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) \* Rudolf Hausmann \* Nora Bungert \* Tamás Meggyes \* Marianne Sihotang

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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](http://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>)