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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.

January 4, 2015 The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 • Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2:1-12

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

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Samantha and Madeleine Rückeis •

Hospitality: Thomas Schmidt • Today's designated collection is for African Catechists.

Cohesion within the Holy Family is challenging

Christmas is the family's feast. We give presents to express our love and appreciation to someone, but sometimes only because we feel obliged to. We spend time with people we love and who are important to us. The Sunday after Christmas is the feast of the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and Jesus are the center of our attention. Why do we call them the “Holy Family”?

The first question is: are they a **family**? Is the notion of a family restricted to biological parenthood, or does it include partnership in and a network of relations? In this broader definition, the quality of the relations is what matters – and Joseph, Mary and Jesus were indeed a family. Why do we call them “**Holy**” Family? Are they holy because they fled their country, or because Joseph stayed with Mary in spite of the unclear origin of her child? Was Jesus Mary's only son or did she have children with her husband Joseph? The term Holy Family has something to do with the quality of their relations. The relation between Joseph and Mary underwent a deep crisis: ...unclear origin of the child, flight to a foreign country, material hardship and deprivation, persecution of the child, uncertain future. And yet, their relation to each other and God matured through this long crisis and they listened to what God told them. Obviously, they needed time to recognize their child as the fruit of God's Spirit and His messenger for the salvation of humankind. The quality of the relations within the Holy Family is extraordinary both at **human** and **religious level**. They become increasingly aware that God is the center of their family, which keeps them together and gives them strength to withstand all the pressures from within and without.

We can ask ourselves: what quality do our relations within our families, with our friends, colleagues and at All Saints have? The key is how God links me to my family, my friends and All Saints' members. Is God the focus of my relations and do I see others as an image of God? The cohesion and solidarity within the Holy Family is challenging. In times of crisis, would I be able to remain true to myself and to the people I have been entrusted with? Would my bonds really grow and mature as those of Mary and Joseph did? This is one of the challenging messages of Christmas which invites us to identify the power that breathes life and quality into our relations.

Wolfgang Felber SJ

Happy New Year!

Holy Father's prayer intentions for January 2015

Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

For evangelization: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on December 28th: 79

Collections: Friends €460.57

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 11th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

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

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm •

Hospitality: Vanessa/Frigga • Designated collection on January 11th is for All Saints.

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 our ACB friends 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! Please **RSVP** to Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com)

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

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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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>)