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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.

March 8, 2015 Third Sunday of Lent

The readings are (*Missalette* p 68 ff): Ex 20:1-17 • Ps 19:8-11 • 1 Cor 1:22-25 • Jn 2:13-25

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Clemens Pfaff

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Thomas Donovan •

Gift Bearers: Donovan Family (Katja, Michael and Patrick Donovan) •

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

Pope at Santa Marta: Judge not

It is easy to judge others, but we can only progress on our Christian journey in life if we are capable of judging ourselves first, said Pope Francis at Monday morning Mass in Casa Santa Marta. The readings focused on the subject of mercy. The Pope, recalling that "we are all sinners" said that the ability to judge oneself is "a Christian virtue, indeed more than a virtue": the first step for those who want to be Christians:

"We are all masters, professors of self-justification: 'No it wasn't me, it's not my fault, maybe yes, but not so much...that's not the way it is...'. We all have an alibi to explain our shortcomings, our sins, and we often put on a face that says "I do not know,"...'I didn't do it, maybe someone else did' an innocent face. "This is no way to lead a Christian life". "It's easier to blame others" - observed the Pope - but "something strange happens if we try to behave differently: If we begin to look at the things we are capable of doing, at first we feel bad, we feel disgust", yet this in turn "gives us peace and makes us healthy".

Pope Francis continued, "when I feel envy in my heart and I know that this envy is capable of speaking ill of others and morally assassinating them", this is "the wisdom of judging oneself". "If we do not learn this first step, we will never be able to take other steps on the road of our Christian life, of our spiritual life": "The first step is to judge ourselves. Without saying anything out loud. Between you and your conscience. Walking down the street, I pass by a prison and say: "Well, they deserve it" - "Yet do you know that if it weren't for the grace of God you would be there? Did you ever think that you are capable of doing the things that they have done, even worse?" This is what judging yourself means, not hiding from the roots of sin that are in all of us, the many things we are capable of doing, even if we cannot see them".

"To You, Lord, our God, mercy and forgiveness. Shame on me and to You mercy and forgiveness". This Lent, it would do us all good to have this dialogue with the Lord: self-accusation. Let us ask for mercy. In the Gospel Jesus is clear: "Be merciful as your Father is merciful". When one learns to accuse oneself first then we are merciful to others: "But, who am I to judge, if I am able to do things that are worse?" The phrase: "Who am I to judge another?" obeys Jesus' exhortation: "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven". Instead, it highlights - "how we like to judge others, to speak ill of them". The Pope stressed another virtue: Shame before God, in a kind of dialogue in which we recognize the shame of our sin and the greatness of God's mercy:

"May the Lord, in this Lent - said the Pontiff - give us the grace to learn to judge ourselves" in the knowledge that we are capable "of the most evil things" and say, "Have mercy on me, Lord, help me to be ashamed and grant me mercy, so I may be merciful to others".

Source: 2015-03-02 Vatican Radio

Today, we have Children's Liturgy during Mass!

Holy Father's prayer intentions for March 2015

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church be recognized always.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 1: 86

Collections: Friends €170.30

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!

March 15th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Joe Duggan SJ (Manchester, UK)

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Aidan Brinda, Ava Brinda • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection on March 15th is for All Saints.

UPCOMING DATES

The guided scripture study to mark the season of Lent has begun! **"Living as Christians"** focuses on excerpts from the 1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians and materials from the "Six Weeks with the Bible" – Catholic Perspectives program.

March Dates: Mondays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Time: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

Location: All Saints at Hüttenweg

You do not need to attend all sessions! Self-study packets will be sent via email. If you would like to participate, please contact Jenny Gebhardt (Tel. 847 100 73).

Next Children's Liturgy: Sunday March 22nd

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK!

Saturday, March 14th starting at 6:00 pm

'cause everyone is Irish on St. Paddy's Day!

Don't miss out! Sign up after Mass.

**Hüttenweg Interfaith Spring Cleaning -
Saturday, March 21, 10 am - 4 pm.**

We will clean the Community Hall, kitchen & Chapel. Please bring your own cleaning materials.

**WORLD CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY
Saturday, March 28th, 2:30 pm to 6 pm
at St. Matthias' in Schöneberg**

We are a world church! Join in the celebration. This event is for youth starting in 4th grade and older. We would like to send a delegation of English-speaking Catholic youth representing the different age groups. Contact: Vanessa - vhansen980@hotmail.com

Pilgrimage to Rome in October 2015!

The Berlin diocese is planning a pilgrimage during the 2015 October fall break. Please see Buck or Vanessa for more info. For example, the subsidy for children also applies if you make your own travel arrangements!

Support All Saints through our fundraising site at www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin at no extra cost to yourself. Shop at one of more than 1500 online shops through this website, and All Saints receives a donation from the online shop for every transaction you make. The funds collected this way will go toward supporting our community life, such as our hospitality ministry.

Please continue to donate to our community by using the **"ALL SAINTS FUND"** envelopes and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account below. We are completely **dependent upon your donations**. THANK YOU!

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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>)