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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.

April 12, 2015 Second Sunday of Easter

The readings are (*Missalette* p 83 ff): Acts 4:32-35 • Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 • Col 3:1-4 • 1 Jn 5:1-6

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Lector: Christian Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Ava Brinda, Aidan Brinda, Conrad Chisolm •

Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen • Designated collection: Diaspora.

To die as Jesus did means to give oneself to or for others

Today, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. But is the resurrection simply an historical event that put God's seal of approval on the ministry and teachings of Jesus? If yes, we probably don't understand the significance of today's celebration nor the meaning of the resurrection.

It's easy to confuse resurrection with resuscitation. Simply spoken: we presume someone dies and comes back to life with the help of doctors. But the resuscitated individual is still basically the same person he or she was before dying. Resurrection is quite different. Technically, Jesus is the only person in the gospels who rises from the dead. As Saint Paul put it, rising to become a "new creation". St Paul once reminded the Galatians that, unlike the historical Jesus, the risen Jesus isn't a Jew nor a Gentile, slave nor a free being, man nor woman: He is a completely a unique person and our experiences of Him are just as unique.

Perhaps that's why in today's Acts (Acts 10:34a, 37-43), Luke has Peter tell the soon-to-be-baptized Cornelius: *"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."* Somehow Peter and his friends have had an experience of the risen Jesus - an experience the unbelievers of the risen Jesus have never had. Only after encountering this new creation can they preach the good news of the presence of the risen Jesus to others. In order to experience the risen Jesus alive in our midst, we have to have faith that the risen Jesus is in our midst. Is this a paradox?

The author of John (John 20:1-9) presumes such faith isn't necessarily an instant phenomenon. This faith takes longer to appear for some than others. In today's gospel, for instance, Mary of Magdala believes that Jesus' body has been stolen after discovering the tomb is empty. Peter and the Beloved Disciple, on the other hand, immediately conclude that the missing body means that Jesus has risen from the dead

Yet, the writer of the letter to the Colossians (3:1-4) makes a statement about the resurrection with which all early Christians would agree: *"Since you became alive again, when Christ arose from the dead, now set your sights on the rich treasures and joys of heaven... You should have as little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in heaven with Christ and God"*. Only those who die with Christ experience the risen Christ. The risen Jesus doesn't unexpectedly walk into our living room one day and announce, "Here I am!" As Christians we presume that the risen Jesus is always here among us, working effectively in our daily lives. But Christ's presence only becomes evident, when we die as he died: that means when we give oneself to or for others. We should only commemorate what happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday morning 2000 years ago, but what happens to us when we join him by becoming like him every day.

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

Today we have Children's Liturgy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on April 5: 137

Collections: Friends €507.45

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!

April 19th, Third Sunday of Easter, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Samantha Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Thomas Donovan, Michael Donovan, Madeleine Rückeis • Hospitality: Beata Lukaszewska • Designated collection: All Saints.

On Monday, March 30th, our Lenten Scripture Study program wrapped up with its sixth and final session. Starting with the week of Ash Wednesday, a group of 9-10 people from the communities at All Saints and the Catholic Academy met each week to read and discuss an excerpt from 1 Corinthians. The overarching theme connecting all six excerpts was „Living As Christians“ – reflecting on what the excerpts have to say about what it means to be a part of a Christian community and how we relate to each other. At the end, participants gave clear feedback that they felt the program had led both to a better understanding of parts of 1 Corinthians, as well as personal spiritual enrichment. Jenny Gebhardt

UPCOMING DATES

APRIL Children's Liturgy:
Sunday, April 12th & 26th

All Saints Council: Today after Mass.

Thank you to Marianne Sihotang for a wonderful Easter hospitality!

MAY CROWNING **Sunday,**
May 10th

May will be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all mothers! All Saints is planning a special celebration during Sunday Mass on **May 10th** preceded by a 30-minute **May Crowning** ceremony in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel starting at 9:30 am in which the statue of Mary will be blessed and crowned with flowers. Music, a reading with a short reflection and a procession will complete the ceremony. During Mass, mothers will also receive a blessing and flowers to honor them. **Brian Wasileski** has kindly agreed to support on the guitar! There will be a brief **rehearsal** on **May 9th**. Participation of the May Crowning is for **children and youth of all ages**. Interested in helping? Contact Jenny (jgebhar@yahoo.com) or Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com)

LIFT – Living in Faith Together

קלעזמער Klezmer Concert
Guitar and Vocals with Tania Alon
Sunday, April 26th at 6.30 pm at Huettenweg

Join us for this family event of Yiddish songs accompanied by Klezmer music on guitar! Klezmer is a musical tradition of the Ashkenazi Jews of Eastern Europe consisting of dance tunes and instrumental pieces for celebrations. And learn a little Yiddish too!

Yiddish snacks and refreshments following the concert. Suggested donation: 2 euros per person.

RSVP by Friday, April 24th: vhansen980@hotmail.com

Pilgrimage to Rome- October 2015! Please see Buck or Vanessa for more info. Reserve your tickets for the audience with Pope Francis! Tickets are limited and going fast!

THANK YOU! The first 200 euro donation has been transferred from our Bildungsspender fundraising account!

Please **CONTINUE** to support **All Saints Community Life** through our fundraising site at www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin at no extra cost. It's easy! 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.

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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>)