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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.

## **May 31, 2015 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

**Readings: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 • Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 • Rom 8:14-17 • Mt 28:16-20**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Jun Ocampo SVD**

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: N.N., N.N. • Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection: All Saints.

### **The Spirit of discernment favors unity in diversity**

Pentecost is the feast of the Church. The first disciples, male and female, were shaken by the Holy Spirit. For the young community of the friends of Jesus this was a confirmation that they were on the right way. Confirmation in the sense of "sacrament", but also in the sense of "proof and evidence". A confirmation of what they were experiencing and doing. A confirmation that gave joy and energy and dynamics to what they were doing.

Joy and energy and dynamics cannot be confined behind closed doors, they need the open space. Although sometimes silent moments are also necessary to recharge joy and energy and dynamics. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church;

Pentecost links the Church to a mission: "Go out and make God's spirit visible and touchable among your fellow human beings!" Make God's spirit visible by loving yourselves, by loving your neighbor, by loving God, and by loving your enemy. This mission is to develop a dynamics, energy, an enthusiasm so that faith and trust in God can spread among all people and among all peoples.

Whoever leaves a room with locked doors, whoever leaves his or her comfort zones becomes vulnerable and even assailable. So discernment is necessary – and discernment is a gift of the Spirit: to discern between the Spirit that comes from God and the spirit that does not come from God. And this means that the Spirit that comes from God helps us dealing with plurality, with diversity, the Spirit that comes from God helps us to avoid simplification and uniformization and indoctrination. The Spirit that comes from God helps us to live unity in diversity – in the Church, in our families, in our states and societies.

If we look at our Church, our families, our states and societies – what spirit do we see at work? The spirit that favors unity in diversity or the spirit that favors uniformity? To remain open for discernment is not an easy task. It is easier to rely on prejudices; it is easier to judge by generalizing, it is easier to apply general verdicts than to be open to change oneself, to be open to adjust oneself to what happens.

Discernment starts by saying "no" to what has been taught for centuries, what has been indoctrinated for decades. Discernment starts with the courage to speak up, to speak up against hypocrisy also in our own Church. Discernment starts with the courage to think for yourself and to put oneself in the position of others and to speak the language of the other so that we can understand each other. Pentecost did not bring one language, one uniform and standardized language for all – no, each and everyone could hear the others in his or her own language.

The Holy Spirit taught the friends of Jesus to speak the language of the other, to speak in such a way that the other can understand, the Holy Spirit taught the friends of Jesus to leave their narrowness, to conquer fear by the help of God. Pentecost is the coronation of Easter, it helps us cope with diversity and it helps us avoid simplifications and tendencies towards uniformization.

**Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ**

**Today we have Children's Liturgy.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on May 24: 89

Collections: Friends €127.83, Renovabis: €16

**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!

**June 7th, Corpus Christi, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Herbert Gillessen**

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: N.N., N.N. • Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection: Caritas.

## UPCOMING DATES

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL SAINTS

All Saints will be offering English-language sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion starting in September 2015. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in May 2016. Parents who would like to pre-register their children are invited to contact Jenny Gebhardt (jgebhar@yahoo.de) or Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) to receive a pre-registration form. We are also taking a poll of families interested in Confirmation classes starting in September 2015. Please contact one of us, if interested!

**We congratulate Fr Clemens Pfaff on his 75th birthday and ask for God's blessing on his further pastoral activity.**



**Next Children's Liturgies:**  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Friends of All Saints Verein Annual Membership Meeting on June 14th after Mass.**  
Please plan on attending!

**Youth Service Recognition Sunday - June 21<sup>st</sup>!**

*Thank You*

We will recognize all of our youth volunteers - Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Gift Bearers - for their valuable service to our community!

**LIFT FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT**  
Date change: **Sunday, June 7th!**



The American Church of Berlin is organizing a family bowling night for the LIFT interfaith youth group on Sunday, June 7th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Berolina Bowling Alley. It will be great fun! RSVP to Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) by Thursday, June 4th.

**[www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin](http://www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin)**

**THANK YOU!** The next 365 EUR donation has been transferred from our Bildungsspender fundraising account, bringing the total this year to 566 EUR! Please **CONTINUE** to support **All Saints Community Life** through our fundraising site at **[www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin](http://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 & All Saints receives a **DONATION** for every transaction made!



**All Saints Summer BBQ**  
after Mass on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
More details coming out soon!

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**Friends of All Saints e.V.** IBAN: DE15 3706 0193 6001 6690 18, BIC: GENODED1PAX

**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>)