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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.

June 7, 2015 Corpus Christi

Readings: Ex 24:3-8 • Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 • Heb 9:11-15 • Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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

Trinity as Interrelationship in Love

We can encounter the three divine Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, each of them working for our Salvation. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus sends us to go into the world and empowers us to make God known as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus says: Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What has been revealed about these three Divine Persons? God is first of all God in a Trinitarian Relationship and this relationship is based on love. St. John says in his letter: God is Love! (1 Jn 4:16) The nature of God is simply Love. He could not do or be otherwise than Love. "For God so loved the world that he sent his Son so that all who believe in Him, [...] might have eternal life." (Jn. 3:16)

There is one more thing very important to every Christian: God, whom we now call Holy Trinity, created us. And out of love He made us in "his own image and likeness". But let us not be mistaken, it is not so much in physical appearance that we are images of and in the likeness of God; it is much more in our behavior and character. It is in the way that we relate to each other, in our relationship with others that we become his image and likeness. I am a Christian and remain a Christian only if my relationship with others is based on and motivated by love because this is how God created us. Each of us bears the image of this Trinitarian God. You have the making of a loving person with compassionate, kindhearted, considerate, forgiving and faithful love. Jesus said at the Last Supper before he died: By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (Jn. 13:35).

If any person has been provoking, disturbing or tempting you not to become that loving person God wanted you to be, do not allow him or her to steal that love from your heart that God gave you at your birth. If someone hates you, does not forgive you or takes revenge, choose to remain a loving, kindhearted, forgiving person. If someone tries to steal your heart's peace, still choose to remain a person of peace and love.

"The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you." This has been the priest's greeting every time we begin our Mass for many years. Let us not take this greeting for granted. It contains all that we believe in in terms of the Holy Trinity: one in three, three in one, the God who is the God of love. For us Christians the most essential aspect of life is that we live what we believe in.

Fr Jun Ocampo SVD



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on May 31: 49

Collections: Friends €49.00

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 14th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Samantha Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Jenny Evans • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: N.N., N.N. • Hospitality: Vanessa Hanse, Thomas Schmidt • Designated collection: All Saints.

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!



Next Children's Liturgies:
June 14th, June 21st

**Youth Service Recognition Sunday -
June 21st!**

Thank You

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

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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** 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!

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

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.



All Saints Summer BBQ
after Mass on Sunday, June 21st.
More details coming out soon!

"Designated collections" are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, the All Saints Catholic Community receives no financial support, so we are completely **dependent upon your donations**. 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 written below. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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>)