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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.

November 8th, 2015 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (*Missalette* p 71 et seqq.): 1 Ki 17:10-16 • Ps 146:7-10 • He 9:24-28 • Mk 12:38-44

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

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog, Jennifer Evans • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Aidan & Ava Brinda • Hospitality: Jennifer • Designated collection: All Saints

Communities are essential for the life the risen Jesus expects us to live

To understand our gospels, we must consider that they were written two to three generations after Jesus' historical ministry. Contrary to popular belief, they are not eyewitness notes. The four evangelists and the communities they addressed had the advantage of living and reflecting on the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst for 30 to 60 years. So when "Jesus' gospel" encourages his followers to do something, they already had been doing it for some time. This particularly applies to Matthew's passage about the beatitudes (**Matthew 5:1-12a**), which is actually a reflection on what the gospel community had experienced during this time. Jesus' message was to reverse our value system which means to "repent". When someone obeyed this command, he or she began to experience God or the risen Jesus working effectively amidst their daily lives. Also, he or she began to experience reality from a completely different perspective: what once brought sadness, now brings joy; what once brought death, now brings life. Poverty no longer brings only pain.

This new way of seeing the world makes us aware of God's presence in everyone we meet and in everything we do. The only way to live a fulfilled, satisfied life is to hunger and thirst for those unique relationships with others which is wished by God. But why would anyone start down such a difficult road? **1 John 3:1-3** provides a motivation: we all want to eventually "be like God" and look at people and things through God's eyes. We long to go beyond the limits this world imposes on us.

Revelation (Rev 7) reminds us that we are not "lone rangers": we are not expected to develop this new lifestyle by ourselves. Many before us and around us have the same "seal of the living God on their foreheads." In our quest to experience God, we're joined by a "great multitude from every nation, race, people and tongue which no one can count." This is why communities are essential elements of the life the risen Jesus expects us to live. The fact that the beatitudes are found in two gospels proves that they became part of the community experiences of second and third generation Christians. The communities of Matthew and Luke could reflect on the things they all had experienced in common when they wanted to be Jesus' friends: they followed the dying Jesus and the risen Jesus. Those experiences united them at the deepest levels. Perhaps our problem is that we still look for these "things" to take place in the future instead of trying to experience and reflect on them right here and now.

cf. <http://www.fosilonline.com/index.php?pagekey=roger>

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

YOUTH IN ACTION – today after Mass with Fr. Schonecke



WELCOME! *Visiting for the first time? Please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from at the end of Mass, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on November 1: 155

Collection: Friends: €290

Guided Scripture Study: "Six Weeks with the Bible" (Catholic Perspectives)



Sundays after Mass (11:15 – ca. 12:00 h) until May 2016. The first six sessions, "**God Makes a Start**," focus on Genesis 1-11. The second series of six sessions, "**Getting to Know Jesus**," focus on the Gospel of Mark. Grab a coffee and join us in the classroom. John Bibby is the facilitator.

Next sessions: **Nov 22nd and Dec 6th.**

Join one or more sessions – Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de.

Advent Scripture Study: The Good News of God's Mercy

To mark the season of Advent and the start of the Year of Mercy, there will be a six-session program on the Gospel of Luke (theme: *The Good News of God's Mercy*) offered Mondays starting November 16th on a weekly basis from 7:30 – 8:45 pm at All Saints.

Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de

Looking ahead to November & December

Nov 15th: Children's Liturgy during Mass
Nov. 21st: All Saints Thanksgiving Potluck
Nov. 21st & 22nd: All Saints Council election
Nov. 27th: Set-up of the Christmas tree
Dec. 6th: Children's Liturgy during Mass
Dec. 6th: Christmas Caroling at Senior Residence
Dec 10th: Advent Caroling at All Saints at 6 pm
Dec 12th: Advent Penitential Service (1st Reconciliation)
Dec. 24th: 3 pm Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant
Dec. 24th: 10 pm Midnight Mass/Caroling at 9.30 pm

Correction: Children's Liturgy will take place on **Sunday, November 15th** during Mass.



Youth in Action is organizing an Advent/Christmas gift drive for a local refugee center. More details coming out soon. Stay tuned!

Our Community Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner is quickly approaching!

To make it a success, we need YOUR help. How? Sign up to bring a tasty side dish or be one of our many volunteers to cook one or more of our turkey breasts. We will also need help setting up the fellowship hall and folks to work in the kitchen...

Interested? Please sign-up with Konrad Giersdorf (table in the Fellowship Hall) after Mass today. Your support makes all the difference in making our All Saints Community a success.

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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>)