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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 15th, 2015 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (*Missalette* p 73 et seq.): Dan 12:1-3 • Ps 16:5, 8-11 • He 10:11-14, 18 • Mk 13:24-32

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

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Jennifer Evans, Heide Doblhofer •

Greeters: Buck Chisolm, Viktor Lohwasser, Josie Luegger • Altar Servers: Madeleine & Samantha Rückeis •

Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection: Diaspora

Our concern for the poor

This year, we remember the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vatican II Council which profoundly changed the Church's life and liturgy. As it drew to a close in 1965, 40 bishops met at night in the Domitilla Catacombs outside Rome. In that holy place, they celebrated the Eucharist and signed a document that expressed their personal commitment as bishops to the ideals of the Council known as the Pact of the Catacombs. They pledged: "We will try to live according to the ordinary manner of our people in terms of housing, food, means of transport... We will renounce the appearance and the substance of wealth forever... We will not possess any properties or other goods in our own names, nor will we have bank accounts or the like..." Later, some 500 fellow-bishops also signed the pledge.

This vision of a poor Church for the poor gave birth to the "theology of liberation" and the "option for the poor" made by the Church in Latin America during the continental bishops conference in Medellin in 1968. This has inspired Pope Francis to live in a simple hotel room, to shun luxurious limousines and to appeal constantly to all Christians "to hear the cry of the poor".

The "Pact of the Catacombs" is a reflection of God's deep concern for the poor expressed throughout the Bible and becomes concrete in Jesus' life. In the Old Testament, there are three groups of people mentioned who had no rights and needed protection and compassion in a patriarchal society: strangers (refugees), widows and orphans. In the first reading, the prophet Elijah does not go to a rich man's palace when famine struck the country but to a poor widow and helped her survive. In the Gospel, Jesus watches pilgrims coming with offerings to the temple's gate. He is not impressed by the offerings of the wealthy who give from their surplus; his attention is on a poor widow who puts in her two small coins. For Jesus, it is worth more than all other gifts because "she gave all she had to live on."

How can we live God's option for the poor today? Who are the poor among us who need our attention, our care, our compassion? One obvious group are the refugees whose sheer numbers overwhelm us and yet appeal to our generosity. It is wonderful to see how many people have responded to that appeal. It is also great that our youths are preparing an initiative to help a group of refugee children especially during Christmas time. If we have the mind of Christ, we will be sensitive to the needs of people around us and always find ways to console and encourage them and care for their material and spiritual needs according to our possibilities.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

We have Children's Liturgy today!

Thanksgiving Potluck on Saturday, November 21st!





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 8: 136

Collection: Friends: €299.57

ALL SAINTS THANKSGIVING POTLUCK – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st starting at 6 pm. Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving celebration with music and entertainment! Turkey will be provided – please bring a **SIDE DISH** to share. **No desserts, please!!** – these will be provided by Youth In Action as a fundraiser for their refugee project.

The **All Saints Council elections** will take place during the Thanksgiving Potluck and after Sunday Mass on November 22nd. The candidate profiles are posted in the hallways.

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: igebhar@yahoo.de.

Looking ahead to November & December

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

Youth in Action is organizing an Advent/Christmas gift drive for a local refugee center. Please bring donated **CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES** and **CANDIES** on Sundays. More details coming out soon.

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



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Lector: Zachary Chitwood • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann, Johannes Ploog •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Carl, Luc & Noemi Dethlefsen, Elizabeth Luegger •
Hospitality: Alicia Ching • Designated collection: All Saints

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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>)