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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 22nd, 2015 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings (*Missalette* p 75 et seq.): Dan 7:13-14 • Ps 93:1-2, 5 • Rev 1:5-8 • Jn 18:33b-37

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

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

The Lord said: "I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction" (Jer 29.11)

Our readings are rather *apocalyptic* – destruction, violence, the end of the days. The dictionary says: apocalyptic is "*describing or expecting a time when very bad things will happen or the world will be destroyed.*" What happened in Paris the day before yesterday gives us hint of how one must feel when this apocalyptic scenario arrives. Let us look at our texts and see if we can see what happened in Paris in their light. The bible is a book that consists of many books, it is more like a library. These books belong to different genres and employ different styles of writing to convey their message. The literary genre of today's first reading from **Daniel** and the third reading from Mark is apocalyptic, originating during a period of persecution and pain. The message of the writer of the book of Daniel is clear: just as Yahweh delivered the Chosen People back then, four centuries earlier, so Yahweh will take care of them now, even if that care might not be evident until those people step into eternity. It's significant that this passage contains the earliest biblical reference to heaven: "Some shall live forever ...". Mark's apocalyptic passage (**Mark 13:24-32**) seems to have been triggered by a general fear that persecutions soon to come for the followers of Jesus. Mark employs the commonly accepted idea of the end of the world to make clear that, no matter what, Jesus will be present, guiding and protecting "his chosen" from the distress others will experience. The friends and followers of Jesus should stop worrying about the unknown, painful future, the friends and followers of Jesus should put their trust and confidence in Jesus.

The apocalypse in Paris was brought about by humans, not by nature. So we may want to reflect on that human behavior, which seems to be contributing to a time "unsurpassed in distress." We may want to:

- think about uncontrolled violence unfolding in various parts of our world – the day before yesterday in Paris, and also elsewhere: suicide bombings, the use of torture, political oppression, etc.
- pray about the "end of time," reflect on the destruction caused by war / preparations for war.
- reflect on the apocalyptic implications of the many examples of human behavior gone wrong.

The readings today also point to hope in the midst of the problems we face. "*Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever*" (is what we read in Daniel) and: "*My words will not pass away*" (is what we read in Mark). And the author of the letter to the Hebrews (**Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**) tells us: no matter what the future holds, the most important thing has already been taken care of. "*Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God By one offering he has forever perfected those who are being sanctified.*" Think of what God has already done for us, and think of what we are expected to do because of what God has already done for us. **Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ**

**TODAY: All Saints Council elections will take place after Mass.
Scripture Study after Mass.**



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 15: 104

Collection: Friends: €164.14, Diaspora: €30.11

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The total amount transferred from Bildungsspender to All Saints for this year was **€1156.40**

Guided Scripture Study: "Six Weeks with the Bible"



TODAY after Mass (11:15 – ca. 12:00 h) and continues until May 2016. The current 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 and will start in January. Grab a coffee and join us in the classroom. Next session: **Dec 6th**. **Join one or more sessions** – Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are looking for actors, lectors, ushers and singers for the upcoming **Children's Mass and Christmas Pageant** on December 24th! Please contact Vanessa for more information!



A BIG THANK YOU!

...to the volunteers who made the **Thanksgiving Potluck** a big success! You know who you are and we appreciate all that you do for our community!

Youth in Action –

Next meeting is on Sunday, December 13th after Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel!

Looking ahead to November & December

Nov. 23rd: Evening Scripture Study
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

Advent Scripture Study:

The Good News of God's Mercy

To mark the season of Advent and the start of the Year of Mercy, we are offering a six-session program on the Gospel of Luke (theme: *The Good News of God's Mercy*) on **Mondays** on a weekly basis from **7:30 – 8:45 pm** at All Saints. The next (second) session will take place on **November 23rd**.

Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de or just come!!

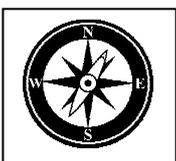


YIA is planning a Christmas Giving Tree for the refugee children. More info coming soon!

November 29th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Jun Ocampo SVD

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Johannes Ploog, Jennifer Evans • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Ava & Aidan Brinda, Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Stephanie and Dylan D'Souza • Designated collection: Caritas

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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>)