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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.

## **April 17th, 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Readings (*Missal* p 157 et seqq.): Acts 13:14, 43-52 • Ps 100:1-3, 5 • Rev 7:9, 14-17 • Jn 10:27-30**

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

Lector: Rachel Rueckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans • Greeter: The Luegger Family • Altar Servers: Madeleine & Samantha Rueckeis • Hospitality: Magdalena-Maass Family •

### **We most notice the presence of Jesus in the most common parts of our working lives**

It appears that the friends of Jesus returned to Galilee after their disastrous Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem. They returned there because they didn't know anything about his resurrection. The friends of Jesus sat around for some time. They recalled their time with Jesus and constantly brought up their disappointment that things hadn't turned out the way they had planned. Eventually Peter makes the difficult decision to go back to work. As we know, Peter and most of Jesus' disciples fished for a living.

Joined by six other followers of Jesus, "*they went off and got into the boat*". Soon they are completely absorbed in their work – and they are frustrated by their lack of success. This is when they notice Jesus. They are unable to be certain it is really Jesus as they have problems recognizing him. Then, according to the gospel, John has Jesus invite the startled fisherman to share a meal with him. Share a meal – this is the place and action in which those same readers 2000 years ago most frequently experienced the risen Jesus.

Let us imagine the friends of Jesus – they had lost a dear friend, a master, a teacher. They mourn, and in the beginning of this phase to "*go back to work*" does not seem appropriate

This is the first phase, it may paralyze us, but then the next phase must come. We finally must go back to work. Only if we go back to work, we can experience that our deceased loved one is present in our everyday life in a new and meaningful way. The deceased person is present in our everyday life in a new and meaningful way... John, the evangelist was a good psychologist it seems. John was convinced that it is in the most common parts of our working lives that we most notice the presence of Jesus.

Most of us will simply spend our lives of faith doing those ordinary things all people are expected to do. Yet, because we - like Peter - deeply love Jesus, we will constantly be aware of those little and big "calls" which Jesus - time and again - extends to all his friends.

To summarize what I tried to say: You need to admit that your loved one is really dead. Then you return to your daily work. And then you will actually experience that person alive in a new way in everything you do. "*Experience this person alive in everything you do*" - even if that person happens to be Jesus of Nazareth.

cf: [www.fosilonline.com](http://www.fosilonline.com) - Roger Vermaalen Karban

## **High School Youth Group & Scripture Studies after Mass - TODAY!**



**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 April 10th: 138

Collection: Friends of All Saints: €249.72

### About Mass at All Saints!

"The *All Saints Catholic Community* takes great pride that our congregation comes from all over the world. This brings to us a multitude of views and also introduces us to liturgical practices from different traditions with distinct customs.

One such custom may raise the question: "*Should I stand, kneel or even sit during the Eucharistic prayer (the consecration of bread and wine) during the service at All Saints?*"

The answer is: "Do whatever you are **most comfortable** with, determined by what you have done in the tradition or parish in which you grew up."

We hope this helps you to participate in our celebration the way you are used to.

### Catholic Adult Faith Formation Film Continues after Friday Mass on April 22nd!

Please join us for our second-in-a-series of Bishop Robert Barron's "**Catholicism**" series after Friday evening Mass. The theme this week is:

#### **"Happy are We: The Teachings of Jesus"**

Jesus' teachings are illuminated during Fr. Barron's pilgrimages to Poland, Germany, Spain and New York City.

The 1-hour films will be followed by fellowship and snacks. Participation is free, but snacks are a welcome donation. Please see posters and flyers for all dates.

### Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

#### Mark your calendars:

- April 20<sup>th</sup> – **Special Altar Server training** for selected servers in the church from 18:00 – 20:00. Contact Edward Lowe for details.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – **English Speaking Mission** – meets at All Saints at 18:30 h Contact: Vanessa Hansen
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h. followed by **Adult Faith Formation** at 19:00 h. (see note on the left)
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h. followed by **Adult Faith Formation** at 19:00 h.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – **LIFT – Africa Rising** - in the Fellowship Hall from 18:00 – 20:00 h. More details coming soon.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - **First Holy Communion: All Saints**  
**Important: Mass begins at 9:45 a.m.**
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Special Confirmation (Class) Liturgy** 10:00 – 11:00 h
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – **Spring BBQ** – Sponsored by the Confirmation Class after their 15:00 – 17:00 h meeting.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** - Konrad Giersdorf has details of a 12 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If you are interested, please contact Konrad (giersdorf@hotmail.de).

### April 24th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Benji Ademi • Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection: Friends of 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>)