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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 24th, 2016 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings (Missal p 159 et seqq.): Acts 14:21-27 • Ps 148:8-13, 5 • Rev 21:1-5 • Jn 13:31-35

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

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Ava and Aidan Brinda • Hospitality: Beata McGreal •

Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

Finding my place in God's plan

"What do I want to do with my life?" This is a question young people are faced with at the end of their time at school. It is a hard question to answer because nobody can really know what our world will look like 20 years from now. Professional counsellors may test you to find out what you are good at and you may have some expectations and hopes to help you in your choice of a profession. But is this good enough to know what your true vocation is? To discover my vocation means to find out what God has created me for. What is His intention for my life? Every person is unique and has not only a biological DNA, but also a spiritual DNA, a unique way to relate to God, to people, to the world around them. Nobody can ever replace you as a person. Searching for my vocation means to look for my true identity, for my place in God's plan.

How can I find my vocation? There is no single way to go about it. For some, it may come as an instant insight in a split second like for Paul on the road to Damascus. For most it is a long search and a gradual discovery. Some questions may help us on the road to self-discovery. "What is the deepest desire of my heart?" is such a question. This desire refers not simply to my wishes like the wishes children write to Father Christmas or the answers people give in opinion polls like having good health, a happy family, a well-paid job... These are external circumstances of life that may be favourable or not. They are not your vocation. St. Francis of Assisi, for example, lived a deeply fulfilled life although he broke with his family, was in poor health and chose a life of poverty. But he lived in harmony with God, with everybody around him and with God's creation.

The realisation of a vocation often starts with a sense of dissatisfaction. You may have been successful in life and yet there remains this nagging sense of being unfulfilled. Is this really all there is to life? Am I going to live like this for the next 50 years? You feel a deep desire for something more, which you often can't even put into words. Many find their vocation when they allow themselves to be personally confronted with some grave injustice. Martin Luther King Jr. could no longer stomach the revolting discrimination suffered by coloured people in his country. He had to do something about it. His namesake Martin Luther could no longer accept some scandalous abuses in the Church. He knew it was a call from God to invest his life in the reform of the Church (even if that went wrong at one point.)

Many find their vocation when they are profoundly touched by the person of Jesus or by his word. St. Francis Xavier heard one day the word: "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, but lose his soul." It changed his life and he became one of the greatest missionaries. The people who listened to Jesus said: "Nobody has ever spoken like this man." A word all of sudden reveals to me what my true desire and my vocation is.

To find our vocation we need moments of silence, of reflection on our experiences, of prayer

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 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 17th: 131

Collection: Friends of All Saints: €293.41

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.

Thank you, yes, YOU - for making the All Saints Catholic Community special! We couldn't do it without your contributions, whether big or small, all make a difference. From greeters, ushers to gift bearers; from lectors, choir singers to altar servers; from brownie bakers, hospitality assistants to clean-up crew; from catechists, event organizers to parent volunteers; from flowers, candle holders to coffee machine donors - YOU are the All Saints Catholic Community and we are grateful to have you here.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- April 23rd – the first of **two 1st Communion rehearsals** will take place from 10:30 - 12:00 h in the main church.
- April 29th – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h. followed by **Explore the Faith: "Catholicism" Film Series** at 19:00 h.
- April 30th – the second of two **1st Communion rehearsals** will take place from 10:30 – 12:00 h. PARENTS will meet with Fr. Sylvester during this time.
- May 1st - **First Holy Communion: All Saints Important: Mass begins at 9:45 a.m.**
- May 14th – **Confirmation Class** 15:00 – 17:00 h
- May 15th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- May 22nd – **Special Confirmation (Class) Mass** 10:00 – 11:00 h
- May 28th – **Spring BBQ** – Sponsored by the Confirmation Class after the 15:00 – 17:00 h meeting.
- May 29th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass

Explore the Faith: "Catholicism" Film Series Continues after Friday Mass on Apr 29th!

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

"That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God"

May 1st, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Lilly Fitzpatrick • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans • Greeter & Altar Servers: Confirmation Class • Designated collection: Pro Vita

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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>)