

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.

January 29, 2012, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

God doesn't have to be faithful to God's word as long as God is faithful to God's people

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

In the letter of St Paul to the community in Corinth, it's clear that early Christians felt called to turn the world upside-down. Paul states: "From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away" (1 Cor 7 29-31). The Apostle could easily have added, "And we Christians are the ones speeding up its passing."

Why did the followers of Jesus think they were responsible for the end of the world as they knew it? A clue is found in the passage of today's gospel (Mark 1, 14-20) and the story of Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Did Jesus call them to become priests of a new religion? Certainly not! It is clear for biblical scholars that Jesus called no one to be a priest, at least not as we know priesthood today, an institutionalized religion. For Mark, Jesus is calling his first four Christians and their immediate response is emphasized: "At once they left their nets and followed Jesus... Without delay they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed Jesus... The separation to their former way of life was instant and complete. They simply "...followed him" without being certain where he was leading them; this only become clear with time.

God doesn't have to be faithful to God's word as long as God is faithful to God's people. This is a call for all Christians to reflect upon for we have all received this call. Jesus is a person who put people in the center of his existence. Those who have enough courage to imitate such a person can certainly turn the world upside-down.

cf: http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/201201

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

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso and Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Altar Servers: Dylan Schmidt, Niels Waliszewski • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang

Collection on January 29th is designated for All Saints



January 22 attendance: 92 Collection: Friends € 235.73

- If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you, and join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall!
- All Saints will be hosting a **Scout Sunday** on **February 12th**. The Berlin Boy, Girl and the Cub Scouts will be participating. For more information please contact Vanessa Hansen.
- There will be an **Altar Server training on Saturday**, **February 18th from 2 pm to 5 pm**. Old and new servers are welcome. Please contact Katharine if you have questions.
- Confessions can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.
- Please visit our website at http://www.all-saints-berlin.de.
- All food donations in the wicker basket at the entrance to church go to families in need and to the Soup Kitchen of the Sisters of Charity in Kreuzberg. Thank you for your generosity.
- Many of the designated collections are for special purposes of the Archdiocese of Berlin. All Saints supports these initiatives and transfers this money in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support from the Archdiocese. We are completely dependent upon your donations. Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the white envelopes stamped ALL SAINTS FUND and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account printed below. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints.

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February 5th 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Father Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina, Celso and Renée Menjares • Altar Servers: N. N., N. N., N. N. • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Levina, Menjares

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Celebrants		Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community	
	Altar Servers	Katharine Doeringer	03328/335725
All Saints Coordinators	,	Tamás Meggyes, Vanessa Hansen	811 06 33; 0157 78 95 9845
	Eucharistic Ministers	Heide Doblhofer	832 62 72
	Greeters, Family Group	Konrad Giersdorf	797 83 709
	Hospitality	Levina Menjares, Lupita Wilhelm	466 09 788, 305 82 45
	Lectors	Mike Hoth	354 06 724
	Music Director	Johannes Wrembek	341 31 90
	Office, Treasurer	Heide Doblhofer	832 62 72
	Rosary	Eleonora Loebach	500 14 506

ALL SAINTS COUNCIL: Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) * Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) * Rudolf Hausmann * Nora Loebach * Tamás Meggyes * Marianne Sihotang

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ASSOCIATION: Howard Eyth * Mike Hoth * Lupita Wilhelm * Heide Doblhofer * Eddie McGreal

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Boy Scout Troop 46: All Saints is the proud Chartered Organization for Boy Scout Troop 46 "Freedom Outpost." *True to Scouting Values for Over 55 years* (<u>www.troop46berlin.ScoutLander.com</u>)

Access 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 M11: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or Bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk),

Car: Via Clayallee (http://berlinonline.de/citymap). Currently, no access from the A115 Avus highway.

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