

Catholic Community

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<u>Our Mission Statement</u>: 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.

March 04, 2012, Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15-19; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Excerpt from Rainer Maria Cardinal Woelki's Lenten Letter

During lent we are all called upon to exercise charity and its revealing sense of community in our everyday lives; to enable others to experience this, especially those in need of help and those in need. This way we can work with conviction to counter self-centredness and growing isolation even in a large and lively city like Berlin. We are not islanders. Each one of us is desired and loved by God: "For the mountains may depart and the hills, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you" (Is. 54,10). God who Himself is the community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit for us calls us to support each other and not to oppose one another. This applies just as much to us Christians as to society as a whole so that human relations do not break apart for ever.

Perhaps in this way an authentic method is shown to us of how in this Lenten season we can make God's love particularly perceivable and experience it ourselves. As the Church we tread this path together because "where two or three are gathered in my name I am in their midst" (Mt. 18,20). At the same time I encourage you during this season of Lent not simply to fall into the kind of altruism or even actionism in which our eyes are closed to ourselves and to God. Instead, our inner renewal should be reflected in our outward behaviour and precede this, so to speak. The Church offers a number of possibilities for following this path of inner renewal and conversion during Lent. The Lord himself relieves us of many burdens in our hearts through the sacrament of forgiveness in order to enable us to proceed with new strength and confidence towards Easter and him, the Risen Lord. In addition, we can pray and follow the Stations of the Cross together with other faithful and thus enter deeper into the mystery of our faith.

Dear sisters and brothers, I hope that the spirit of God enables us all to gain inner freedom during this Lenten season and that it renews our hearts and faces (Ps. 104,30) and strengthens our friendship with God and each other (John 15,9-17; Lk 11,5-8)! Thus refreshed and transformed we will be able to experience and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the sign of God's love for us, with even greater hope, joy and happiness. Lent is a season that invites us all to open ourselves to both Christ and our neighbour.

May the Almighty God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you all. Amen. Berlin, on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord,

Yours in His Service Rainer Maria Cardinal Woelki Archbishop of Berlin

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Pfr Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso, Levina & Renée Menjares •

Altar Servers: Philip Rückeis, Samantha Rückeis • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf •

Hospitality: Rachel Rückeis

Collection today is designated for All Saints.



February 26 attendance: 81 Collection: Friends € 322.85, Caritas: € 59.40

- 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!
- Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating our annual St. Patrick's Day Potluck on Saturday, March 17th starting at 6.30 pm. We will begin the festivities with a Taize Prayer at 5 pm in the Blessed Sacrement Chapel. Taize Prayer is an inclusive form of prayer where songs are sung in many languages. The music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon. All are welcome to join in the singing!
- Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the white envelopes stamped ALL SAINTS
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 completely dependent upon your donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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March 11th 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr Ludger Hillebrand SJ

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann • Altar Servers: Dennis Loebach, Aidan Brinda • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf •

Hospitality: Beata McGreal

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Celebrants		Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community	
	Altar Servers	Katharine Doeringer	03328/335725
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	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
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ALL SAINTS COUNCIL: Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) * Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) * Rudolf Hausmann * Nora Loebach * Tamás Meggyes * Marianne Sihotang

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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 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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