

# 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.

## September 30, 2012, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

#### THE FIRST IS THE LAST AND THE SERVANT OF ALL

Watching the Olympic Games it becomes obvious that what really counts in our world is only the gold medal, the first place. Silver and bronze are sometimes mentioned. Nobody is interested in the rest. In politics, in business, even at home, people do everything to be the number one. It is a human ambition to dominate, to be in control, to stand about the rest, to be the first. So it is no surprise that Jesus' disciples also argued who among them would be the first.

But Jesus criticizes this attitude because it necessarily leads to conflict. On the top there is place only for one, if two want to be No. 1 a fight is preprogrammed. If you want something and do not get it, you murder, St. James tells us in his letter. You only have to open the newspaper in the morning to realize that many of the wars and conflicts are caused by people who want to be or remain the No. 1 and are ready to kill in order to maintain their position of power. Syria is a frightening example.

So what is the alternative? Can anarchy, the abolition of all power and authority be the answer? A group without leadership usually ends up in chaos. Jesus offered a radical and unexpected answer. He does not abolish power, he radically changes its meaning. The one who wants to be the first, should become the last and the servant of all. To yield authority is not a personal privilege, but a service to the community.

Jesus does not just talk about service, he lives it. In the Washing of the feet he has given an unforgettable example of what Christian leadership is.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke M.Afr.

### Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Simon Boiser SVD

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso, Levina and Renée Menjares •
Altar Servers: Niels Waliszewski, Aidan Brinda • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf •
Hospitality: Rose Oruga • The designated collection today is for All Saints.

**OUR COMMUNITY:** The All Saints Catholic Community is based on the principle that we, the Community, willingly take on all the responsibilities of running our own Community and supporting our Celebrants. The All Saints Coordinators, whose contact telephone numbers are shown overleaf, guide groups of volunteers in meeting our needs and those of our Celebrants. Please volunteer to help that group to which you feel you can most contribute. Contact the All Saints Coordinator responsible for the group.

Today is Altar Server Sunday. We thank you for your service to our Community.

There will be a Lector training session after Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



Attendance on September 23rd: 86

Collection: Friends €195.95, Caritas: €24.54

If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall! Welcome to All Saints!

#### Mark your Calendars

- Altar Servers will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall after Mass today for their special Altar Server Sunday excursion!
- First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 12, 2013.
  Lessons begin on Sunday, October 21, at 10 a.m. at St. Bernard's conflicting with Mass at All Saints. First Parents' evening on Tuesday, September 25, at 6 p.m.
- The Sacrament of **Confirmation** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 1, 2013. Lessons begin on Sunday, October 28, at 10 a.m. at St. Bernard's conflicting with Mass at All Saints. First Parents' evening on Tuesday, October 16, at 6 p.m.

#### **Other Notes**

 We thank our 'Grill Meisters', Jost, Christian & their helpers. We would also like to give a special thanks to Konrad, Lupita, Eddie, Henry, Buck and ALL of the volunteers involved in organizing and making our **Annual Fall BB** a big success last Sunday.

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. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

Friends of All Saints Verein: Bank Account No.: 6001669018, BLZ 370 601 93, Pax-Bank eG

### October 7th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Pfr Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso, Levina and Renée Menjares • Altar Servers: Philip Rückeis, Samantha Rückeis, Dylan Schmidt Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Josephine Schmidt • The designated collection on October 7th is for All Saints.

Celebrants		Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community	
	Altar Servers	Katharine Doeringer	03328/335725
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	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
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**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: A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (http://berlinonline.de/citymap)

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