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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.

### **December 30, 2012, The Holy Family**

**1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52**

#### **A good disciple first hears God's word and then carries it out.**

The evangelists, as all writers, have their favorite topics which they repeat time and again. Luke wants his readers to be good disciples of Jesus – this is his favorite topic. He believes that there is one basic way to accomplish this. For him, perfect followers of Jesus commit themselves to just two things: they first hear God's word, then carry it out.

The evangelist puts his theme, his favorite topic into the mouth of Elizabeth. Greeting Mary, Elizabeth states: "*Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled*" (Luke 1:39-45). Even readers who are not so well acquainted with Luke's gospel quickly realize one thing: Jesus' mother is Luke's very best example of the good disciple. She assured Gabriel, "*Let it be done to me according to God's word.*" Later Luke mentions, "*She stored up these words in her heart.*" There's no doubt about Luke's theme and the one who exemplifies it: to be a good disciple is to listen to the word of God and act accordingly. Mary is the best example for this.

Anyone who studies and lives by the Scripture understands that both God's will and God's word are "*moving objects*" which means that at a certain time we know what God wants or at a certain time we listen to God's word. But at a different moment, what we know, what we hear, what we read can be something very different. To know what God wants, to listen to God's word isn't something that happens once in a lifetime. Perceiving God's will and word is a lifetime process. Those who give themselves over to God's will and word are committing themselves to taking that will and word beyond their own limits. No matter how convinced we are that we exactly know what God tells us and what road God wants us to take in life, we are constantly discovering new words and new directions.

I presume Mary did not exactly know where God was leading her. I presume Mary did not perceive the depth of God's word at the beginning of her discipleship. Now there is a splendid occasion to reflect on how we have perceived God's will and word which have been changing during our discipleship.

**Fr. Wolfgang Felber** cf: <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/december-20-2009-fourth-sunday-advent>

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

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Celso and Levina Menjares • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Altar Server: Niels Waliszewski • Hospitality: Levina Menjares • The designated collection today is for All Saints.

# ***Happy New Year!***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on December 23rd: 93

Collection: Friends €374.49

Children's Mass and Christmas Pageant Attendance: 204

Collection: €419.00

Midnight Mass Attendance: 130

Collection: Friends €179, Adveniat: €43.11

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!

### Mark your Calendars

- Tuesday January 1, 2013, 11 am: **New Year's Mass at St. Bernhard's**
- On **Sunday, January 6th**, we will be celebrating **Three Kings Day** during Hospitality. Please bring a plate of homemade cookies, cake or something savory to share on this special occasion! We will have a Rosca de Reyes (King's Ring) and whoever gets the special treat inside the Rosca gets to wear a crown during Hospitality!
- **January 6: Confirmation class** takes place after Mass from 11:00am to 12:30pm
- **Wednesday, January 9: BibleLive** at All Saints (time to be announced). More information: Klaudia Höfig, 01573-870-3659, 030-60975944 (office) or [info@ipz-berlin.de](mailto:info@ipz-berlin.de).

### Other Notes

- Dear All Saints **Christmas Pageant Families**, Thank you for having your children/youth participate in the annual All Saints Catholic Community Children's Christmas Mass and Pageant. They did a wonderful job!

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

**January 6th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Pfr. Herbert Gillessen**

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Three Kings Day

Celebrants		Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community	
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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:** A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>)

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