

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.

January 13, 2013 The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30 Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"Here is a sign for you... you will find a baby..."

Excerpt from the Midnight Mass sermon

Remember the tremendous efforts the people of Great Britain did to receive the world's athletes and millions of spectators: rebuilding stadiums, setting in motion a huge propaganda drive, preparing a fantastic show to open the games and setting up a discreet security system to make the games a peaceful and joyful event.

Nothing of the sort was organized to receive God coming into this world. The communication of the event proved a disaster: no room was booked in a hotel, just a few homeless people came to greet him. When we listen to the Christmas story, we realize God's ways are not ours. God upsets our expectations.

The shepherds were given a sign where to find the newborn king. They should look for a child. Almighty God enters his creation, the long awaited Messiah finally arrives and what do you see: a helpless, defenseless baby. We dream of becoming greatness, but God hides his greatness and makes himself small so that we would not be afraid of him. With this small child, a new world order begins, built not on power and might but on freedom and love. At Christmas God invites us: give up your illusions of greatness, become like me – a child.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

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

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Altar Servers: Tait Doeringer, Aidan Doeringer • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • 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.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes today after Mass from 11:00am to 13:00pm



Attendance on January 6th: 125 Collection: Friends €279.49, African Catechists: €11.20

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

- **Wednesday, January 23rd: BibleLive** at All Saints at 7:00 pm. More information: Klaudia Höfig, 01573-870-3659, 030-60975944 (office) or info@ipz-berlin.de.
- First Reconciliation takes place at St. Bernhard's on Saturday, January 19th at 3:30 pm.
- The next **First Holy Communion class** takes place on Jan. 20th after Mass from 11:00am to 13:00pm.
- The next **Confirmation class** takes place on Jan. 20th after Mass from 11:00am to 13:00pm.

Other Notes

- Many thanks to Vanessa, Buck, Konrad and all helpers for organising the Three Kings Day Celebration last Sunday.
- We need helpers to clean up and remove the **Christmas decoration** on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 pm. Please contact Konrad after Mass.
- Lectors: The January through February lector schedule for 2013 has been sent off by email.

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.

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January 20th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm • The designated collection on January 20th is for Family Sunday.

| Celebrants | | Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community | |
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| | Altar Servers | Katharine Doeringer | 03328/335725 |
| All Saints oordinators | Bulletin, Website | 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 |
| ပ | 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

RECTOR ECCLESIAE: Fr Herbert Gillessen, English-Speaking Roman Catholic Mission, Johann-Georg-Str. 8, 10709 Berlin, Tel: 8132026

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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