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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.

## **September 29, 2013 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7 • Psalm 146:7, 8-10 • 1 Timothy 6:11-16 • Luke 16:19-31**

### **Money is a ruthless ruler that has ways of enslaving us**

Amos (Am 8:4-7) condemns the practice by dealers of working the market in order to obtain wealth at the expense of the poor who were regarded as a commodity worth no more than a pair of sandals. He denounces the unscrupulous traders for their false piety because they regard religious holidays and the Sabbath as wasted opportunities for doing business and engaging in fraudulent financial activities. Speaking frankly and critically, he makes the point that religion and greed are miles apart. God is deceived by their dishonest business practices and will punish them for their behavior.

The message of Amos is still relevant today as we are too part of a society which is organized not for the welfare of ordinary citizens, but as a part of a huge global economy. We live in a free enterprise system where everything is geared towards maximum profit. The one and only aim of our society seems to be making more money and people are measured by their spending power. The rich get richer at the expense of the impoverishment of the majority. More wealth is going to a fewer number of people at the increased poverty of others.

Luke (16:1-13) makes the point that we are stewards of creation and everything we have that is given to us is on loan and for safekeeping. In a world of limited resources, we cannot afford to squander our environment. We must live responsibly; use only what we need and share what we can. It is a greatest controversy that in the midst of plenty, people are dying of hunger, condemned to illiteracy, lacking basic medical care and homelessness. Poverty is so widespread that we are overwhelmed and rendered powerless by the problem. Nevertheless, each of us can make a difference and we have a duty to do what we can to improve the life of at least a few.

One of the worst features of our society is the great emphasis it gives to wealth. Even those who are not rich tend to make a God of wealth. We think that money can solve our problems and guarantee a life of ease and comfort. Yes, we need money to keep a roof over our heads and to fight poverty, but money is a ruthless ruler that has ways of enslaving us. It leaves little room in our heart for prayer and exercise in Christian charity.

By imitating Jesus, who spent his life serving the poor, sick and neglected, we are saving the treasures for heaven.

**Fr. Clemens Pfaff**

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

Lector: Anna Berger • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann •

Altar servers: Philip Rückeis, Samantha Rückeis, Madeleine Rückeis • Greeter: Anthony Reilly •

Hospitality: Thomas & Josephine Schmidt • The designated collection on September 29th is for All Saints

**Altar Server meeting today after Mass in the Blessed  
Sacrament Chapel**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 22nd: 93

Collection: Friends €123.69, Caritas: 35

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

- There will be an **Altar Server Refresher Course and Introduction to Altar Serving** today directly after Mass. There will be an additional Altar Server training this fall – so please stay posted. Thank you for your service to our community!
- There will be an informational meeting immediately after Mass today in the conference room for all those interested in having their children participate in **First Communion classes at All Saints**. Classes will begin in October after the fall break. For more information, please contact Vanessa ([vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com))

### Sunday, October 6th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Renée Menjares •  
 Altar servers: Isabella Gneist, Dylan Schmidt • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •  
 The designated collection on October 6th is for All Saints.

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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### **Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers**

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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 Verein:** Howard Eyth \* Mike Hoth \* Lupita Wilhelm \* Heide Doblhofer \* Eddie McGreal

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**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 110 or 623: 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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