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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 01, 2013 First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122:1-9 • Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 24:37-44

The only leader Christian leaders can compare themselves to is Jesus

What do we associate with Christ the King? A king in biblical times represented authority; the way a pope is elected and governs is a kind of monarchy. The Christian Scriptures deal with authority and require for Christian leadership to be like Jesus. In "*King of the Jews*" Jesus' cross prompts the attack by the Jewish rulers (Luke 23:35-43). The idea of royalty was: if Jesus is a king, he should look after himself and come down from the cross. Yet, Luke's Jesus is more concerned with the fate of others. It is only in Luke's gospel where Jesus heals the man's ear, speaks sympathetically to the women in mourning, looks at Peter after his denial and forgives those who crucify him.

King David (2 Samuel 5:1-3) was king of the southern half of Palestine – Judah. The elders of the northern tribes of Israel asked him to unite all twelve tribes into one nation under his leadership. David's ability to bring people together was his best feature. Do today's political, economic and Church leaders bring people together or do create conflicts?

Paul's disciple (Colossians 1:12-20) discovers the same characteristic in the risen Jesus. "*God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son, God wanted all perfection to be found in him.... So that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God.*" To be part of the person who unites us is the strongest possible unity. Mark gives us the clearest picture of Christian leadership in chapter 10 of his gospel. Here Jesus attacks James and John for their insistence of being given the "glory seats" one day. He clarifies the heart of his authority: "*The Son of Man did not come to be a slave master, but a slave who will give his life to rescue many people.*" Christian leaders are unique for they can only compare themselves to Jesus.

As Jesus redefined the notion of "king", Pope Francis redefines the papacy daily. Though the title remains, the reality behind "king" and "pope" is constantly changing. This unexpected development shows that the Church is still full of surprises. Let us pray that we be strong enough to sustain those in our hierarchy who open the Church and who take Jesus as a model for their way of exercising power.

cf. <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/november-24-2013-christ-king>

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

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

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso and Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann •
Greeter: Johannes Ploog • Altar Servers: Tait Doeringer, Caroline and Sebastian Rosenberg • Hospitality:
Levina Menjares • The designated collection is for All Saints.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on November 24th: 59

Collection: Friends €70.12, Caritas: €7.00

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

- **Archbishop Dr. Rainer Maria Woelki** invites the faithful to the **Foreign-Speaking Missions' Mass** at **St. Hedwig's Cathedral, Bebelplatz, Berlin-Mitte** on **December 9th at 6 pm** followed by a reception. Please sign up in the Office.
- Spread the word! The Hüttenweg communities will be holding a special **Ecumenical Christmas Concert** in the main chapel on Saturday, **December 14th** at 5 pm. Entrance is free!

Notes

- **Lectors:** the lector schedule for **December 2013** and **January 2014** has been distributed by email and is available in the Sacristy and on the bulletin board.
- **Altar Servers:** Please note that we will have a sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall after Mass if you want to volunteer for a future Sunday.
- Please visit our website at **<http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>**.
- All food donations in the **wicker basket** at the entrance to church go to families in need and to the Soup Kitchen of the Sisters of Charity in Kreuzberg. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday, December 8th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr Herbert Gillessen.

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm, Isabella Gneist, Dylan Schmidt • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm • The designated collection on December 8th is for Orphans.

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!

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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)

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