

# 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 26, 2014 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 • Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 • Matthew 4:12-23

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

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Niels Waliszewski, Philip Rückeis, Aidan Brinda, Samantha Rückeis • Hospitality: Waliszewski-Hansen-Rosenberg-Brinda families • The designated collection is for Bible Work.

### This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

This phrase may be understood as a summary of our faith. What is the *sin of the world*? My interpretation: the sin is for us not to believe in that there is a purpose for this world. For many, the world makes no sense – we witness many catastrophes, man-made and natural ones, so we ask, "How can God permit this?" Jesus claims that the world does make sense: it is becoming the kingdom of God when we all – brothers and sisters – love one another.

How does Jesus take away the sin of the world? He shows the true meaning through his life and actions. He loves the poor and the outcast and tells them that the kingdom of God is nearer to them than to those with influence and power. Jesus believes in the meaning of the world even when facing a mortal danger. He is hated by the authorities, nevertheless, he shows and gives the world meaning.

But is Jesus really able to take away the sin of the world? Don't we still suffer from this sin? Would it not be more correct to say that Jesus is taken away by the sin of the world? Jesus dies like so many other martyrs. Don't the unnecessary deaths of Socrates, Gandhi or Martin Luther King prove that it would be more "realistic" to think of oneself and to not bother about others? How does Jesus differ from these martyrs? They are all killed, however, only Jesus' death provides proof about the belief that the world has a meaning. Jesus shows that someone who fails and is put to death can still have an accomplished life. Many people believe in Jesus and in his message of the kingdom of God, and try to implement this project of God to his world. The catastrophes, atrocities and wars show that it is up to us to work for the purpose of the world and that brotherhood overcomes death. We live in a world full of meaning and it is our task to make this world more humane, compassionate and closer to God's purpose.

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ



Attendance on January 19th: 87 Collection: Friends €162.65, Family Work16.92

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**

- The annual **Scout Sunday** will take place on February 16th.
- The Berlin Diocese is organizing an international Catholic Youth Day in Berlin on April
  12th at St. Matthias in Schöneberg from 13.00 to 22.00. Vanessa will coordinate a
  delegation of English-speaking youth ages 13 and older (13-18) to attend the event.
  Please contact her (vhansen980@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending the
  Catholic Youth Day.

#### **Notes**

- Please visit our website at http://www.all-saints-berlin.de.
- Confessions can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.
- 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday, February 2nd, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Herbert Gillesen
Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée, Celso and Levina Menjares •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm, Erik Walton and Gwendolyn Walton •
Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The collection on February 2nd 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 <u>no financial support</u> 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!

Friends of All Saints Verein: Bank Account No.: 6001669018, BLZ 370 601 93, Pax-Bank eG BIC: GENODED1PAX IBAN: DE15 37060193 6001669018

Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers			
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	Eucharistic Ministers	Heide Doblhofer	832 62 72
	Greeters	Buck Chisolm	0152 56301776
	Hospitality	Levina Menjares, Lupita Wilhelm	466 09 788, 305 82 45
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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 **Rector Ecclesiae:** Fr. Gillessen, English-Speak. Cath. Mission, Johann-Georg-Str. 8, 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>)

#### **Directions 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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