

# 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.

# June 29, 2014 Saints Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11 • Psalm 34:2-9 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 • Matthew 16:13-19

## Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Jun de Ocampo

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Renée and Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: N.N., N.N. •

Hospitality: Summer BBQ • The designated collection is for Peter's penny.

## The greatest gesture of all

Gestures can speak louder than words. When Chancellor Willy Brandt during his visit to Warsaw Ghetto memorial in 1970 instead of standing as protocol would have had it went down on his knees this gesture said: the German people admit responsibility and ask for pardon for the terrible crimes committed against the Jewish and Polish people by Nazi Germany. This gesture was the turning point in the reconciliation process between Poland and Germany.

Pope Francis has great charisma for such gestures. During his recent visit to Israel he stopped unexpectedly at the eight-meter wall of Bethlehem and touching the wall with his hands prayed in silence. This image went around the world. His hands said: this wall has to be torn down. This prayerful face said: It cannot be done with violence.

The simplest and most significant gesture in the entire history was what Jesus did at the farewell meal just before his death: he took a piece of bread, broke it and gave it to his friends. We still remember and repeat this after two thousand years. In this common daily act of breaking the bread he summoned up the meaning of his whole life: giving life to others. We break or cut bread and then put it in our own mouth. He breaks the bread and shares it out, first to the crowd at the multiplication of bread and later to his friends at the last supper. That is what his life is all about: giving his life so that others may live.

Jesus adds a word to give full meaning to the gesture: this is my body, this is me, this is my life given for you. And he adds another similar gesture: sharing out the cup with wine saying this is my blood poured out for you. Separating body and blood signifies death. With this double gesture he explains the meaning not only of his life but also of his death. He makes the violent death inflicted on him by his own people a free, personal act, a sacrifice. "Nobody takes my life, I lay it down of my own accord." (Jo 10:18)

If we as Christians are called to follow Jesus, self-giving means our daily life and the key to the meaning of suffering and dying. "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 10:39). Breaking loose from our own ego, no longer clinging to our self-interest is more than we are able to do. This is why Jesus invites us to his table, to "eat his body given for us and drink his blood shed for us". It is only when we receive and accept him, his body and blood, his whole self, his life into our hearts, that he can empower us to join him in his act of giving life to others. The Eucharist is not optional, not an extra, not a privilege. Without him and his power of self-giving entering us, we cannot have "life to the full", neither now nor beyond death because living means giving.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

Attendance on June 22nd: 66

Collection: Friends: €80.52, Caritas: €49.58

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

July 6th: We will celebrate a special Mass with Fr. Schonecke in honor of the 50th anniversary of his priesthood. Johannes Wrembek will direct a choir and orchestra of former Theresienschule and Canisius Kolleg students. They will perform Missa Brevis KV 140 of Mozart. Please bring a cake to share with the choir and orchestra. A money contribution towards the costs of the soloists would also be appreciated.

#### **Notes**

• Buck is setting up an online doodle for **Hospitality**. If you would like to volunteer for one of the upcoming Sundays, please contact Buck or Vanessa so we can include your name on the list. You can also sign up in person after Mass.

Sunday, July 6th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée and Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: N.N., N.N. • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang
The designated collection on July 6th is for Catholic religion teaching.

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 |                              |                                   |                            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                           | Altar Servers                | Katharine Doeringer, Buck Chisolm | 03328/335725, 86203785     |
| All Saints<br>Coordinators                | Bulletin, Website            | Tamás Meggyes, Vanessa Hansen     | 811 06 33; 0157 78 95 9845 |
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|                                           | Greeters                     | Buck Chisolm                      | 0152 56301776              |
|                                           | Hospitality                  | Levina Menjares, Lupita Wilhelm   | 466 09 788, 305 82 45      |
|                                           | Lectors                      | Johannes Ploog                    | 0160 98 28 9515            |
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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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## **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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