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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.

## July 06, 2014 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10 • Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 • Romans 8:9, 11-13 • Matthew 11:25-30

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • The designated collection is for Catholic religion teaching.

# Congratulations to Father Wolfgang Schonecke on the 50th anniversary of his priesthood

### Unity of the Church – the Body of Christ

Last Sunday we celebrated a united feast of two great Apostles: St. Peter and St. Paul. Knowing the background of these two apostles, one will wonder why we celebrate them together. Paul never met Jesus in person, and he was not among the original twelve Apostles either. Paul was a late-comer. He calls himself the 13th Apostle, and the least of all the Apostles. After Pentecost, when the newly born Church started to increase in believers, Paul (then Saul) persecuted the first Christians. After Paul's conversion to Christianity, Peter and Paul could not agree on some issues and practices. They had even conflicts, so what is the point of a united feast?

Peter proclaimed his faith that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:13-19). In reply Jesus makes this declaration to Peter: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Jesus says <u>my "Church</u>", not my "churches". He wanted <u>only ONE</u> <u>Church</u>, not a multiplicity of independent churches. In fact before He died, Jesus prayed: "That they may be ONE". Jesus did not think of a divided church. Referring to Satan, He even said: "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." Jesus did not have in mind churches fighting against each other. After his conversion, Paul became a very zealous preacher who established new communities of believers among people who had never heard of Jesus. As it often happens with new members and groups, misunderstandings and conflicts may occur which may lead to splits and divisions. Here lies the great heroism of Peter and Paul. Both of them were charismatic leaders with many followers. If they had allowed their followers to be loyal only to them, there could have been a multiplication of churches: one of Peter another of Paul. However, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, they reconciled and formed one Church of Christ, just the way our Lord Jesus wanted it.

This "one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church" to which we now all belong was the fruit of the reconciliation, collaboration and unity in Christ of these two great pillars of the Church. The Church of Christ needs the rock of Peter's institutional leadership as well as the vitality of Paul's charismatic vision.

Disunity among Christians is a scandal that weakens the Christian message to the world. How can Christian churches preach Christ's message of love and unity, forgiveness and reconciliation when they themselves are in disunity, unable to forgive and reconcile?

By celebrating these two great apostles in one united feast, the Church invites us to look beyond our individual differences, personal needs, pride and grievances that could trigger splitting and disunity. Let us all discover a deeper level of unity and collaboration among ourselves for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christian unity, like the unity of Peter and Paul, is not a unity of uniformity, but a unity in diversity. And in this kind of unity, there is strength.

Fr. Jun de Ocampo

Attendance on June 29th: 70



Collection: Friends: €151.54, Peter's penny: €8.00

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!

#### <u>Notes</u>

- We thank Konrad and all the helpers who organized our **Annual Summer Barbeque** last Sunday which was another event to remember.
- We welcome the choir and orchestra of former **Theresienschule and Canisius Kolleg** students directed by Johannes Wrembek. They are performing Mozart's Missa Brevis KV 140. A contribution towards the costs of the soloists would be appreciated.
- 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 13th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber Lector: Eddie McGreal • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • The designated collection on July 13th is for All Saints.

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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).
- Car: A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<u>http://berlinonline.de/citymap</u>)

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