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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.

## **October 25, 2015 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (*Missalette* p 67 et seq.): Je 31:7-9 • Ps 126:1-6 • Heb 5:1-6 • Mk 10:46-52**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ**

Lector: Christian Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm •  
Altar Servers: N.N., N.N. • Hospitality: Vanessa & Thomas • Designated collection: MISSIO

### **Domination or service?**

After elections the top politicians of the winning parties begin to jostle for the top jobs. Who is becoming minister of what portfolio? The same kind of game we notice among the apostles in today's gospel. They are with Jesus on the way to Jerusalem and expect that he will declare himself openly as the Messiah and put in place his "kingdom". Of course, he will need people to run his government, and James and John want to make sure they become prime minister. The other ten apostles get very annoyed with these backroom manipulations because they have the same ambition.

One can admire the patience of Jesus with these childish power plays which simply demonstrate that his closest collaborators after three years of training have understood nothing of his teaching. Jesus with infinite patience explains to them once again very gently that their way of thinking is purely pagan, or one might say purely human. God's ways are different. Jesus has identified himself with the "suffering servant" in the prophet Isaiah who "gives his life for the many." He has come to serve and those who want to live with him must renounce their ambitions of domination and learn to become servants of each other.

What is my ambition in life? To dominate, to be on top of the rest, to control others... or to serve my fellow human beings with the gifts I have received from God?

Whenever people have an obsession of power they tend to create disaster and untold suffering. Dictators like Assad in Syria or more recently, the President of Burundi, ruin their country and push millions of people into misery simply because they cannot let go of their position of power. You could compile an endless list of rulers who have destroyed themselves and their country by clinging to power. There are a few examples of rulers who understood their position as being a service to their people. One of them was Saint Hedwig, the patron of our archdiocese of Berlin, who as queen of Silesia spent much of her time helping the poor.

Even in the Church we are not immune against ambitions of power. Pope Francis frequently warns bishops and priests against the temptation of clericalism and reminds them that their vocation is to be servants of God's people at the table of the Word and the Eucharist.

Domination or service? That is also the crucial question which determines the quality of all human relationships. Friendship and marriage break when one partner tries to dominate the other. It is also the key issue for our All Saints community. The more people offer their various gifts and charisms in voluntary service for the different needs of the community the more it becomes alive and attractive.

**Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr**

## **Family Mass & All Saints Day, November 1st**



**WELCOME!** *Visiting for the first time?* Please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from at the end of Mass, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on October 18: 90

Collection: Friends: €183.38, St. Hedwig's: €9.55

### Guided Scripture Study: "Six Weeks with the Bible" (Catholic Perspectives)



The program is offered after Sunday Mass (11:15 – ca. 12:00 h) over 12 sessions until May 2016. The first six sessions are entitled "**God Makes a Start**" and will focus on Genesis 1-11. The second series of six sessions is called "**Getting to Know Jesus**" and will focus on the Gospel of Mark. Grab a coffee and join us in the classroom. John Bibby is the facilitator.

Next scheduled sessions: **Nov 1st, Nov 22nd and Dec 6th.**

**Join one or more sessions – no need to attend all of them!** Contact Jenny at: [jgebhar@yahoo.de](mailto:jgebhar@yahoo.de).

Join us in praying the rosary on November 1st (Solemnity of All Saints) at 9:30 am before Sunday Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at All Saints Catholic Community!



### Looking ahead to November & December

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>: Family Mass and All Saints Feast Day

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>: Youth in Action with Fr. Schonecke

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: All Saints Thanksgiving Potluck

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>: All Saints Council election

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: Set-up of the Christmas tree

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Caroling at Senior Residence

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 3 pm Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 10 pm Midnight Mass/Caroling at 9.30 pm

### FAMILY MASS & ALL SAINTS FEAST DAY

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

Please bring a homemade baked good for hospitality as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints!



For all those travelling during the fall break, safe travels!

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Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Luc, Carl & Noemi Dethlefsen, Viktor Lohwasser •

Hospitality: Vanessa & Jennifer • Designated collection: All Saints

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**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>)