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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.

November 1, 2015 All Saints

Readings (*Missalette* p 69 et seqq.): Re 7:2-4, 9-14 • Ps 24:1bc-6 • 1 Jn 3:1-3 • Mt 11:28

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

Lector: Katie Fitzpatrick and Julia Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Johannes Ploog, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Conrad Chisolm • Altar Servers: Luc, Carl & Noemi Dethlefsen, Viktor Lohwasser, Benji Ademi • Incense bearer: Josephine Waliszewski • Hospitality: Vanessa & Jennifer • Designated collection: All Saints

Profile of a disciple

When Jesus asked Zebedee's sons, James and John "What do you want me to do for you?," they demand a "seat of glory" next to Jesus. Jesus, however, strikes this request down. In the **gospel passage** (Mk 10:46-52) Jesus asks the same question to Bartimaeus, the beggar, but his answer is different; unlike the ambitious brothers, the blind beggar is a perfect disciple and "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus" when Jesus 'called' him.

Biblical "*calls*" are always special. Bartimaeus, not only comes instantly to Jesus, he also discards his cloak, probably his only possession. Nothing stops him from immediately answering Jesus' *call*. Bartimaeus' request is classic: "Master, I want to see!" In contrast to the two brothers, Jesus doesn't tell him that his request is stupid. Our Christian prayer should always revolve around a sincere request **to see**. The ability to see what the risen Jesus is seeing makes us Christ's friends and imitators. "Go your way," Jesus assures him, "your faith has saved you." It is not Jesus who "saves" Bartimaeus, it is his own faith. Faith that we share with Jesus removes our blindness. "*Immediately, he received his sight and followed him on the way.*" The Greek word for disciple simply means a "go behind", someone who follows another. That's exactly what Bartimaeus does. True disciples always walk in Jesus' footsteps.

The author of the letter to the **Hebrews** (Hebr 5:1-6) reminds us how Jesus is related to God. Jesus took no "honor on himself." He did only what God called him to do and responded generously even though, like us, was "beset by weakness." **Jeremiah** (Jer 31:7-9) promises that Yahweh will one day bring the people of Israel home from their Assyrian Exile and clearly states why the Chosen People should follow such a God: "I, Yahwe, am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born."

People who follow Jesus in the **Christian Scriptures** or Yahweh in the **Hebrew Scriptures** follow someone who loves them. No biblical author wants us to suffer for suffering's sake. The Jesus in Mark's gospel has something special which cannot be found in the other two texts – mainly because this faith in Jesus demands our participation. If we do not see individuals and situations with different, loving eyes, we are not really following Jesus. Our Christian faith never was intended to be a spectator's sport.

Cf: <http://evangelist.org/main.asp?ArticleID=21706&SectionID=3&SubSectionID=28>

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

**Family Mass &
All Saints Feast Day today!
Guided Scripture Study after Mass today**



Holy Father's prayer intentions for November 2015

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That church pastors, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.



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 25: 90

Collection: Friends: €183.38, MISSIO: €48.20

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



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

Next sessions: **Nov 22nd and Dec 6th.**

Join one or more sessions –Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de.

Advent Scripture Study: The Good News of God's Mercy

To mark the season of Advent and the start of the Year of Mercy, there will be a six-session program on the Gospel of Luke (theme: *The Good News of God's Mercy*) offered Mondays starting November 16th on a weekly basis from 7:30 – 8:45 pm at All Saints. Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de

The next **Children's Liturgy** will take place on **Sunday, November 8th** during Mass.



Looking ahead to November & December

Nov 8th: Children's Liturgy during Mass
Nov. 8th: Youth in Action with Fr. Schonecke
Nov. 21st: All Saints Thanksgiving Potluck
Nov. 21st & 22nd: All Saints Council election
Nov. 27th: Set-up of the Christmas tree
Dec. 6th: Children's Liturgy during Mass
Dec. 6th: Christmas Caroling at Senior Residence
Dec 10th: Advent Caroling at All Saints at 6 pm

November 8th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

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Our **Thanksgiving Dinner** is quickly approaching and to make it a success we need YOUR help. How? Sign up to bring a tasty side dish or be one of our many volunteers to cook one or more of our turkey breasts. We will also need help setting up the fellowship hall and folks to work in the kitchen to make sure the food is served hot and the serving trays don't run empty. Interested? Please sign-up with Konrad Giersdorf (table in the Fellowship Hall) after Mass today. Your support makes all the difference in making our All Saints Community a success.

Designated collections are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support, so 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 written below. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** *Friends of All Saints e.V.* **IBAN: DE15 3706 0193 6001 6690 18, BIC: GENODE1PAX**



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>)