

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



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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.

## **March 31, 2013 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 • Colossians 3:1-4 • John 20:1-9**

### **The Prodigal Father**

Zeffirelli's film "Jesus of Nazareth" situates the parable of the "prodigal son" into an interesting context. Jesus has just called into his inner circle an unlikely candidate: Matthew, the tax-collector who wants to thank him with a dinner-invitation to his house. The disciples refuse to enter the home of this public sinner. Jesus walks calmly into the company of half-drunken revelers and prostitutes, and then offers them a story. Turning to Matthew he tells him the story of the younger son. Matthew realizes that Jesus' story is his life-story and breaks into tears. Then Jesus turns to his disciples at the door and tells them about the elder son who refuses to enter the feast. Peter understands the point, walks in and embraces Matthew. Now a true celebration of reconciliation can begin.

Where do I find myself in Jesus' story? in the younger son? the elder son? Maybe we are a bit of both. We tend to be hedonists, pleasure-seekers. Maybe on a personal level, but surely in our consumer culture we resemble the first son. We squander God's gifts of creation, the limited resources of our planet, in a careless, wasteful lifestyle at the expense of future generations and seem to end up lonely, empty-handed, empty-hearted, burned out. We may also decide to stay in the father's house, yet become bitter, "hardened in virtue", joyless and lifeless, and do our duty grudgingly without love.

But at the center of the story are not the sons, but the father. His children disappoint him no end and none of them understands him. One runs away, the other stays resentfully. Yet, God does not turn away in disgust. God leaves us free to go our own ways, while His heart keeps longing for us. God knows no greater joy than seeing his children come home to stay with Him.

**Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Simon Boiser.**

Lectors: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina and Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Altar Servers: Erik and Gwendolyn Walton, Caroline Rosenberg •

The designated collection on March 24th is for All Saints.

# **Happy Easter!**

## **Easter Egg Hunt after Mass!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 24th: 103

Collection: Friends €176, \$20, Holy Land: €101

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 next **First Holy Communion Class** takes place on April 14th after Mass, 11:00 am through 12:30 pm.
- The next **Confirmation Class** takes place on April 14th after Mass from 11:00 am through 1:00 pm.
- Our next **Family Bazaar** will take place on May 4th.
- Celebration of the **First Holy Communion**: Sunday May 12th, St Bernhard's, 11 am
- Celebration of the **Confirmation**: Sunday June 2nd, St Bernhard's, 11 am

**Sunday, April 7th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr Herbert Gillessen.**

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso, Levina and Renée Menjares •

Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Rose Oruga •

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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 no financial support 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!** ***Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints.***

**Friends of All Saints Verein:** Bank Account No.: 6001669018, BLZ 370 601 93, Pax-Bank eG

### **Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers**

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**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

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### Access 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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