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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.

September 8, 2013 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b • Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 • Philemon 9-10, 12-17 • Luke 14:25-33

The “discipline” that comes from God breaks open our narrow-mindedness

Most of us dread to hear the word "discipline." Discipline is linked with the image of restriction and losing freedom. Even if discipline comes from God, we still cringe at its mention. *“When the Lord punishes you, don't make light of it, and when he corrects you, don't be discouraged. The Lord corrects the people he loves and disciplines those he calls his own”* (Hebr 12:5-7, 11-13). St. Theresa of Avila writes in one of her prayers: *“God, if this is how you treat your friends, it's no wonder you have so many enemies.”*

God's biblical discipline is a unique process: contrary to most human conditioning, it prepares us to habitually open up, to overcome the limits which restrict most people's thoughts and behavior. **Isaiah** (Isaiah 66:18-21) has one major task: he is to get the Israelites who had been Babylonian captives to return to the Promised Land. The Persians had conquered the Babylonians, and permitted the Israelite exiles to go back home. But Jerusalem was just a heap of ruins and the majority of the Israelites decided to stay in Babylon where they knew what to expect. However, if Israel's people are interested in playing a role in God's plan for the whole world, they have an obligation to return and rebuild Jerusalem. This is a sign for those who are “disciplined” and formed by Yahweh: they must break through their narrow-mindedness and follow a God who includes non-Jews in his plans. Their actions will determine whether some of the Gentiles will become followers of Yahweh or remain devotees of other gods.

Luke's Jesus is working from the same frame of mind: He encourages his followers to "enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:22-30). *“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.”* However, many of those who took salvation for granted will be shocked that they haven't been invited to the big event. Perhaps the best way to discipline ourselves according to God's method is to constantly remind ourselves of Jesus' statement: *“Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last”* (Luke 13 30). *“The ones who are now least important will be the most important, and those who are now most important will be least important.”*

cf: <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/august-25-2013-twenty-first-sunday-year>

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

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

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Renée and Celso Menjares •

Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Rückeis family •

The designated collection on September 8th is for the Church's work in the Media



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 1st: 101

Collection: Friends € 265.70

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

- **Diaspora travel to Fläming:** St. Joseph/Luckenwalde, Kloster Zinna, Nikolaikirche/Treuenbrietzen, St. Bonifatius/Bad Belzig on September 27th, 8:30 am to 7 pm. More information: Bonifatiuswerk, kategoriale.seelsorge@erzbistum.berlin.de, 030/32684-530.

Notes

- Thank you to all of the volunteers, particularly Anthony, Buck, Konrad, Lupita, Marianne and the Rückeis BBQ team for making the **annual Fall BBQ** a wonderful experience!
- The **Fall Bazaar** was a big success! A big thank you goes out to Heide and all helpers for organizing this annual event and for their countless hours volunteered in preparation.
- Please contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) if you are interested in **First Communion** classes.
- All food donations in the **wicker basket** at the entrance to church go to families in need and to the Soup Kitchen of the Sisters of Charity in Kreuzberg. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday, September 15th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke M.Afr.

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée, Celso and Levina Menjares •

Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

The designated collection on September 15th 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)

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