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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 6, 2013 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 • Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 • 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 • Luke 17:5-10

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October 2013

People in Despair: That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.

World Mission Day: That the celebration of World Mission Day may help all Christians realize that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's word.

The rich and the poor

The story of Lazarus and the rich man reflects the current issue of poverty and social justice. There is a perpetual conflict between the rich and poor. The rich disregard and often exploit the poor for their own interests. The poor are often seen as a threat to the prosperity and security of the rich. On the other hand, the poor have ambitions of becoming rich or at least they yearn to live a decent and fulfilling life. There is a struggle for material and financial resources, which seem limited and fleeting. Eventually, only a few rich control the world's resources while the majority wallows in poverty. One asks: how can social justice be achieved through equal distribution of resources? Who is willing to stand up for the poor and help them in their dire needs?

The gospel provides a consolation for those who are needy and abandoned. God will provide for the victims of injustice and those who are suffering due to others' greed and selfishness. The gospel is good news for the poor but bad news for the rich, who live a luxurious life at the expense of others. However, the gospel is clearly not romanticizing poverty. Starvation and distress are conditions which should be overcome. It is false to make a virtue out of deficiency. One needs to distinguish between poverty and the poor. The former must be eradicated. The latter must be elevated. Pope Francis reminds us of this challenge when he says: "The church should be a church for the poor."

This Christian call for shared social responsibility and appeal for generosity may be difficult in our times when the financial and Euro-crisis is not yet over, when unemployment is still high, and a decent living does not happen automatically, even if one is living in Germany. Nevertheless, a small gesture of goodness and generosity can still work wonders. We are asked to look beyond the confines of our daily preoccupations and concerns. Jesus is in our midst, especially among the poor. Let us bridge the gap between ourselves and our brothers and sisters in need.

Fr. Simon Boiser SVD

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Herbert Gillissen

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •

Altar servers: Isabella Gneist, Dylan Schmidt • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

The designated collection on October 6th is for All Saints.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 29th: 91

Collection: Friends €196.56

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

- There will be an **additional Altar Server** training this fall – so please stay posted. Thank you for your service to our community!
- Please contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) if you are interested in having your children participate in **First Communion classes at All Saints**. Classes will begin in October after the fall break.

Notes

- Please visit our website at <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>.
- 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday, October 13th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée and Celso Menjares • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm • The designated collection on October 13th is for All Saints.

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.

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Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers

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Boy Scout Troop 46: All Saints is the proud Chartered Organization for Boy Scout Troop 46 "Freedom Outpost." *True to Scouting Values for Over 55 years* (www.troop46berlin.ScoutLander.com)

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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