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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.

January 19, 2014 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 • Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10 • 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 • John 1:29-34

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

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

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm, Dylan Schmidt, Ava Brinda,
Josephine Waliszewski, Julia Waliszewski • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm and Thomas Schmidt •
The designated collection is for Family Work.

God says to all of us, "You are my beloved child."

It is John who baptizes Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17). What is being revealed to us today? It is more than a religious ritual or an obligation. If we use our faith, we see many things. As God proclaims Jesus to be the "*beloved*," we hear God affirming the same reality to all human creatures. There is *dignity in every human person* – it is at the core of our faith. Every human is beloved to God. We are all sisters and brothers made in his image and likeness. In baptism, we welcome someone into the community and we *celebrate solidarity* among its members. Jesus is in solidarity with all those who have come forward for baptism. In our baptism we see solidarity between all people in God as we face the challenges of our world.

Jesus is "*what was promised by Isaiah*"; Jesus is "*bringing justice to the nations*". The images of **Isaiah** have social and political implications for life today. We see a *commitment of shared values and ways of living*. As **Isaiah** prophesizes (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7), this Spirit of Jesus is a spirit that is not even "*breaking a bruised reed*." In his baptism, we are challenged to review our values, our ways of living and to recommit ourselves to a radical love for one another, especially for the poor.

The message of the scriptures is *for all the nations*. This is affirmed in each of the first two readings. **Isaiah** writes: "*I have called you for the victory of justice... a light for the nations*." In **Acts**, we read: "*I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him*" (Acts 10:34-38). We are called into a community to work together for a better world. It is time to be brothers and sisters in a very practical way. The *challenge of the scriptures is to make the promises of Isaiah and the commitment of Jesus real today*. The challenge is to put our baptism into practice. We are called into action for and with all our brothers and sisters because we are all "*beloved children of God*".

Cf <https://educationforjustice.org/resources/lectionary-reflections-feast-baptism-lord-jan-12-2014>

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

Join us for the Fiesta with a piñata after Mass today!

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium #47

“The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door. There are other doors that should not be closed either. Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason. This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself ‘the door’: **baptism**. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness. Frequently, we act as arbiters of grace rather than its facilitators. But the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone with all their burdened lives.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on January 12th: 86

Collection: Friends €202.19

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!

International Pastoral Center, Kranoldstr 24a, January 23, 7 p.m.: Anders Thomas Jensen's movie (Denmark, 2005) on resocialization of criminals by a priest (in German).

Sunday, January 26th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Aidan Brinda, Philip Rückeis, Samantha Rückeis, Niels Waliszewski • Hospitality: Waliszewski-Hansen family, Rosenberg family • The collection on January 26th is for Bible Work.

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Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers

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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).
- **Car:** A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>)

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