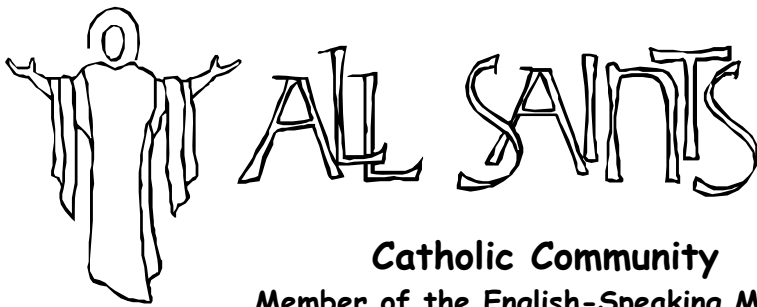


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Our Mission Statement: *The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.*

February 21, 2010 First Sunday of Lent • Year C

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 • Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15 • Romans 10:8-13 • Luke 4:1-13

If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you..." Luke 4:9-10

Was God compelled to give us freedom? No, but in doing so he made it possible for us to exercise our own responsibility in acknowledging our dependence on Him. In giving us responsibility, He also gave us the ability to abuse this gift and to deny the order of creation. He created plant life and gave it governing principles which we, through observation, call the laws of nature. He created the animal life but gave it only the faculty of instinct. Mankind He created with freedom. Animals and plants continue to exist according to their laws, offering mute testimony to the Intelligence that made them. With us, it is different. We can bring ourselves into harmony with the laws God has made for us, or we can be discordant notes, if we choose. And, in direct proportion, we must take the consequences. For life is not an end to itself. It is a purpose. Only as we perceive and strive toward that purpose, do we live rightly.

True religion cannot make anyone smug or self-satisfied. Merely because a man knows the purpose of life and is trying to follow it, does not of itself guarantee him a place among the immortals. But it does at least give him the basis to begin living. The possession of religion will not of itself guarantee that all life's problems will be solved, but it will give one the basic principles without which no solution will be possible.

One might ask why God allows there to be pain and suffering. God is not simply a larger version of ourselves, with passions and imperfections. He has created all things for eternity, not for the moment. He has not been taken by surprise by the actions of the creatures. He knew these and all their consequences at the beginning of His divine plan. He made allowances for them. Pain and suffering are not utterly evil things, but the possible means of great spiritual good, when used in accordance with God's plan.

In short, religion does not give us a prepared blueprint for each one of life's problems. It does not supply us with pat answers for everything we encounter in life. It does tell us that there are answers to be found and how to make a blueprint for our lives. Religion gives us a place to begin.

February 21st 10 a.m. Mass

Celebrant: Father Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Rachel Rückeis

Servers: Cathleen Rückeis, Samantha Rückeis

Greeter: Konrad Giersdorf

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Menjares, R. Menjares, L. Menjares

Hospitality: Levina Menjares

**Collection on February 21st is
designated for All Saints**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on February 14th: 107

Collection: Friends: 340.10 €, Schools: 18.15 €

- If you are **visiting us for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you! Please do join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall.
- We had a successful **Altar Server training** last Sunday after Mass. Seven Altar Servers attended and have acquired the necessary skills or brushed up their knowledge. We wish them well in serving our community and thank Marcell for his commitment.
- **Father Wolfgang** will be offering an **Easter Retreat on Saturday, March 6th** from 9:30 am to 11:30 am about community building with individual and common prayers, individual and common reflections and interactive parts. Watch the Bulletin for further news.
- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.
- 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.
- 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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February 28th 10 a.m. Mass

Celebrant: Father Adrian Kunert SJ

Lector: Rachel Rückeis

Servers: Emily Leung, Dylan Schmidt

Greeter: Konrad Giersdorf

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Doblhofer, L. Menjares, C. Menjares

Hospitality: N. N.

Collection on February 28th is designated for Caritas

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	Hospitality	Levina Menjares, Lupita Wilhelm	466 09 788, 305 82 45
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Bus: Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop 2 min. walk); Bus M11: 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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