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## ***Catholic Community***

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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.

## **December 25, 2011, The Nativity of the Lord**

**Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14**

God constantly leads us beyond the limits that faith imposes

Luke tells us at the beginning of his gospel who Mary's child is, who the child will be (Luke 1:26-38). But the historical Mary might not have discovered these things until many years later when she reflected on the implications of her son's death and resurrection: during his life on earth, Jesus probably was a mystery to his own mother.

And here Mary becomes a model for us: I am sure, that - like all of us - Mary had to live a lifetime in a faith where she constantly discovered the different directions into which God was leading her. Over and over again Mary had to learn how God was part of her life. I am sure that Mary never had imagined what God had in mind for her before it actually began to unfold.

For Luke, the perfect disciple is the man or woman who first hears God's word, then carries it out. I presume God's word will come for most of us not in a spectacular annunciation by an angel, but in the ways God enters our everyday lives. And here we have to open our eyes and ears to perceive him in our lives, in the lives of the others. Amen.

Cf <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/december-18-2011-fourth-sunday-advent>

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

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Celso & Levina Menjares • Altar Servers: Dylan Schmidt, Justin Oruga • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Hansen-Waliszewski family.

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## **Our Christmas Schedule**

December 24, 3:00 pm: **Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant - Father Wolfgang Felber SJ**

December 24, 9:30 pm: **Christmas Carols**

December 24, 10:00 pm: **Midnight Mass - Father Wolfgang Felber SJ**

December 25, 10:00 am: **Sunday Mass - Father Wolfgang Felber SJ**



# ***Merry Christmas!***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 18 attendance: 77

Collection: Friends €186.86

- If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you, and join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall!
- **The European Peace Meeting of Taizé** will take place in Berlin **from Dec 28, 2011 to Jan 1, 2012**. Please consider hosting one or more young people in your home. Further information: [www.taize-berlin.de](http://www.taize-berlin.de) and/or Margarethe@taize-berlin.de
- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact Father Wolfgang.
- The **Rosary** is recited next Sunday at 9:30 before Mass. Please join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- Please visit our website at <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>.
- **Hospitality**: Please contact Levina (Levis), or sign up in the office if you would like to help.
- 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.***

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

**January 1st 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Father Herbert Gillessen**

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer • Altar Servers: N.N., N.N., N.N. • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: N.N.

Collection on January 1st is designated for the Maximilian-Kolbe-Werk

<b>Celebrants</b>		<b>Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community</b>	
<b>All Saints Coordinators</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Katharine Doeringer	03328/335725
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	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Heide Doblhofer	832 62 72
	<b>Greeters, Family Group</b>	Konrad Giersdorf	797 83 709
	<b>Hospitality</b>	Levina Menjares, Lupita Wilhelm	466 09 788, 305 82 45
	<b>Lectors</b>	Mike Hoth	354 06 724
	<b>Music Director</b>	Johannes Wrembek	341 31 90
	<b>Office, Treasurer</b>	Heide Doblhofer	832 62 72
	<b>Rosary</b>	Eleonora Loebach	500 14 506

**ALL SAINTS COUNCIL:** Konrad Giersdorf (Chair) \* Vanessa Hansen \* Rudolf Hausmann \* Tamás Meggyes \* Grey Okute \* Marianne Sihotang

**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ASSOCIATION:** Howard Eyth \* Mike Hoth \* Lupita Wilhelm \* Heide Doblhofer \* Eddie McGreal

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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](http://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 M11: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or Bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk),

**Car:** Via Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>). Currently, **no access** from the A115 **Avus highway**.

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