

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



## ***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.

### **January 15, 2012, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42**

#### **God has also let the Gentiles be part of the same body**

**Paul**, in his letter to the community in Ephesus, says: "...Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." In a more modern translation, it states: "Because of Christ Jesus, the good news has given the Gentiles a share in the promises that God gave to the Jews. God has also let the Gentiles be part of the same body" (Eph 3,5). One no longer is required to be a Jew in order to convert to Christianity. And this is where **Matthew's** Magi come in the picture. The men are pagan, uncircumcised, Gentile astrologers who travel many miles to find "the newborn king of the Jews." The Magi travel great distances, while Herod and his court, knowledgeable of Jewish Scripture, refuse to go the relatively short distance between Jerusalem and Bethlehem to find the child. The Magi reach their destination by following a star: a practice forbidden by Jews under the pain of death! **Matthew's** message is clear: God works through people who are at times under restrictive means. Those who truly follow Jesus must constantly go beyond their limits in order to discover God in their everyday lives.

There is just one last point: the **myrrh**. It is an oil frequently employed to anoint dead bodies. It is Matthew's way of reminding his readers that those who follow Jesus must be prepared to die – just like even the child Jesus must be prepared to die. Perhaps we must die every day a bit, renounce our prejudices, leave our old ways – and so we may permit God to break through the restrictions we have imposed on her.

*cf <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/january-8-2012-epiphany>*

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

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •  
Altar Servers: Niels Waliszewski and Aidan Brinda • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf •  
Hospitality: Josephine Schmidt, Loebach Family

Collection on January 15th is designated for the Church's family work

**OUR COMMUNITY:** The All Saints Catholic Community is based on the principle that we, the Community, willingly take on all the responsibilities of running our own Community and supporting our Celebrants. The All Saints Coordinators, whose contact telephone numbers are shown overleaf, guide groups of volunteers in meeting our needs and those of our Celebrants. Please volunteer to help that group to which you feel you can most contribute. Contact the All Saints Coordinator responsible for the group.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 8 attendance: 99

Collection: Friends € 259.75

- 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 **All Saints Council meeting** took place on January 9th. Attended: K. Giersdorf, V. Hansen, R. Hausmann, N. Loebach, T. Meggyes, M. Sihotang; Guests: W. Felber, H. Kahef, H. Doblhofer. A motion was made for the All Saints Council to have Co-Chairs: K. Giersdorf was nominated as the German Co-Chair and V. Hansen as the English Co-Chair. The Council voted unanimously on both candidates. K. Giersdorf, R. Hausmann and V. Hansen were elected to represent All Saints at the English-speaking Mission Council. We thank all of them for assuming responsibility for these important voluntary positions.
- All Saints will be hosting a **Scout Sunday** on **February 12th**. The Berlin Boy, Girl and the Cub Scouts will be participating. For more information please contact Vanessa Hansen.
- **Father Wolfgang** will be on **Sabbatical** from February 19th until June 10th.
- 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 22nd 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Father Wolfgang Felber SJ**

Lector: Anna Berger • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Levina Menjares •  
Altar Servers: Isabella Gneist, Theresia Giersdorf, Johanna Süssel • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm

Collection on January 22nd is designated for All Saints

<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
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**ALL SAINTS COUNCIL:** Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) \* Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) \* Rudolf Hausmann \* Nora Loebach \* Tamás Meggyes \* Marianne Sihotang

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

**RECTOR ECCLESIAE:** Fr Herbert Gillessen, English-Speaking Roman Catholic Mission, Johann-Georg-Str. 8, 10709 Berlin, Tel: 8132026

**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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