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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.

## **February 24, 2013 Second Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis:15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36**

### **Rainer Maria Cardinal Woelki's Lenten Letter (Excerpts)**

*In 304 the Roman Emperor Diocletian prohibited the Christians, under capital punishment, to meet on Sundays for the celebration of the Eucharist. In Abitene, today Tunisia, 49 Christians had nevertheless assembled for the Eucharist when they were caught by the police. One of them, Emeritus, said to Proconsul Anulinus: "Without Sunday we can't." He meant we cannot live without gathering on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. The 49 Abitene martyrs were cruelly tortured and killed. By shedding their blood they professed their faith."*

*We have no need to look that far into the past, since also here in our archdiocese, under two totalitarian and godless governments, Christians were ready to suffer oppression and sometimes sacrifice their lives for their faith. Soon we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the consecration of Maria Regina Martyrum, the memorial church of the victims of the Nazi regime.*

*Which place do we give to the Eucharist in our lives? There are several good reasons for this examination: the Year of Faith proclaimed by the Holy Father, the impending national Eucharistic Congress, and, in our archdiocese, the pastoral reflection how to create room for the Faith in the future. I thank God that in our country we do at present not suffer persecution and no totalitarian system forces us to risk 'the whole lot' for celebrating the Eucharist.*

*But even though our situation is quite different, it is not necessarily easier than in former days. Our problem is that we live in a largely secularized world which simply allows no place for God. Are 60 minutes too much in comparison to 585 minutes spent on television, internet etc. a week? "Do this in memory of me" (1 Co 11:24) – the Eucharist cost the Lord his life! "This is my body, for you" – love for us without limit, up to death, that is what Jesus made of his life. "The Church lives from the Eucharist", wrote the Blessed Pope John Paul II. The Eucharist IS communion with Christ. Communion with Christ is the basis for communion with one another. The Eucharistic association is an ecclesial association. Taking part in the Eucharist is in no way comparable with a club meeting. It is neither a happening nor an event. Celebrating the Eucharist is to associate with the Lord Himself.*

*Every Christian is called to become an image of Christ. Our daily troubles do not disappear with the celebration of the Eucharist, but we receive a solid foundation to face all these worries with hope: In God's presence we find the strength to tackle our problems. The coming days of Lent are meant to assist our preparation for Easter, to rediscover the gift of the Eucharist for us and for our faith, to come to a deeper appreciation so that we may walk our way through the times with renewed courage and a happy heart, in faith, hope and charity and in constant communion with the living Lord.*

*I wish you all a time of rich blessing and grace in the preparation for the feast of Easter.*

*Rainer Maria Cardinal Woelki, Archbishop of Berlin*

The full letter is available at our website: [www.all-saints-berlin.de](http://www.all-saints-berlin.de)

## **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes after Mass**

**Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Clemens Pfaff.**

Lector: Cathleen Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Altar Servers: Isabella Gneist, Anna Schleithoff, Rafael Schleithoff • Hospitality: Rose Oruga • The designated collection today is for All Saints.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attendance on February 17th: 121

Collection: Friends €221.85, Caritas: €59.65

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**

- The next **First Holy Communion Class** takes place on March 3rd after Mass, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.
- **Confirmation retreat** on March 16th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- **St. Patrick's celebration** on March 16th at 6:00 pm.
- The next **Confirmation Class** takes place on March 17th after Mass from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Taizé prayer and singing in the Alte Dorfkirche, Zehlendorf Mitte on Feb 28th. Singing starts at 6:30 pm.

**Other Notes**

- Thanks to the Boy Scouts for providing the baked goods at the Scout Sunday Hospitality!
- A big thank you to Buck and Lupita for organizing the pinatas!
- If you are interested to help with the **Greeter ministry** (welcoming people, taking the collection etc.), please contact Anthony (anthony.m.reilly@gmail.com).

**March 3rd, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Pfr Herbert Gillessen.**

Lector: N.N. • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann and Celso Menjares • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • The designated collection on March 3rd is for Catholic schools.

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. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. 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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**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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