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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.

April 7, 2013 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16 • Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 • Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13c,17-19 • John 20:19-31

Resurrection

Og Mandino, the bestseller American author of the book "The Greatest Salesman of the World", risked his career and reputation as a writer when he published the controversial novel "The Christ Commission". It was a story about an investigation into the authenticity of Christ's resurrection. At the end, he echoed what St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Cor 15:14).

Indeed, the belief of the resurrection of Christ is a central tenet of our Christian faith. But according to recent surveys, many Christians have difficulties accepting and understanding this article of faith, even if most of them are church-goers and active members in their church community. It is because we live in these modern times where every phenomenon is explained through science and verified by experiments. The occurrence of a resurrection is rare, if not singular.

What is actually the resurrection? Pope Benedict once wrote: "the resurrection is not resuscitation". This means a person is not simply revived and brought back to his old life. He is transformed into a new being just like the risen Christ, whom Mary Magdalene mistakenly recognized as a gardener. Resurrection is also not reincarnation, which is a teaching of Hinduism and Buddhism. Is the belief of the resurrection a myth or fairytale similar to the stories behind the Easter bunny and Easter eggs? There are no easy answers to this fundamental and important question.

Every Christian should ponder upon this central dogma of our faith. Instead of focusing on the historicity or scientific dispute about it, we could move forward by accepting it as a mystery of faith. Recognizing a mystery is not being blind to reason. It is embracing the logic of belief and spirituality.

Resurrection is an invitation to allow God to enter into our lives and perform miracles in us. Let us make room for God, so that He may transform the personal and social tombs within us. Let Him change what is dead and stagnant in our relationships. Let Him revive our forgotten dreams and discarded ideals. Let Him make us optimistic and hopeful, when we seem trapped in despair and crisis.

Easter is considered the feast of all feasts in the Catholic Church. We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, which is the dramatic climax of His suffering and death. Easter allows us to renew our lives in the spirit of the resurrected Christ.

Fr Simon Boiser

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Herbert Gillessen.

Lectors: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso, Levina and Renée Menjares • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Altar Servers: Erik and Gwendolyn Walton, Sebastian Rosenberg • Hospitality: Rose Oruga • The designated collection on April 7th is for All Saints.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 31st: 116

Collection: Friends €323.30

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 April 14th after Mass, 11:00 am through 12:30 pm.
- The next **Confirmation Class** takes place on April 14th after Mass from 11:00 am through 1:00 pm.
- Our next **Family Bazaar** will take place on May 4th.
- Celebration of the **First Holy Communion**: Sunday May 12th, St Bernhard's, 11 am
- Celebration of the **Confirmation**: Sunday June 2nd, St Bernhard's, 11 am

Other Notes

- Many thanks to Vanessa for organising the **Easter Egg Hunt** last Sunday which was a special event for our young generation.
- Our special thanks go to Levina and her helpers for a special **Easter hospitality**.

Sunday, April 14th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke.

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •
 Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Beata McGreal •
 The designated collection on April 14th is for All Saints.

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

Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers

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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)

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 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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