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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.

## **April 21, 2013 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 13:14, 43-52 • Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 • Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 • John 10:27-30**

### **An Experience of Mission**

When we read the Bible, the important question to not ask: What really did happen? But rather: What does it mean? The Gospel is not a newspaper report; it wants to tell us something new about God. The story of today is not about some fishermen in Galilee catching 153 fish, but about the experience of mission of the early church.

Seven disciples go fishing. 7 is the symbolic figure for perfection and plenitude. The whole church is meant to go "fishing", but not fish, but rather people, as Peter is told when he experienced the first miraculous catch. So all disciples go out on mission: a first attempt organized by themselves ends in failure; when sent out by Jesus, it becomes an overwhelming success.

The disciples had to understand that the church and her mission was not their work, but Jesus' work. Relying only on their own strength, they would not have gone very far. United with Jesus and listening to the inspirations of his Spirit, their mission was abundantly blessed. Jesus had told them: "Without me you can do nothing."

Is there a lesson for us today? Today's situation of the Church resembles the apostles working hard but catching nothing. Churches become emptier, the Church loses influence, religion is ridiculed. Our mission seems a failure.

What is the answer? Should we call in a management consultant firm like McKinsey? Or hire a professional advertising company? Or restructure our parishes? The starting point is maybe to listen attentively to the far away voice from the shore telling us what to do next. We must become so quiet that we can hear it. Do we give time for prayer and silence to be able to hear it when we meet for our parish council?

When Jesus later gives Peter his mission, he does not ask him to do a PhD in theology or in management or communication. No, he simply asked: *Do you love me? Are you going to be near me so you can hear my voice and follow what I say?*

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

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

Lectors: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann •  
Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Altar Servers: Isabella Gneist, Conrad Chisolm •  
Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The designated collection today is for Catholic Kindergartens.

## **Confirmation Class today after Mass**

**Saturday, May 4th, 9 am – 3 pm: Family Bazaar**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on April 14th: 101

Collection: Friends €152.04

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

- April 25th, Thursday, 6:30 pm: **Taizé prayer and singing** in the Alte Dorfkirche, Zehlendorf Mitte
- April 27th, Saturday 10–12 am: **First Holy Communion preparation:** Banner making at St Bernhard's
- April 28th 11:00 am – 12:30 pm: **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes** after Mass
- April 28th: **Altar Server Sunday:** Spandau Citadel tour, pizza lunch, 3D movie
- May 4th 10 – 12 am: **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes:** Zoo visit with Director Blaszkiewitz
- May 4th, Saturday: **Family Bazaar:** Your help is needed for setup, cleanup and selling coffee and cake.
- May 11th, Saturday 10 – 12 am: **First Holy Communion Rehearsal** and 2nd reconciliation
- May 12th 11 am: Celebration of the **First Holy Communion** at St Bernhard's
- May 30, Corpus Christi: **First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes:** Mass and Procession with Cardinal Woelki, Gendarmenmarkt, Stadtmitte 6-8 pm. **Meet at 5:30** pm in front of the Hilton.
- June 1st 10 – 12 am: **Confirmation Rehearsal**, 2nd reconciliation and decoration at St Bernhard's
- June 2nd 11 am: Celebration of the **Confirmation** at St Bernhard's

**Sunday, April 28th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber.**

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina and Renée Menjares, Heide Doblhofer •  
Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm •  
The designated collection on April 28th is for All Saints.

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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<b>Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers</b>			
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	<b>Greeters, Family Group</b>	Konrad Giersdorf	797 83 709
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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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