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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.

August 18, 2013 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 • Psalm 40:2-4, 18 • Hebrews 12:1-4 • Luke 12:49-53

Called to be Responsible Stewards

In various stories Jesus compares our human and our Christian vocation with the responsibility of a manager who has to administer the property of the land-owner. Or He speaks of a king who delegates his power before going on a journey, or in today's Gospel of a steward who is put in charge of the household in the absence of his master. In various ways Jesus reminds us of the basic arrangement made at the beginning of creation on the first pages of the bible. The first story of creation (Gen. 1) describes it as God building and decorating a dream house, in the second (Gen. 2) He plants a beautiful garden. Then the creator God hands over his creation to humanity to care for it and develop it. With one proviso: Don't play God! Respect the intention of the owner! The rest of human history is a unilateral declaration of independence, the attempt to throw the owner, the master, out of his own property. This is more than evident in today's culture which proposes the ideal of total freedom, personal autonomy, unlimited self-determination. A higher authority to submit my decisions to? No, thank you! Let no one tell me what I should do. ♦ As Christians, we, too, enjoy a vast space of freedom and creativity. As God's children we receive a share in God's freedom and creative energy. But if we are conscious that we are caretakers not masters, before taking decisions we stop for a moment and ask the boss what He thinks about it. That's what the Sunday Mass is about: Listen attentively what the master has to say. That is what prayer is about: linking our small and big decisions with God's plan for his creation. This has immediate practical consequences. ♦ There is an even more important issue to think about. We are stewards and caretakers of God's creation, his household, his "oikos". Yet, our consumer life style and our whole economic system is ruthlessly exploiting the limited resources of our planet and destroying the very ecosystems on which our life and the life of future generations depend. We very much resemble the bad steward in today's example who uses all the nice food in the store for a personal party instead of giving it out to his fellow-servants as he was told. And on top, he beats them up when they complain. It is perhaps one of the greatest challenges of our time to learn how to become good stewards of God's creation.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

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

Lector: Anna Berger • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •

Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: N.N. •

The designated collection today is for All Saints.

Welcome back from Vacation!

**Annual Fall Barbecue on September 1st after Mass
Fall Family Bazaar on September 7th from 9 am to 3 pm**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on August 11th: 71

Collection: Friends € 99.67, Kindergartens € 9.46

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

- **Konrad** is looking for help for our **Annual All Saints Fall Potluck Barbecue** after Mass on September 1st. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall after Mass.
- **Heide** needs help for setup, cleanup and selling coffee and cake at our Fall Family Bazaar on Saturday, September 7th, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Notes

- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.
- For daily **Mass texts or prayer intentions** please visit: <http://www.sacredspace.ie/>.
- 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.

Sunday, August 25th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso and Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Anthony Reilly • Altar Servers: Isabella Gneist, Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm The designated collection on August 25th 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.

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

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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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