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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.

September 15, 2013 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 • Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 • 1 Timothy 1:12-17 •
Luke 15:1-32**

All our decisions should result from our reflection on what it means to share the faith of Jesus

Paul's letter to Philemon conveys a message which is central to being a follower of Jesus. Philemon is one of Paul's wealthy converts; Onesimus is Philemon's runaway slave who asks Paul to let him be his personal servant.

What would we do today? We would free this helpless individual. However, Christian morality has not yet evolved to this point during Paul's ministry. Paul insists for slave owners to treat their slaves humanely but it takes another 1,700 years for slavery to be abolished. Paul's notion of "freedom" lays the foundation for abolition and enables Christians to break many restrictions which enslaved them to customs, traditions, and practices. "*The corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns*" (Wisdom 9:13-18b). In other words, our human condition provides us occasions for freedom. Luke's Jesus also promises his followers that, by imitating him, they'll be free to make life-changing decisions (Luke 14:25-33) and assume deliberate choices to follow him and accept the consequences of carrying their daily cross.

We can appreciate Paul's solution to the Onesimus dilemma. Paul demands for both Philemon and Onesimus to make a mutual decision. The runaway slave should deliver Paul's letter requesting for Philemon to release Onesimus. But Onesimus runs a risk: if he confronts Philemon, will Philemon freely hand him over to Paul? We presume Philemon does – otherwise the letter would not have been saved. For Christians, such freeing actions do not happen by accident. They are the result of deep reflection on their Christian faith. I encourage you to reflect on what it means for you to share the faith of Jesus and to be a friend of Jesus.

cf <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/september-5-2010-twenty-third-sunday-year>

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke M.Afr.
Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée, Celso and Levina Menjares • Greeter: Anthony Reilly
• Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • The designated collection on September 15th is for All Saints



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 8th: 80

Collection: Friends €357.17, Media: €7.10

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

- **BibleLive** study at Muthesiusstraße 4, 12163 Berlin on September 19th, Thursday 7:00 pm. Bus: Kieler Straße, Subway: Schlossstraße, Exit Zimmermannstraße, S-Bahn: Rathaus Steglitz. More information: Klaudia Höfig, 01573-870-3659, 030-60975944 (office) or info@ipz-berlin.de.
- **Diaspora travel to Fläming:** St. Joseph/Luckenwalde, Kloster Zinna, Nikolaikirche/Treuenbrietzen, St. Bonifatius/Bad Belzig on September 27th, 8:30 am to 7 pm. More information: Bonifatiuswerk, kategoriale.seelsorge@erzbistum.berlin.de, 030/32684-530.

Notes

- Please contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) if you are interested in having your child participate in **First Communion** classes at All Saints. Classes are for children starting in the second grade.
- 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, September 22nd, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Clemens Pfaff

Lector: Anna Berger • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso and Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer •
Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Hospitality: Hansen-Waliszewski & Brinda Families •
The designated collection on September 22nd is for Caritas.

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!

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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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