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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.

November 17, 2013 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a • Psalm 98:5-9 • 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 • Luke 21:5-19

For God All Are Alive

In the second century before Christ the Jewish people went through a terrible culture shock, not unlike the cultural revolution of today. They were forced by a certain King Antioch to abandon their religious traditions and to accept the norms of dominant Greek culture with its language, philosophy and hedonistic life style. Most young people went for the new, but some refused, often paying for it with their lives, as we heard in the first reading from the book of Maccabees. What gave these heroic Jews the courage to resist was their hope that God would give them a new life. These Jewish martyrs were the beginning of a religious movement: the Pharisees who were faithful to the law and lived in the hope of life after death.

But in Jesus's time there were also "liberal" Jews, called Sadducees, who thought that all this talk about resurrection was simply a human projection, a form of wishful thinking; not unlike the many agnostics of our time. Some cynical Sadducees tried to ridicule the belief in a resurrection with a funny story we heard in the Gospel. Jesus's answer was: You do not know what you are talking about. You simply project your own experience unto the world of God. If you could only see reality from God's view, you would understand that "for God all are alive". Our distinction between the living and the dead does not exist for God. We could ask ourselves how we see our dead. As the Sadducees did or as Jesus did? Are they truly alive for us?

Jesus also gives us some hints how life after may be like. He says: The living "dead" will be "like angels" and they will be "sons and daughters of God". It will not simply be a prolongation of life here. It will be totally different.

Yet, we have to use images from our own experience to imagine it. One of the most beautiful ideas is given in a letter of Pope Benedict XVI on hope. He first asks whether we really want to live eternally the life we live now and concludes that in the end it may become "monotonous and ultimately unbearable." But this is not what God has in store for us. Benedict suggests to imagine life after death... "like a moment of supreme satisfaction...; like plunging into an ocean of infinite love, a moment in which time – the before and after – no longer exists...; like plunging ever anew into the vastness of being, in which we are simply overwhelmed with joy."

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

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

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée and Celso Menjares •
Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Altar Servers: Aidan Brinda, Caroline Stein and Niels Waliszewski • Hospitality:
Waliszewski-Hansen Family & Brinda Family • The designated collection is for Bonifatiuswerk.

Thanksgiving Celebration on Saturday, November 23rd at 6 pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on November 10th: 78

Collection: Friends €253.45

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

- **Turkeys for the Thanksgiving** can be collected at All Saints on Friday, November 22nd from 10 am.
- **Taizé prayer and singing** in the Alte Dorfkirche, Zehlendorf Mitte on Thursday, **November 28th** 6:30 pm.
- **Decoration of the Christmas Tree and the Church** will take place on Friday, November 29th at 5:00 pm.
- **Interfaith Concert** on Saturday, **December 14th** at 5 pm.

Notes

- From now on **Buck Chisolm and Katharine Doeringer** will be jointly coordinating the Altar Servers' activity. We wish them well in this important task.
- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.
- Please visit our website at <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>.

Sunday, November 24th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée, Celso and Levina Menjares • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Altar Servers: Madeline Rückeis, Conrad Chisolm, Samantha Rückeis • Hospitality: Thomas & Josephine Schmidt & Lupita Wilhelm • The designated collection on November 24th is for Caritas.

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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>)