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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 24, 2013 Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 5:1-3 • Psalm 122:1-5 • Colossians 1:12-20 • Luke 23:35-43

Let us not waste time with speculating about the end of the world

The end of the world – some picture it as a vengeful, merciless, destructive event. When earth and its inhabitants are decimated, only the just will enter the realm of eternal, heavenly joy. However, this is not the Christian vision! A vindictive and cruel divine personality can only be found in the book of Revelation, which is difficult for us to understand.

In Luke (21:5-19) Jesus talks about “*things (which) are about to happen,*” “*wars and insurrections,*” he warns that “*nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom.*” We’ll have to endure “*powerful earthquakes, famine and plagues,*” “*awesome sights and mighty signs (coming) from the sky.*” But for Luke these events are to be looked upon as “*natural*” phenomena. Jesus does not say that these phenomena are sent by God and for Christians to believe that these are prerequisites for Jesus’ arrival. Luke instructs his readers to live their normal lives until their natural deaths without expecting Jesus’ *Parousia* (second coming or the end of the world). Luke’s gospel directs our eyes away from heaven to everyday events where Jesus’ disciples find his presence, even under persecution.

In the second letter to the Thessalonians (3:7-12), this view is reinforced. The letter concentrates on the *most down to earth events* in the community. Readers are reminded that Paul worked even while evangelizing others while others refuse to work and are “*conducting themselves... in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others.*” The things which people are concerned with in Thessaloniki and in the 21st century are more important than wasting time to identify Jesus’ Second Coming. It is more important to imitate the historical Jesus: love your neighbors, live in non-violence and focus on earthly life rather at a distant heaven. Jesus wants us to work for a better today.

cf <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/november-14-2010-twenty-third-sunday-year>

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is 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 is for Caritas.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on November 17th: 84 Collection: Friends €127.58, Bonifatiuswerk: €5.90

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

- **Taizé prayer and singing:** Alte Dorfkirche, Zehlendorf, **November 28th** 6:30 pm.
- **We will be decorating the Christmas Tree and the Church** on November 29th 5:00 pm.
- Spread the word! The Hüttenweg communities will be holding a special **Ecumenical Christmas Concert** in the main chapel on Saturday, **December 14th** at 5 pm. Entrance is free!

Notes

- We thank Konrad and all the helpers who prepared another unforgettable **Thanksgiving Celebration** yesterday. We had a special treat this year! A big thanks to the Hanna-Mei, Aidan, Henry, Caroline and Ruby for sharing their musical talent and Ted & the Filipino dancers.
- **Lectors:** the lector schedule for **December** 2013 and **January** 2014 has been distributed by email and is available in the Sacristy and on the bulletin board.
- **Altar Servers:** Please note that we will have a sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall after Mass if you want to volunteer for a future Sunday.
- **Parking place** is again available alongside the church.

Sunday, December 1st, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr Herbert Gillessen.

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso and Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Anthony Reilly • Altar Servers: Caroline and Sebastian Rosenberg • Hospitality: Levina Menjares •
The designated collection on December 1st 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!

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Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers

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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)

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