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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.

March 16, 2014 Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a • Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 • 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 • Matthew 17:1-9

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

Lector: Christian Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso and Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Madeleine Rückeis, Erik Walton and Gwendolyn Walton •
Hospitality: Thomas Schmidt • The designated collection is for All Saints.

Imagine how this world would be if each of us imitates the life of Jesus

In Genesis Adam's and Eve's "*eyes were opened and they realized that they were naked.*" (Gen 3, 7). Some verses prior it says that "*The man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed*" (Gen 2, 25). What happens between these two verses is what theology calls the *original sin* which brings a drastic psychological change into their everyday life.

Traditionally, original sin was seen as a mark on one's soul passed down to our children. Evolution theory was a fact as early as 60 years ago – the point is that no longer ONE pair but several people in several places may have been the first ones to be called humans. This new concept required a major adjustment to the traditional way of treating original sin. The Church invites us to regard original sin not so much as a *mark on our individual souls* but as the sinful environment our ancestors bequeathed upon us which makes it impossible for us not to commit one's original sin. We are born into the context of original sin and embedded in a sinful world.

The man and woman in Genesis are just as naked after their sin but they are forced to look at their nakedness from a different perspective. What was once normal, is now an embarrassment. Matthew is convinced that only Jesus can reverse this process and lets Jesus' ministry begin with the story of temptations. Jesus refuses to give in to temptations. No-one was in that wilderness except for Jesus and Satan and Matthew presumes Jesus experienced temptations in the same way we do in life – with the inclination to feed our material needs and ignore the essential aspects of life at no matter the cost.

We fear that others give in to those temptations. We would certainly be more relaxed and open in our relations with others if we didn't have to worry about them taking advantage of us.

Those who think they can't have an effect on the world we live in haven't read Paul's letter to the Christian community in Rome (5:12-19). Speaking about the effects of Jesus' death and resurrection, Paul states: "Just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all" (Rom 5:18) or "Adam's sin brought punishment to all, but Christ's righteousness makes men right with God, so that they can live" or "One sin of Adam brought the punishment of death to all people. But in the same way, Christ did something so good that it makes all people right with God. And that brings them true life" (different translations).

We should not forget that Paul presumes that the followers of Jesus have become images of Christ. Christians are supposed to imitate Christ in their everyday life. Imagine the world centuries from now if we each imitate the life of Jesus: let us attempt to create this world.

cf: <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/march-13-2011-first-sunday-lent>

Wolfgang Felber SJ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 9th: 91 Collection: Friends: €149.59, Kindertagesstätten €9.08

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

- Time to go green! The annual **St. Patrick's Day Potluck** is taking place on Saturday, **March 22nd starting at 6 pm**. Please bring a dish to share. We need volunteers to help with setup and cleaning. Please sign up with Konrad in the Fellowship Hall after Mass.
- **World Catholic Youth Day on Saturday, April 12th from 13:00 – 22:00** for youth 13 and older. Please contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) for more information.

Sunday, March 23rd, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann •
 Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Erik Walton and Gwendolyn Walton •
 Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The designated collection on March 23rd is for Catholic schools.

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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- **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>)

Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints.

We pray for the oppressed and those suffering from persecution.

St. Patrick Day's celebration on March 22nd at 6:00 pm