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## ***Catholic Community***

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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.

## **October 19, 2014 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 • Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10 • 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b • Matthew 22:15-21**

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

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Isabella Gneist and Dylan Schmidt • Hospitality: Marianne Sihatong and Lupita Wilhelm • Designated collection today is for All Saints.

### **The need for adaptability of faith and religion**

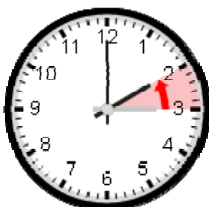
The Philippi community wanted to help Paul financially in his ministry (**Philippians**, 4:12-14.19-20). Paul assured them: "*I know indeed how to live in humble circumstances, I also know how to live in abundance....*" Adaptation to changing circumstances distinguished early Christianity. Jesus did not give his followers a detailed handbook on how to build the Church; he only left them with the example of his death and resurrection. Jesus commanded for them to continue his ministry and trusted their adaptability. His followers changed the language of Jesus from Aramaic into Greek because many converts didn't speak Aramaic. Thus they weren't limited by time, culture or geography. As long as they were faithful to his teachings, Jesus presumed his followers would know how to "read the signs of the times" and keep, omit or change as necessary.

But we Christians don't have a monopoly – many of God's followers were gifted with this adaptive outlook long before Jesus' birth. **Isaiah** sees a beautiful future in which "Yahweh will destroy death forever" (Isaiah 25:6-10) and this also applied to non-Jews. Isaiah even offers the faith to the Assyrians who were just about to annihilate his own people. Jesus is worried about individuals who do not take advantage of the opportunities God sends (**Matthew**, 22:1-14). His parable of the refused wedding invitation was probably part of his basic "programmatic speech" in which Matthew summed up the situation he faced daily. Many of his listeners did not regard God's invitation to reform as an opportunity for new faith experiences, they were simply developing excuses to continue their "status quo".

John XXIII told the Vatican II bishops that he didn't call the council to repeat what they already believed, but to explore what the Church could gain from what was going on outside the Church. It is still too early to see the effect pope Francis will have on the Church. We have heard about the **family synod in Rome**. Will those gathered there accept God's invitation to reform as an opportunity for new faith experiences? Will they read the signs of the times? Adaptation to changing circumstances distinguished early Christianity. What about in the 21<sup>st</sup> century Church?

Cf. <http://www.dignityusa.org/breath/october-12-2008-twenty-eighth-sunday-year>

**Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ**



**Summer daylight-saving time ends on October 25th.  
Remember to move your clock back one hour!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on October 12th: 70

Collections: Friends €69.93, Middle East: €134

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

- Please be sure to read about our **new English-speaking interfaith youth group: LIFT (Living In Faith Together)!** There was a **Ghana Night yesterday** for older kids and there will be a **Halloween Night on October 25th** which will include two parallel programs for elementary school kids according to age groups. These events are open to children of ALL faiths. So please spread the news!
- Thank you for your generosity in the **special collection** last Sunday for the refugees in the Middle East who are suffering from the atrocities by the Islamic State.

### Notes

- **Hospitality:** We are looking for a new Hospitality Coordinator. Please contact Vanessa.
- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.
- 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.

#### October 26th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm  
 Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen-Waliszewski (Halloween)  
 Designated collection on October 26th is for World Mission Sunday.

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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**Friends of All Saints Verein:** Howard Eyth, Mike Hoth, Lupita Wilhelm, Heide Doblhofer, Eddie McGreal

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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](http://www.troop46berlin.ScoutLander.com))

### Directions 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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