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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 26, 2014 Thirties Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26 • Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51 • 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 • Matthew 22:34-40

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

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Madeleine Rückeis, Karoline Stein •

Hospitality: Hansen-Waliszewski Family (Halloween) • Designated collection today is for World Mission Sunday.

Were these the good old times when Christian values were the only values a state admitted?

"Give the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor and give God what belongs to God" (Mt 22, 21). Jesus' answer to the Pharisees is unambiguous as his words do not state specifics about Christian participation in civic life. Matthew's entire passage mentions two extremes from the state's side. One of them is a political system which would assimilate the Church through favor in order to absorb her. It is a political system which would instrumentalize the Church, faith and believers with the state's duties; we know systems like these. The other extreme is a political system that would exclude the church by force; we also know systems like these.

The Church must avoid the temptation to demand to give God what is Caesar's. We know theocratic states where religion dominates society and they are hardly good for people. We only need to think of the so-called "Islamic State"... And even if Christian churches do not want a theocratic state where the Christian faith is the state religion, certain nostalgia is still present about the good old times where Christian values were the only values admitted. We can think of the synod on the family in Rome that just ended: aren't there "synod fathers" who regret that the Church no longer decides what is good and what is wrong in our daily lives?

"*Is it lawful to pay tax to the Emperor or not?*" This is an explosive question. Parts of the Jewish population bitterly resented any taxation by the Romans. If Jesus refuses the tribute to Caesar, he sides with the violent anti-Roman revolutionaries. But if he authorizes the tribute to Caesar, he would be on the occupiers' side. Jesus eludes the trap. "*Give Caesar what is Caesar's, but give God what is God's!*" The expression "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians, 2:11) denies Caesar's claims to absolute divine power for any Christian.

In his encyclical "*Populorum Progressio*" blessed (since October 18th 2014) Pope Paul VI wrote in 1967: "Founded to build the kingdom of heaven on earth rather than to acquire temporal power, the Church openly avows that the two powers Church and State are distinct from one another; that each is supreme in its own sphere of competency. But since the Church does dwell among people, she has the duty of scrutinizing the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel". Let us take some moments to reflect on our participation as Christians in the political life of our nations, cities and communities.

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

**There will be Children's Liturgy today during Mass
followed by a Halloween-themed hospitality!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on October 19th: 89

Collections: Friends € 211.94

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

- The annual **Friends of All Saints Verein membership meeting** will take place after Mass on **November 16th**. Please **renew your membership** if you have not done so yet.
- Mark your calendars: **Annual All Saints Family Thanksgiving Potluck** is on **Saturday, November 22nd at 6 pm**.
- The interfaith LIFT (**Living In Faith Together**) youth group is off to a great start! We recently hosted a Ghana Night and a Halloween party for the younger kids together with the Protestant American Church in Berlin (ACB). ACB will be hosting the youth events for the months of November - **Game Night on Friday, November 14th** and a **Thanksgiving Concert & Feast on Saturday, November 29th**. More details coming out soon. These events are open to children of ALL faiths. So bring a friend and please spread the news!

Notes

- **Cross Bearer/Altar Server volunteers** are still being sought for November and December. If you would like to sign up, do so using the list in the Fellowship Hall after Mass today or use our Doodle. If anyone is interested in becoming an Altar Server please read the announcement included with your bulletin today and sign up after Mass or reply by e-mail to one of the coordinators.
- **Hospitality:** We are looking for hospitality volunteers for November 30th and December 28th.
- **Confessions** can be heard on request. Please contact the celebrant.

November 2nd, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Herbert Gillissen

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Niels and Julia Waliszewski • Hospitality: Rose Oruga
Designated collection on November 2nd is for Priests in Central and Eastern Europe.

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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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)

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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