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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.

## **November 23, 2014 Christ the King**

**Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 • Psalm 23:1-3,5-6 • 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 • Matthew 25:31-46**

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

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Dylan Schmidt, Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

Today's designated collection is for All Saints.

### **God gives us the talents to do good in the world**

The scriptures challenge us to put our values in order, to focus on the important things and to take risks trusting in the generous power given to us by God. Proverbs (31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31) offer the image of a wife who cares for her family and the poor. This reading can misinterpret a women's role and limit it to "domestic work." The proper way, however, to read this scripture is in the value of a person, not in superficial standards of beauty or fashion, but in the quality of life, the loving character of human relationships and in the concern shown to others: "She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy."

Matthew (25:14-30) reminds us of the possibilities that can unfold when God's gifts are properly used. God has given us talents and when we make our efforts, great things can happen. In the parable, those who invest in what they have been given, have success and only the one who is paralyzed by fear fails.

We live in a world that has abundant resources but just distribution is the challenge. God invites us to a responsible sharing of abundance. Hunger and injustice can come to an end if we use what has been given to us by God efficiently. Studies show the unequal distribution of wealth. The top 1% controls a huge percentage of our wealth and has an inordinate proportion of income. People at the bottom get increasingly less and those in the middle are not well. God invites us to responsibly share our income and to commitment to the common good and justice.

We can deplete the earth's resources, pollute the environment, and keep producing greenhouse gases that change the climate. But God invites us to use our gifts and talents for the common good so that all people can enjoy the rewards of responsible development. Abundance, fruitfulness and goodness are possible. People of all nations can share in development and injustice can come to an end. We need to use well what we have been given by God.

[cf educationforjustice.org/resources/thirty-third-sunday-ordinary-time-november-13-2011](http://cf.educationforjustice.org/resources/thirty-third-sunday-ordinary-time-november-13-2011)

**Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ**

**We have Children's Liturgy today!**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on November 16th: 93

Collections: Friends €323.40, Diaspora €19.27

*Visiting All Saints for the first time? Please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you and join us after Mass for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!*

**November 30th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Jun Ocampo SVD**

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Beata McGreal •

Designated collection on November 30th is for Caritas.

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

## Mark your Calendars – lots going on!

### NOVEMBER

- **Friday, November 28th – Christmas tree set-up & decoration.** Help is welcome!
- **Saturday, November 29th – LIFT Family Group: “Voices of Gratitude” Thanksgiving Concert & Reception at ACB** at 6 pm. Proceeds benefit the ACB food distribution/Berliner Tafel. Following, enjoy homemade pumpkin soup and American-style dessert reception. Ticket purchase online or at the door (5 euros youth/10 euros adults). Doors open at 5 pm.

### DECEMBER

- **Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – “Living” Caroling Advents Calendar.** Join us for some holiday cheer! Meeting at 5.45 pm at All Saints. We will host members of the St. Otto & Herz Jesu Community for Advent Caroling on their daily pilgrimage of spreading Christmas joy. We will warm up with Gluehwein, hot chocolate, hot dogs, cake and Christmas goodies. **2-SERVICE HOUR** opportunity for the youth.
- **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – LIFT Youth Group: Hanukkah Celebration** with the Jewish Community for kids ALL AGES – Hanukkah bingo, spin the dreidel, music and traditional food from 6 pm to 8.30 pm at All Saints. **3-SERVICE HOURS** opportunity - We need teens to run the stations. RSVP Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com)
- **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – LIFT Family Christmas Carol Singing** from 4 pm to 5.30 pm at the Seniorenpflegeheim Bergstrasse on Altmarkstr. 27, 12169 in Steglitz. Please be there by 3.30 pm. Public transport: Sbfh Altmarkstr. or Priesterweg or Bus 170 stops directly in front of the residence. **2-SERVICE HOURS** opportunity for the youth!
- **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Liturgy** followed by a Christmas-themed hospitality!

## Other Announcements

- Thanks to **Konrad** and all the helpers for another unforgettable **Thanksgiving Potluck!**
- We would like to invite the children and youth to participate in the **Annual Christmas Pageant** on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. We will need ushers, altar servers, lectors, singers, musicians & actors! Please contact Katharine (kcdoeringer@gmail.com) or Lynn (brindanyc@aol.com)
- Interested in becoming a **Cross Bearer or Altar Server?** Please fill out one of the green info forms available outside the church office and give it to Katherine or Buck after Mass.
- **A hospitality volunteer** is needed for **December 28th**. If you would like to help out, speak with Buck or Vanessa. We will be organizing our volunteers for the first quarter of next year shortly and would appreciate having you help out.
- Thanks for supporting **our children and youth programs** by participating in the **new Samsung Galaxy Tab4 tablet RAFFLE** at the Thanksgiving Potluck. Congratulations to the lucky winner! And thanks to Jenny for organizing!

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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