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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.

## **March 1, 2015 Second Sunday of Lent**

**The readings are (*missalette* p 65 ff): Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 • Ps 116:10, 15, 16-19 • Rom 8:31b-34 • Mk 9:2-10**

### **Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Herbert Gillissen**

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm • Gifts: TBA • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

Today's designated collection is for All Saints.

### **Pope Francis: Never use God as a cover for injustice**

Pope Francis used his homily to reflect on how Christians, especially during Lent, should not confine themselves to outside signs of piety like fasting and charity and instead must reach out to those in need. From fasting, Jesus wants from us to break the evil chains, free those who are oppressed, clothe those who are naked and carry out justice. True fasting is not a just an outward appearance or observance but a fasting from the heart.

Love of God and neighbor are one and the same: *"And in the tablets of the law, there's the law towards God and the law towards our neighbor and both of these go together. I can't say: 'But no, I follow the three commandments first and the others more or less.' No, if you don't follow one, you can't follow the other and if you follow one you must follow the other. Love of God and love of our neighbor is one and the same thing and if you want to show genuine and not just formal penance, you must show it before God and also towards your brothers and towards your neighbor."*

Grave sin to use God as a cover for injustice: Pope Francis uses an example of someone who goes to weekly Sunday Mass and receives communion but then asked: does that person pay employees in cash under the table, a salary below the going rate and without making the necessary social security contributions? *"So many men and women of faith, have faith but then divide the tablets of the law. 'Yes, I do this' – 'But do you practice charity?' – Yes, I always send a check to the Church' – 'Ok, that's good. But at home, within your own Church, are you generous and fair with those who are your dependents – your children, your grandparents, your employees?' You cannot make offerings to the Church on the shoulders of the injustice that you practice towards your dependents. This is a very serious sin: using God as a cover for injustice."*

At Lent make room in our hearts for those who have erred: The pope went on to explain how Christians should reach out to those who are less fortunate, be they children, old people without health insurance and those who have erred and who are now in prison. *"No, with those types of people I don't (associate) ....' He's in prison: if you're not in prison it's because our Lord has helped you not to sin. Do you have room in your heart for prisoners in jail? Do you pray for them so that the Lord can help them to change their life?' May the Lord accompany us on our Lenten journey so that our external observance becomes a profound renewal of the Spirit. That's what we prayed for that the Lord may give us this grace."*

**Source: 2015-02-20 Vatican Radio**

**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>)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on February 22: 78

Collections: Friends €89.72, Caritas €26.94

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

**March 8th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Clemens Pfaff**

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Thomas Donovan • Gifts: TBA • Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection on March 8th is for Catholic schools.

## UPCOMING DATES

**Children's Liturgy: Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**LIFT Interfaith Youth Group**

**LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY FOR ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS**

All Saints is offering a **guided scripture study opportunity** for adults wishing to **mark the season of Lent** with a **spiritual enhancement** activity. The theme will be „**Living as Christians**“, focusing on excerpts from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. The program will consist of six evening sessions and utilize materials from the „Six Weeks with the Bible“ – Catholic Perspectives program.

**Dates: Mondays 2 March, 9 March, 16 March, 23 March, 30 March.**

**Time: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm**

**Location: All Saints at Hüttenweg**

You do not need to attend all six sessions! Self-study packets will be sent via email for sessions you miss. If you would like to participate, please contact Jenny Gebhardt (Tel. 847 100 73).

**March: “Iranian Evening” on Saturday, March 7th** from 6.30 pm to 8 pm. We will have a unique opportunity to tour the **Iranian Mosque and Cultural Center**, learn about Islam and Iran's fascinating history and culture – middle eastern hospitality included! This event is open to the entire All Saints community. Directions: Iranian Mosque & Cultural Center on Ordensmeisterstraße 5-6, 12099 Berlin-Tempelhof  
Bring a friend to the LIFT events! The more diverse the group, the better.  
Interested in coming or helping out? Contact Vanessa - [vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)

Mark your calendars for our annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK** celebration on Saturday, March 14th starting at 6.30 pm 'cause everyone is Irish when celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Support All Saints through our fundraising site at [www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin](http://www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin) at no extra cost to yourself. Shop at one of more than 1500 online shops through this website, and All Saints receives a donation from the online shop for every transaction you make. The funds collected this way will go toward supporting our community life, such as our hospitality ministry.

**WORLD CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY BERLIN Saturday, March 28th, 2:30 pm to 6 pm at St. Matthias in Schöneberg**

We are a world church! Join in the celebration. This event is for youth in the 4th grade and older. We would like to send a delegation of English-speaking Catholic youth representing the different age groups (4th-6th), (7th-8th) and high school age (9th-12th). Bring your friends! Contact: Vanessa - [vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)

Please continue to donate to our community by using the “**ALL SAINTS FUND**” envelopes and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account below. We are completely **dependent upon your donations**. THANK YOU!

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**New to All Saints? We would like to welcome you!**

Name: .....

Email: .....

Please drop this registration form in the office after Mass.