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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 29, 2015 Palm Sunday

The readings are: Is 50:4-7 • Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 • Phil 2:6-11 • Mk 14:1—15:47

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Jun Ocampo SVD

Lectors: Howard Eyth, Tate Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Thomas and Michael Donovan • Hospitality: Anders Family • Today's designated collection is for the Holy Land.

Pope Francis: Be merciful, do not close the doors of the heart 17/3/15 (Vatican Radio)

The Church "is the home of Jesus," a house of mercy that welcomes all, and therefore not a place where Christians should close the doors to those seeking to enter. It is a message that Pope Francis has repeated many times in the past: that of Jesus who opens the doors to anyone who seeks Him and especially to those far from Him. But, the Pope laments, some Christians shut out those who knock at the door of the Church. While Christ offers complete mercy, those who profess to believe in Him sometimes fail Him by closing the door on others.

Do not stop those seeking Christ: The Pope's reflection begins with "the water that heals," commenting on Ezekiel's description of the water trickle emerging from the temple doorway, which becomes a raging torrent capable of healing anyone. In the Gospel, a sad paralyzed man lies on the edge of the water in Bethesda. The Pope describes him as a little "lazy" – never having found a way to immerse himself in the moving waters to seek healing. Instead, Jesus heals him and encourages him to "go on", but this triggers criticism because the healing took place on Saturday. It's a tale which occurs "many times" today: "A man - a woman – who feels sick in the soul, sad, who made many mistakes in life, at a certain time feels that the waters are moving – the Holy Spirit is moving something – or they hear a word or ... 'Ah, I want to go!' ... And they gather up their courage and go. And how many times in Christian communities today will they find closed doors! 'But you cannot, no, you cannot [come in]. You have sinned and you cannot [come in]. If you want to come, come to Mass on Sunday, but that's it – that's all you can do.' So, what the Holy Spirit creates in the hearts of people, those Christians with their 'doctors of the law' mentality destroy."

The Church is the house of Jesus: "This pains me," the Pope says, reiterating that the Church always keeps its doors open: "It's Jesus' home and Jesus welcomes [all]. But not only does He welcome. He goes out to see people just as He went out to find this man. And if people are hurt, what does Jesus do? Scold them because they are hurt? No, He comes and He carries them on His shoulders. And this is called mercy. And when God rebukes his people - 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice!' – He's talking about this."

Love is the law: "Who are you who shut the door of your heart to a man, a woman, who wants to improve, to return to the people of God - because the Holy Spirit has stirred his or her heart?" Lent helps us to avoid making the same mistake as those who regarded with contempt Jesus' love towards the paralytic because it was contrary to the law: "In the Mass today we call on the Lord for us, for each of us and for the whole Church, a conversion to Jesus, a conversion to the mercy of Jesus. And so the Law will be fully accomplished, because the Law is to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. "



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 22: 98

Collections: Friends €175.35, Misereor: €37.50

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!

April 3rd, Good Friday, 3 pm: Our Celebrants will be Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ, Fr Herbert Gillessen, and White Fathers

Lector: Mathias Waliszewski, Johannes Ploog • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Niels Waliszewski • Designated collection on April 3rd is for All Saints.

April 5th, Easter Sunday, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Shadrach Nyaaba and Viktor Lohwasser • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection on April 5th is for All Saints.

UPCOMING DATES

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday - April 2nd - St. Bernhard's 8:00 pm
Good Friday - April 3rd - **All Saints** 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday - April 4th - St. Albert's 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday - April 5th - **All Saints** 10:00 am

**Annual EASTER EGG HUNT
after Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5**

The guided scripture study, "Living as Christians," to mark the season of Lent approaches its end. If you would like to participate, contact Jenny Gebhardt (Tel. 847 100 73).

Remaining Date: Monday March 30th
Time: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Location: All Saints at 46 Hüttenweg

Pilgrimage to Rome in October 2015!

The Berlin diocese is planning a pilgrimage during the 2015 October fall break. Please see Buck or Vanessa for more info. For example, the subsidy for children also applies if you make your own travel arrangements! And you can already reserve your tickets for the audience with Pope Francis! Tickets are limited and going fast!

APRIL Children's Liturgy
Sundays 12th & 26th

Many of the upcoming „designated collections“ are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin. All Saints supports these initiatives and transfers this money to the Archdiocese in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, the All Saints Catholic Community receives no financial support from the Archdiocese. We are completely **dependent upon your donations**. 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 written below. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Friends of All Saints e.V. IBAN: DE15 3706 0193 6001 6690 18, BIC: GENODED1PAX

THANK YOU! The first 200 euro donation has been transferred from our Bildungsspender fundraising account and will be used for flowers during Mass, hospitality costs and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Please **CONTINUE** to support **All Saints Community Life** through our fundraising site at **www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin** at no extra cost. It's easy! 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. Online shops include Amazon, Ebay, Expedia, Easy Jet, German Wings, Party Deko and many more!

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>)