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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.

April 05, 2015 Easter Sunday

The readings are: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 • Col 3:1-4 • Jn 20:1-9

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is 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 • Today's designated collection is for All Saints.

Pope Francis: Palm Sunday

At the heart of this celebration...are the words we heard in the hymn of the Letter to the Philippians: "He humbled himself" (2:8). These words show us God's way and the way of Christians: humility. God humbles himself to walk with his people, to put up with their infidelity. This is clear when we read the Book of Exodus. How humiliating for the Lord to hear grumbling and complaints against Moses, ultimately against him, their Father, who brought them out of slavery and led them through the desert to the land of freedom.

This week, Holy Week, we will take this path of Jesus' own humiliation. We will feel the contempt of the leaders of his people and their attempts to trip him up. We will be there at the betrayal of Judas, one of the Twelve, who will sell him for thirty pieces of silver. We will see the Lord arrested and carried off like a criminal; abandoned by his disciples, dragged before the Sanhedrin, condemned to death, beaten and insulted. We will hear Peter, the "rock" among the disciples, deny him three times. We will hear the shouts of the crowd, egged on by their leaders, who demand that Barabas be freed and Jesus crucified. We will see him mocked by the soldiers, robed in purple and crowned with thorns. And then, as he makes his sorrowful way beneath the cross, we will hear the jeering of the people and their leaders, who scoff at his being King and Son of God. This is God's way, the way of humility. It is the way of Jesus; there is no other. And there can be no humility without humiliation. Following this path to the full, the Son of God took on the "form of a slave" (cf. Phil 2:7). In the end, humility means service...making room for God by stripping oneself, "emptying oneself", as Scripture says (v. 7). This is the greatest humiliation of all.

There is another way, however, opposed to the way of Christ. It is worldliness, the way of the world. The world proposes the way of vanity, pride, success...the other way. The Evil One proposed this way to Jesus too, during his forty days in the desert. But Jesus immediately rejected it. With him, we too can overcome this temptation, not only at significant moments, but in daily life as well. In this, we are helped and comforted by the example of so many men and women who, in silence, sacrifice themselves daily to serve others: a sick relative, an elderly person living alone, a disabled person...We think of the humiliation endured by all those who, for their lives of fidelity to the Gospel, encounter discrimination and pay a personal price. We think of our brothers and sisters who are persecuted because they are Christians, the martyrs of our own time. They refuse to deny Jesus and they endure insult and injury with dignity. They follow him as a "cloud of witnesses" (cf. Heb 12:1).

Let us set about with determination along this same path, with immense love for him, our Lord and Savior. Love will guide us and give us strength. For where he is, we too shall be (cf. Jn 12:26). Amen.

Happy Easter! Easter Egg Hunt after Mass!

Holy Father's prayer intentions for April 2015

Universal: The respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: The consoling presence of the risen Lord and church solidarity for persecuted Christians.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 29: 98

Collections: Friends €165.04, Holy Land: €5.71

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 12th, Second Sunday of Easter, 10 am Mass: **Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr**

Lector: Christian Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Ava Brinda, Aidan Brinda, Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: N. N. • Designated collection: Diaspora.

UPCOMING DATES

APRIL Children's Liturgy:
Sunday, April 12th & 26th

All Saints Council: April 12th after Mass.

Thank you to Jenny G. for organizing a very successful Lenten activity! It was a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and meeting member of St Thomas.

MAY CROWNING- Sunday, May 10th

May will be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all mothers! All Saints is planning a special celebration during Sunday Mass on **May 10th** preceded by a 30-minute **May Crowning** ceremony in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel starting at 9:30 am in which the statue of Mary will be blessed and crowned with flowers. Music, a reading with a short reflection and a procession will complete the ceremony. During Mass, mothers will also receive a blessing and flowers to honor them. **Brian Wasileski** has kindly agreed to support on the guitar! There will be a brief **rehearsal** on **May 9th**.

Participation of the May Crowning is for **children and youth of all ages**. Interested in helping? Contact Jenny (jgebhar@yahoo.com) or Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com)

TODAY: Annual EASTER EGG HUNT directly after Mass.

LIFT – Living in Faith Together

קלעזמער Klezmer Concert
Guitar and Vocals with Tania Alon
Sunday, April 26th at 6.30 pm at Huettenweg

Join us for this family event of Yiddish songs accompanied by Klezmer music on guitar! Klezmer is a musical tradition of the Ashkenazi Jews of Eastern Europe consisting of dance tunes and instrumental pieces for celebrations. And learn a little Yiddish too!

Yiddish snacks and refreshments following the concert. Suggested donation: 2 euros per person.

RSVP by Friday, April 24th: vhansen980@hotmail.com

Pilgrimage to Rome- October 2015! Please see Buck or Vanessa for more info. Reserve your tickets for the audience with Pope Francis! Tickets are limited and going fast!

THANK YOU! The first 200 euro donation has been transferred from our Bildungsspender fundraising account!

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.

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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>)