



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.

May 24, 2015 Pentecost

Readings (*Missalette* p 102 et seqq.): Acts 2:1-11 • Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 •
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 • Jn 20:19-23

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

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer, Celso Menjares •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: N.N., N.N. • Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen, Thomas Schmidt •

Designated collection: RENOVABIS

...the most inclusive people on this earth

To understand the **Acts of the Apostles** (1:15-7:20-26), we must see the difference between "disciple", "apostle" and "the Twelve". A disciple is anyone who follows Jesus – man or woman. An apostle is a disciple sent out on a specific mission. *Paul* of Tarsus often refers to himself as an apostle – and Paul never saw Jesus. The Twelve are twelve men – probably apostles – whom Jesus chose to accompany him during his preaching ministry in Palestine. Any Jew, hearing the number 12, automatically thinks of the *twelve tribes of Israel* or the twelve *sons of Jacob*.

Scholars believe that Jesus used "the Twelve" as a symbol meaning *all Jews*. Jesus considered people from the less important tribes of Naphtali or Dan just as important as a priest or David's descendants. "The Twelve" were a clear symbol of the *inclusivity Jesus preached and practiced*. Jesus did not want to exclude anyone! Historically, however, there couldn't be any women among the Twelve because they represented Jacob's twelve *sons*. Since the evangelists present different names in the three lists of the Twelve, we presume the "group" was more important than its individual members. John, the last evangelist, *never names them* – they always appear as a group. The Gentile Christians of pagan origin – for whom John wrote – would not have understood *the twelve tribe symbolism*. This symbolism however is important for Luke: he wants to get the number back to twelve in the Acts of the Apostles before the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's arrival will not only give them the ability to reach out to all people – the *gift of tongues*, but also ensures that this new, spirit-filled community is a gathering of equals.

The author of the **first letter of St. John** couldn't agree more. The Spirit brings a great leveling and homogenizing force that makes people equal and this force arises first from the love God has for us, then from the love we have for God and those around us. "*God is love*," the author of I John writes, "*and those who remain in love remain in God and God in them*." There can be *no exclusivity* when love is involved. **In John's gospel**, Jesus prays for his community during the Last Supper. Jesus presumes they are a unique group of people. His passion for unity comes to the fore. "*Holy Father*," he prays, "*keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one*." If they are to carry on his ministry, they must reflect his way of thinking, his attitude towards the world. And this mindset of Jesus not only disturbed many around him, it eventually led to his death. "*I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world*." As followers and friends of Jesus, we should reflect the priorities of Jesus; we should care about the "things" about which Jesus was deeply concerned. Among other things, we should be the most inclusive people on this earth. It is up to each and every one of us to consider the social and political implications of this statement.

cf: Roger Vermalen Karban: fosionline.com/pdf/roger/2012/karban_20120517_20120520.pdf

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on May 17: 85

Collections: Friends €138.82

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!

May 31st, Holy Trinity, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Jun Ocampo SVD

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection: All Saints.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL SAINTS

All Saints will be offering English-language sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion starting in September 2015. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in May 2016. Parents who would like to pre-register their children are invited to contact Jenny Gebhardt (jgebhar@yahoo.de) or Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) to receive a pre-registration form. We are also taking a poll of families interested in Confirmation classes starting in September 2015. Please contact one of us, if interested!

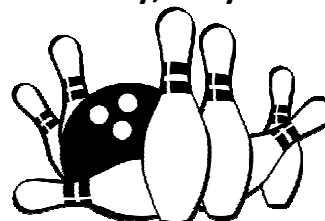
UPCOMING DATES



Next Children's Liturgies:

May 31st, June 14th, June 21st

LIFT FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT on Saturday, May 30th!



The American Church of Berlin is organizing a family bowling night for the LIFT interfaith youth group on Saturday, May 30th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Berolina Bowling Alley. It will be great fun! RSVP to Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) by Thursday, May 28th.

Youth Service Recognition Sunday - June 21st!

Thank You

We will recognize all of our youth volunteers - Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Gift Bearers - for their valuable service to our community!

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THANK YOU! The next 365 EUR donation has been transferred from our Bildungsspender fundraising account, bringing the total this year to 566 EUR! 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 & All Saints receives a **DONATION** for every transaction made!

Friends of All Saints Verein Annual Membership Meeting on June 14th after Mass.

Please plan on attending!



All Saints Summer BBQ
after Mass on Sunday, June 21st.
More details coming out soon!

"Designated collections" are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, the All Saints Catholic Community receives no financial support, so 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

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>)