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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.

## **September 27, 2015 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (*Missalette* p 58 et seqq.): Nm 11:25-29 • Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 • Jas 5:1-6 • Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

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

Lectors: Josephine & Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Johannes Ploog • Greeters: Maas-Kivondo Family • Altar Servers: N.N. • Cross Bearers: Josie Luegger, Benji Ademi • Gift Bearers: Kevin & Johann O'Brian, Samantha Scott • Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen & Julia Waliszewski • Designated collection: All Saints

### **Reflections**

We heard in the reading Mark 9: Jesus announces again his suffering and death, as well as his resurrection. Much of this was both written down and certainly understood later on.

In contrast to the suffering of Jesus, who freely accepts his fate, the argument between the disciples is about the greatness and leadership amongst them.

In the third paragraph, Jesus places a child in the middle of the group of disciples. "Whoever welcome one such child in my name, welcomes me." Many of us will think of the little Kurdish boy on the beach who drowned on his way to Europe. *Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.* Cardinal Marx of Munich has spoken eloquently about this: Christianity means looking after the weak. If we refuse refugees because we do not want Muslims or if we say we are Christians yet refuse them for that reason, things are very much amiss...and something is terribly wrong.

Christ announces his suffering, death and resurrection. \*Pope John Paul II might have commented: look at the suffering in the world, see Christ as the one who suffered with us and for us, experience the Love of the Father, and join the Church in living with Christ. JP2 gave life to the Church, brought enthusiasm, instituted world youth days and made young people proud to be Catholics once again. He gathered many around him (around Christ) in the Church. \*Pope Benedict is more academic, he might have commented on the person of Christ, his redeeming suffering and would point out how reasonable Christianity is to be understood and studied. \*Pope Francis does not talk so much about Jesus or catechism. He acts like Jesus! He puts poor people, children and migrants in the center of attention.

Another approach – Christ says: *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.* Europeans (like John Paul and Benedict) will stress *the truth*. Africans and Latin Americans will talk *about life* (like this Pope does). Asians however like the image of *the Way*, where we are all pilgrims – more a process than a collection of truths.

So Pope Francis talks less about Jesus, but he is acting more like Jesus. I think this is a great gift for our time and an invitation to do the same: give our attention our hearts and minds to people in need. This is what the Gospel asks.

The Christian message: it is not in vain – even when you fail in helping the poor, like Jesus failed on the Cross or feel alone, we have a Father in heaven who saves US. That is why we pray OUR Father because, as Church, we are in this together.

**Jan Stuyt SJ, Brussels**

**Welcome to our Special Family Mass!**

# Would you like to get involved? Ministries Volunteer Recruitment Session is being held TODAY in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 11.15 am!



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on September 20: 134

Collection: Friends: €195.25, Caritas: €66.55

### ALTAR SERVER/CROSS BEARER TRAINING & REFRESHER COURSE

For new and old volunteers: **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, followed by a **PIZZA PARTY** from **4:00 pm to 4.30 pm** with a special delivery by Liberty Pizza in Zehlendorf!

This is a service hour opportunity for all youth.

Would like to join? Please use the doodle "Training Oct 3": [www.doodle.com/poll/ibg8q45tgb64gegg](http://www.doodle.com/poll/ibg8q45tgb64gegg) OR contact Buck Chisolm (B.Chisolm@gmx.de)

### TODAY! Ministries Volunteer Recruitment Session in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 11.15 am

Following Mass, the coordinators of various ministries will briefly present their ministries and provide an opportunity for potential volunteers to sign up, ask questions or register for training! Ministries include Greeters/ Ushers, Gift Bearers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Children's & Youth ministries, Music ministry.

### Rosary Prayer Group – October 4th

Meeting in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, prayers will begin at 9:30 h.



**Please join us after Mass on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> for a special OCTOBERFEST Hospitality with Weisswurst, Pretzels and Löwenbräu beer!**

### Guided Scripture Study: "Six Weeks with the Bible" (Catholic Perspectives)



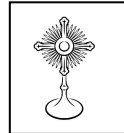
The program will be offered after Sunday Mass (11:15 – ca. 12:00 h) over 12 sessions until May 2016. The first six sessions are entitled "**God Makes a Start**" and will focus on Genesis 1-11. The second series of six sessions is called "**Getting to Know Jesus**" and will focus on the Gospel of Mark. Grab a coffee and join us in the classroom. John Bibby is the facilitator.

Next scheduled sessions: **Oct 4th, Nov 1st, Nov 22nd.**

**Join one or more sessions – no need to attend all of them!** Contact Jenny at: [jgebhar@yahoo.de](mailto:jgebhar@yahoo.de).

### Fruit of the Vine Social on **October 11th** directly after

Mass in the Fellowship Hall! Help us choose our sacramental wine! Join us to sample some wines and cast your vote on which one you prefer. Cheese and crackers will also be provided. Youth under 18 will be served grape juice.



### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>** at 8 pm  
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Youth in Action monthly meetings: **Oct. 18, Nov. 8**

with Fr. Schonecke after Mass from 11.15-11.45 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel - for teens & preteens.

**Put your faith in action through community service!**

### Looking ahead to November & December

November 21st: All Saints Thanksgiving Potluck

November 22nd: Parish Council election

November 27th: Set-up of the Christmas tree

December 6th: Morning Rosary Prayer Group

December 6th: Christmas Caroling @ Senior Residence

### October 4th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Herbert Gillissen

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Aidan & Ava Brinda • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm • Designated collection: All Saints

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**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>)