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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.

October 11, 2015 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (*Missalette* p 63 et seqq.): Wis 7:7-11 • Ps 90:12-17 • Heb 4:12-13 • Mk 10:17-30

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

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Johannes Ploog • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Aidan & Hanna Mei Doeringer, Madeleine & Samantha Rückeis • Hospitality: Lynn Brinda & Monique Luegger • Designated collection: Catholic schools

God wants his ministers to be merciful

Pope Francis has warned against having a hard heart that is closed to God's mercy. Speaking on Tuesday morning during Mass at the Casa Santa Marta before joining the Synod Fathers gathered in the Vatican Synod Hall, the Pope urged the faithful not to put one's own convictions or a list of commandments before the Lord's mercy.

Drawing inspiration from the first reading of the Book of Jonah, the Pope pointed out that Jonah is initially resistant to God's will, but eventually learns that he must obey the Lord. Remarking on the fact that the city of Nineveh converts thanks to Jonah's preaching, Pope Francis said "it really was a miracle, because in this case he abandons his stubbornness, his rigidity, to obey the will of God, and he did what the Lord commanded him."

After the conversion of Nineveh, Jonah "who was not a man who was docile to the Spirit of God, was angry". The Pope said he even rebuked the Lord. The story of Jonah and Nineveh unfolds in three chapters: the first "is Jonah's resistance to the mission the Lord entrusts him with"; the second "is his obedience" and the ensuing miracle; in the third chapter, "there is resistance to God's mercy".

The Pope went on to say that Jesus too was misunderstood because of his mercy. Jesus lived with the Doctors of the Law who did not understand why he did not let the adulteress be stoned, they did not understand why he dined with publicans and sinners – they did not understand mercy".

Pope Francis said that the Psalm that we prayed tells us to "wait for the Lord because with the Lord there is mercy, and redemption." "Where the Lord is there is mercy". And, he added, as Ambrose said: "Where his ministers are, there is rigidity that defies mission and challenges mercy. As we approach the Year of Mercy, let us pray the Lord to help us understand his heart, to understand what 'mercy' means, what it means when He says: 'I want mercy, not sacrifice!'" Source: Vatican Radio

Holy Father's prayer intentions for October 2015

Universal: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

We have Children's Liturgy today during Mass.

FRUIT OF THE VINE SOCIAL-TODAY-DIRECTLY AFTER MASS!



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 27: 137

Collection: Friends: €268.41

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



The program is 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: **Nov 1st, Nov 22nd.**

Join one or more sessions – no need to attend all of them! Contact Jenny at: jgebhar@yahoo.de.

Fruit of the Vine Social – Today!

Help choose our sacramental wine after Mass in the Fellowship Hall! Sample different wines & cast your vote. Cheese & crackers will be provided. Youth under 18 will be served grape juice.



Eucharistic Adoration



Wednesday, **October 14th** at 8 pm in the All Saints Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Youth in Action – Sunday, October 18th

Please join 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

Nov. 1st: Family Mass and All Saints Feast Day
Nov. 8th: Youth in Action with Fr. Schonecke
Nov. 21st: All Saints Thanksgiving Potluck
Nov. 21st & 22nd: Parish Council election
Nov. 27th: Set-up of the Christmas tree
Dec. 6th: Christmas Caroling at Senior Residence
Dec. 24th: 3 pm Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant
Dec. 24th: 10 pm Midnight Mass/Caroling at 9.30 pm

FAMILY MASS & ALL SAINTS FEAST DAY Sunday, November 1st



Please bring a homemade baked good for hospitality as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints!

All Saints Church Council Elections - Call for Candidates!

There are six elected positions on the council. Candidates (16 yrs and older) should submit a brief, one-page (DIN A4) profile with a picture to Mike Hoth or Jenny Gebhardt. Profiles will be published. Deadline: October 18th. Elections will take place on Saturday, Nov 21st (Thanksgiving Potluck) and on Sunday, Nov 22nd.

October 18th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

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Altar Servers: Benji Ademi, Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Marianne & Jennifer •
Designated collection: Restoration of St. Hedwig's Cathedral

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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>)