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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.

November 29th, 2015 First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Jer 33:14-16 • Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 • 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 • Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Johannes Ploog, Jennifer Evans •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Ava & Aidan Brinda, Conrad Chisolm •

Hospitality: Stephanie and Dylan D'Souza • Designated collection: Caritas

How we deal with others shows our participation in building the kingdom of Christ

When Pontius Pilate was Governor of Judaea, the Jewish officials brought a prisoner to him that he should condemn him to death. The prisoner had obviously been mistreated: his clothes were torn, his beard was untidy and traces of bruises on his face. Pilate looked at him and said: "*They tell me you claim to be a king. Are you a king?*" "Yes" – answered the prisoner, "*you are right, I am a king.*" It is Jesus who answers – but when Jesus says he is a king, he doesn't speak in the political sense, about a king who governs a state with the help of an army. Jesus died to exorcize forever the temptation of reducing his gospel to one or the other political force of society. When Jesus says he is a king, he means a king in the mythical sense.

Today, we are marked by democracy and hardly understand what a king means. "This king" is the embodiment of a free, sovereign human being, master of his life. "This king" is wise and guarantees order for his people. He is the savior who restores peace and takes care of his people's welfare. In this sense, Jesus is a king BUT he can also Jesus establish a kingdom where humans find protection, peace and salvation. Jesus can establish a kingdom where truth, justice and love reign, where the dignity of everyone is respected, where the king defends this dignity, and people find protection from mankind's greatest enemy: destruction by death. We all desire that this kingdom prevails.

To recognize Jesus as a king means that we can refuse obedience to everything else that claims power over us: state, money, church. This "*Christ the king*" lived among us, so "*we are his chosen people, we are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, we are all priests and kings*" (1 Petr 2:9). We can become like him: "*God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters*" (Rom 8:29).

Today, we celebrate Christ the King and we are invited to feel what it means to have royal dignity, to be independent, true, free and sovereign, safe and self-confident – like a king or a queen. Someone who is free and sovereign can also be free for others, devote himself to and serve others. Someone who is really great and important, does not lose his greatness or importance by making himself small and humble. Someone who is not really a king or a queen needs to prove his or her greatness by judging others and making them look small. How we deal with others, shows how royal we are, shows our freedom and how we contribute to building Christ's kingdom.

This kingdom is not something in the afterlife – it begins here and now. We are the founders of this kingdom. We serve a king who does not force us to do something we don't want to, who makes himself small and humble and depend upon our willingness to collaborate. We serve a king who can do this because he has real dignity and greatness. So we are invited to become like him, become kings and queens like him.

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

We will have a short Youth in Action meeting after Mass 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 November 22: 136

Collection: Friends: €213.65

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Advent Scripture Study: The Good News of God's Mercy

To mark the season of Advent and the start of the Year of Mercy, we are offering a six-session program on the Gospel of Luke (theme: *The Good News of God's Mercy*) on **Mondays** on a weekly basis from **7:30 – 8:45 pm** at All Saints. The next (second) session will take place on **November 30th**. Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de or just come!!



Election results of the new **All Saints Council**:

Vanessa Hansen	Katherine Doeringer
Buck Chisolm	Tait Doeringer
Konrad Giersdorf	Thomas Schmidt

Congratulations!

A big thank you to Konrad and the Rückeis for setting-up the community Christmas tree on Friday!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are looking for actors, lectors, ushers and singers for the upcoming **Children's Mass and Christmas Pageant** on December 24th! Please contact Vanessa for more information!



Spread the joy of the season! We need your voices!

Join us for the annual Christmas Caroling at the Senior Residence Domicil located on Altmarkstr. 27 in Steglitz. We will meet at 3pm. Great opportunity for service hours!

Guided Scripture Study: "Six Weeks with the Bible"



Study take place after Mass (11:15 – ca. 12:00 h) and continues until May 2016. The current sessions, "**God Makes a Start**," focus on Genesis 1-11. The second series of six sessions, "**Getting to Know Jesus**," focus on the Gospel of Mark and will start in January. Grab a coffee and join us in the classroom. Next session: **Dec 6th**.
Join one or more sessions – Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de.

Looking ahead to December

Dec. 6th: Children's Liturgy during Mass
Dec. 6th: Christmas Caroling at Senior Residence
Dec. 10th: Advent Caroling at All Saints at 6 pm
Dec. 12th: Advent Penitential Service (1st Reconciliation)
Dec. 24th: 3 pm Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant
Dec. 24th: 10 pm Midnight Mass/Caroling at 9.30 pm

Youth in Action –

Next meeting is on Sunday, December 13th after Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel!

YIA is planning a Christmas Giving Tree for the refugee children. More info coming soon!

December 6th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Ava & Aidan Brinda •
Hospitality: Vanessa Hanson and Thomas Schmidt • Designated collection: Orphans

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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>)