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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.

December 6th, 2015 Second Sunday of Advent

Readings (*Missalette* p 33 et seq.): Bar 5:1-9 • Ps 126:1-6 • Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 • Lk 3:1-6

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Johannes Ploog •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Ava & Aidan Brinda and Shvitria Fernando •

Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen and Thomas Schmidt • Designated collection: Orphans

Widows are image of Church seeking to stay faithful (Holy Father's sermon 11/23/2015)

The Church remains faithful if she keeps her eyes fixed on Jesus, but she becomes lukewarm and mediocre if she seeks comfort in worldly things. St Luke's Gospel tells the story of the widow who puts her two coins in the temple treasury box, while other wealthy worshippers make a great show of the money they're putting in. Jesus says that "this poor widow put in more than all the rest" because the others were giving away money from their surplus wealth, while she, in her poverty, "has offered her whole livelihood". The widow in this Gospel passage was "a widow who had placed her trust only in the Lord". I like to look at the widows in the Gospel, Pope Francis said, as an image of the "widowed" Church who is waiting for Jesus to return.

The Church is the bride of Christ, but her Lord has gone and her only treasure is in her Lord. If the Church remains faithful, then she leaves everything while waiting for her Lord to return. If she does not have so much faith in the love of her Lord, then she tries to get by in other ways, seeking security in things that are more of this world than of God.

The widows of the Gospels, speak beautifully to us about Jesus and His Church. There is the widow of Nain who was crying as she accompanied her son to be buried outside the city gates. There is the widow who goes to the unjust judge in order to defend her sons, knocking on his door every day and bothering him until he delivers a just sentence for her. This is the widowed Church who prays and intercedes for her children. But the heart of the Church is always with Jesus, the Bridegroom in heaven.

In these last days of the liturgical year, we should ask ourselves if our souls are searching for the Lord, or if they're looking for comfort in things which do not please the Lord. Let our souls say "Come Lord Jesus! Come!" And may we leave behind all those useless things which stop us staying faithful.

From Vatican Radio

Holy Father's prayer intentions for December 2015

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

All children are welcome to Children's Liturgy today!

Guided Scripture Study after Mass. Please join us!

Today: Christmas caroling at 3 pm! Domicil Senior Residence, Altmarkstr. 27 in Steglitz



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 29: 108

Collection: Friends: €132.55 Caritas: €76.60

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The total amount transferred from Bildungsspender to All Saints for this year was **€1156.40!**

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 session will take place on December 7th.** Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de or just come!!



We are invited to share the Eucharist with Bishop Koch at **St. Hedwig's Cathedral on Dec 8th at 6pm**, followed by a reception.

Bulletin editor and Webmaster wanted! Please contact Tamás after Mass or at 0177/8110633 if you are interested.

Youth in Action Advent Talent Show

Can you sing, play an instrument or recite a poem? Or you have another talent? We **NEED** you – *kids of all ages* – are needed for our Talent Show after Mass in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, December 13th!** Please contact Joshua or Brendan after Mass.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are looking for gift bearers and singers for our upcoming **Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant** on December 24th at 3 pm. Please contact Vanessa for more information!



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. Final session: **today.** The second series of six sessions, "**Getting to Know Jesus,**" will focus on the Gospel of Mark and will start in January. Grab a coffee and join us in the classroom. Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de.

ADVENT CAROLING AT ALL SAINTS

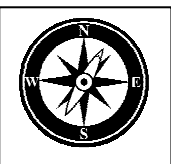
We will be hosting the 'living' Advent calendar on **Thursday, December 10th at 6 pm.** We will be receiving visitors from local German parishes. Please join us! See Vanessa for details.

Looking ahead to December

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

Please sponsor a Christmas gift for one of the refugee children! Their names and details are on each of the colorful paper ornaments hanging on the Christmas tree. Take one ornament and tape it to the gift but leave the second ornament on the tree with your name next to *Sponsor*. All presents should be brought to All Saints, at the latest, by **Sunday, December 20th.**

Designated collections are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints 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>)

December 13th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

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