



## ***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.

## **January 24th, 2016 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal p 66 et seqq.): Ne 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 • Ps 19:8-10,15 • 1 Cor 12:12-30 • Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

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

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Luc, Carl & Noemi Dethlefsen, Conrad Chisolm •

Hospitality: Rose & Filipino Community • Designated collection: All Saints

### **Will you stick with the water or go for the wine?**

The way St. John writes his Gospel is different from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the so-called synoptics. All Gospels present us with several miracles of Jesus, but only John calls the miracles "signs". For him all extraordinary acts of Jesus are simply signs of another greater reality God wants to give us.

For example, Jesus feeds the five thousand people in the desert who are excited because they had a good meal free of charge. Immediately, John points out that this bread is only a sign of another "bread from heaven" that Jesus wants to give us: the gift of his body and blood – the gift of his whole self. Or take the miracle of Jesus curing a blind man in the temple. All of a sudden the man can see Jesus for the first time as well as the world around him. Later, they meet again and Jesus asks him: "Do you believe in the Son of Man? ...You have seen him now!" The man begins to see him with eyes of faith, as the Messiah.

Similarly, Jesus changes water into wine, enough wine to get the whole party drunk. He changes something ordinary into an extraordinarily precious wine. In the end John explains: "Jesus manifested his glory and his disciples began to believe in Him." The signs say who God is and what God wants to do with us and for us, namely to change our poor human reality into something new, something greater, something divine. Whenever God touches us and begins to change us into his children, it is like drinking a really good wine. It fills overwhelming joy without the morning-after headache.

Jesus performed this first sign in the context of a marriage feast. He wants to change life and marriage from a purely human relationship into a sign and an experience of God's faithful love for us, or, as St. Paul writes, of Christ's love for the church. Paul talks of marriage as a profound mystery which "refers to Christ and the church" (Eph 5:32).

This may seem to us a lot of pious talk with little relevance to the strains and stresses of family life today of which the bishops talked during the recent synod on the family. We have only to think of the refugees, many of whom live among us far away from their families, or of the couples who see each other only on weekends because of today's working conditions. And yet, when married people give each other the promise to love and honor each other in good and bad times, they promise something only God can do: to love unconditionally.

But yet, this is precisely what humans most desire: unconditional love not because of looks, health, wealth or success, but for their own sake, for who they are. True love always entails an element of eternity as millions of love songs in every culture testify. Who will trust a partner who promises love till the end of the year? Unconditional love is also what every child wants and needs: a stable family and loving, reliable relationships. And when a relationship meant for life breaks for whatever reason, it involves a lot of pain and hurt for children and parents.

A commitment to another person always involves a risk, a risk we can take when we put our trust in a faithful God. But if we do not have the courage to take the risk of a definite commitment, we stay at the level of the changing waters of human love and miss out on the wine of God's unconditional faithful love. Do we want to stick with the water or dare we go for the wine?

**Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr**



**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 Jan. 17th: 104

Collection: Friends: €192.37, Family: €35.68

### Parents of the First Holy Communion Class

There will be an information meeting after Mass **TODAY** (11:15 h) to discuss important details about the 2nd half of our sacramental preparation program, including organizational issues concerning banners and the First Holy Communion Mass on **May 1st!**

### TODAY Guided Scripture Study:

#### "Six Weeks with the Bible"



Study will take place after Mass (11:15 – ca. 12:00 h). The second series of six sessions, "**Getting to Know Jesus,**" focuses on the Gospel of Mark. **John Bibby** is the facilitator. Grab a coffee and join us in the classroom. Contact: [jgebhar@yahoo.de](mailto:jgebhar@yahoo.de). Scheduled dates are:  
**January 24 - February 14, 21 - April 3, 17**

**THANK YOU!** All Saint would like to thank **Fr. Jun** for being one of our regular Celebrants. Today is his last day at All Saints. Please join us after Mass for a special Hospitality!

### NEWSFLASH – CONFIRMATION

There will be a meeting for interested parents and candidates at All Saints on Tuesday, February 9th at 7 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with Fr. Sylvester.

### All Saints is looking for one or more persons to be our new

**Bulletin editor:** Has overall responsibility for the coordination of inputs and completeness of the weekly bulletin with a deadline of Friday night each week. The editor will circulate the draft of the bulletin to a select group who will supply information to be included and edit the draft as necessary. The editor will publish the completed bulletin each Friday and supply a copy that will be used for duplication on Saturday. Suzanna Reichardt provides help by copying the bulletin every week. The editor works with and, if necessary, supervises the activities of our webmaster. We estimate that the editor will spend one to two hours per week managing the production of the bulletin.

**Webmaster:** Responsible for designing and managing content to maintain a progressive, relevant website for All Saints Catholic Community and its ministries. You can view our website at: <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>. The webmaster will create, request or be provided content on a continuous basis and have the responsibility for the update / upload of the material to the site. Content includes text, photos and the possibility of interactive media. We estimate that on a weekly basis our webmaster will need to spend two to four hours. If you are a young adult and think your computer skills are a match, then let us know of your interest. The time spent as webmaster can be counted toward community service hours.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions please contact Tamás Meggyes ([tamas.meggyes@gmail.com](mailto:tamas.meggyes@gmail.com)), Heide Doblhofer ([allsaintsberlin@t-online.de](mailto:allsaintsberlin@t-online.de)), Vanessa Hansen ([vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)) or Konrad Giersdorf ([giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de)). Tamás will provide all information and templates necessary and guide you.

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### **January 31st, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Herbert Gillessen**

Lector: Zachary Chitwood • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Viktor Lohwasser, Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Beata McGreal • Designated collection: Bible



### **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>)