



## ***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 31st, 2016 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal p 66 et seq.): Je 1:4-5, 17-19 • Ps 71:1-6,15, 17 • 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 • Lk 4:21-30**

### **Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is 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

### **Good habits – reading the Bible**

The Gospel says that Jesus “went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath”. That means every Sabbath, like a faithful Jew, He would go to their village synagogue to attend the Sabbath services. Jesus must have been reading the Scriptures regularly because he was familiar with it. As the Gospel tells us, He himself unrolled the scroll and knew where to look for the passage he wanted to read: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...” from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. That text was His vision for his mission. His life was based on this text, it was the purpose of His life that regulated everything he did and said. That text was his destiny.

Do you also have a verse or lines in the Bible that you know by heart? Verses which you love to hear and read and repeat? A text you love so much that you know where to find it in the Bible, which book, which chapter and verse? A text that gives meaning and direction to your life, consoles you when you are in difficulties, makes you strong when facing challenges and gives you confidence and peace in your life?

When Jesus was tempted three times in the desert, He contradicted every temptation by a text from the Scriptures. If Jesus needed that, how much more do we need it - we, his disciples. We need the Bible, the Word of God, for our everyday life.

Do you read the Bible every day? “I am too busy”, you might say. But look how you spend your day: there is always a part of your day which you spend on something that you do habitually: watching television, checking Facebook, browsing in the internet, playing computer games, chatting on your cell phone. How often do you do this in a day? Are these the habits that make you “busy”?

Change your habits! If you want to have a better year than last year, change your habits. Good habits create good character and a good character creates a wonderful destiny. Your character is the sum total of your habits.

We are living in a world of modern technology and fast changes. TV, the internet, smartphones and all sorts of electronic gadgets have introduced new habits into our lives, and more often than not, they are not good habits. Can you turn off your TV, set aside your smartphone, so you can sit together, eat and pray together as a family? Can you postpone answering a text while you are talking with your family? Can you delay opening your computer or TV, so you can first greet your family when you arrive home and have more time to spend with them? Modern technology is designed to be our slave, but, instead, we have become enslaved to *it*. The media says we are consumers – but in reality, we have been consumed.

Let us develop the habit of regularly reading the Bible. Make it your daily habit this year to read a few lines of the Bible. It does not matter if it is only two or three minutes a day, as long as you do it habitually, regularly, automatically, without having to think and decide. If you are a family, make it a family habit. The children may not totally understand it, but if they see you doing it, they will learn to like it. You will discover so many benefits as soon as you get into the habit of reading the Bible – more than you can think of or imagine – because good habits create good character and a good character creates a wonderful destiny. For you, it will be your eternal destiny.

**Fr Jun de Ocampo**



**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. 24th: 108

Collection: Friends: €221.78

All Saints Youth (5th grade and older) - Mark your Calendars!

**Catholic World Youth Day (CWYD) Kick-off Saturday, March 12th from 4 pm to 7.30 pm**

St. Matthias in Berlin-Schöneberg

In preparation for the Catholic World Youth Day in Kraków, Poland in July 2016, Berlin is having a big kick-off. What awaits you on March 12th? Beloved Sister Norberta will lead religious instruction, Mass with Archbishop Koch, meeting Catholic youth from the various foreign language missions and delicious Polish specialties.

There are still spots available for the **CWYD in Kraków, Poland from July 29th-July 31st for youth 14 and older.** Deadline is on February 29th.

Please see Tait or Vanessa for more information.

**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:

**February 21, 28, April 3, 17**

*Please note: dates are rescheduled!*

**THANK YOU!** All Saint would like to thank **Fr. Gillesen** for being one of our Celebrants. Today is his last day at All Saints.

### 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

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**Webmaster:** Responsible for designing and managing a progressive, relevant website for All Saints Catholic Community: <http://www.all-saints-berlin.de>. The webmaster will create, request or be provided with content on a continuous basis and have the responsibility for the update / upload of the material to the site. Content includes text, photos and links to interactive media. We estimate that our webmaster will need to spend two to four hours a week. 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 Vanessa Hansen ([vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)), Konrad Giersdorf ([giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de)), Heide Doblhofer ([allsaintsberlin@t-online.de](mailto:allsaintsberlin@t-online.de)) or Tamás Meggyes ([tamas.meggyes@gmail.com](mailto:tamas.meggyes@gmail.com)). Tamás will provide all help you may need.

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### **February 7th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Sylvester Ajunwa**

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

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

Designated collection: All Saints



### 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>)