

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



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.

February 7th, 2016 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (*Missal* p 68 et seqq.): Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 • Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 • 1 Cor 15:1-11 • Lk 5:1-11

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

Pope Francis: Go to Confession!

Confession is not a judgment but a meeting with God who forgives all our sins, without exception. Basing his reflections on an extract from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews, Pope Francis said God forgives all our sins, always and without exception and He rejoices when somebody asks him for pardon. This God who pardons us, chose Jesus to set up a new pact with humanity and the cornerstone of this pact is forgiveness for our sins. "First of all, God always forgives us. He never tires of this. It's we who get tired of asking for forgiveness. But HE does not tire of pardoning us. When Peter asked Jesus: 'How many times must I forgive? Seven times?' – 'Not seven times: seventy times seven.' Namely always. That's how God forgives us: always. But if you have lived a life full of so many sins, so many bad things, but in the end, a bit repentant, you ask for forgiveness, He will immediately pardon you! He always pardons us." A doubt can arrive in a person's heart over how far God is prepared to forgive us. But all you have to do is repent and ask for forgiveness and you don't have to pay because Christ has already paid on our behalf.

"There is no sin which He won't pardon. He forgives everything when we ask. 'Father, I don't go to confession because I have committed so many really bad sins, so many that I can't be pardoned.' No, this is not true. He forgives everything. If you go (to confession) repentant, He will forgive everything. When... so many times He doesn't even let you speak! You start to ask for forgiveness and He lets you feel that joy of forgiveness before you have even finished confessing everything." God rejoices when somebody asks for forgiveness and at the same time He "forgets" or wipes out from his memory our sins. What matters for God is for us to meet with Him. Confession is not a judgment but a meeting with God.

"Confessions often seem like a procedure, a formality. Everything is mechanical! No! Where's the meeting in this? The meeting with the Lord who pardons you, hugs you and rejoices. And this is our God who is so good. We too need to teach our children, our youngsters to make a good confession because going to confession is not like going to the dry cleaners to get a stain removed. No! It's about going to meet with our Father who pardons us, who forgives us and who rejoices."

Vatican Radio

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for February 2016

Universal: Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.



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 January 31st: 92

Collection: Friends + bible: €190.75

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.

Youth in Action – Mark your Calendars!

Catholic World Youth Day

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 & 15 with adult leader or 16 and older.** Deadline is on February 29th.

SCOUT SUNDAY is on February 14th.

Scouts & Scouters, please be in uniform!

We have a Webmaster!

We would like to thank Buck and Conrad for volunteering to manage the All Saints website!

There will be an **Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Bernhard's** at 7 pm on February 10th.

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. Scheduled dates are:

February 21, 28, April 3, 17

Please note: dates are rescheduled!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



LENT starts on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. To make the Lenten journey more meaningful, *we will be offering **Children's Liturgy** every two Sundays* beginning on February 14th! We are fortunate to have had another volunteer, Zachary Chitwood, step forward to join the team, along with Cornelia and Theresia, conducting these liturgies. Thank you, Zachary!

Next **Children's Liturgy: Sunday, February 14th** during Mass!

Congratulations to Vanessa Hansen and Tait Doeringer two of our reps to the English Speaking Catholic Mission. Vanessa was elected President of the "Council of the English-speaking Catholic Mission of the Archdiocese of Berlin" at the organizational meeting on January 27th. Tait was tasked, together with Vanessa, to coordinate an English-speaking youth group for the Mission.

Do you have one to two hours per week to donate to our community?

All Saints is looking for a new **Bulletin editor**. Responsibilities include coordination of inputs and completeness of the weekly bulletin. Suzanna provides help by copying the bulletin every week. Interested or would like to know more? Please contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com), Heide (allsaintsberlin@t-online.de) or Tamás (tamas.meggyes@gmail.com).

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.*
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Scout Sunday - February 14th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans, Heide Doblhofer •

Greeter: Scout Sunday • Altar Servers: Scout Sunday • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang, Vanessa Hansen, Scouts • Designated collection: Catholic schools



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>)