

All communities in the English Mission and time for masses on Sunday

at St. Bernard's (11 am)

Königin-Luise-Str.33, 14195 Berlin (Dahlem)

at All Saints (10 am)

Hüttenweg 46,14195 Berlin-(Dahlem)

at St. Elisabeth's (12 noon)

Kolonnenstr. 38, 10829 Berlin– (Schöneberg)

at St. Judas Thaddäus (1pm)

Ghanaian Community: Bäumerplan, 7,12101 Berlin

at Heilig Geist (3.30pm)

Filipino Community: Bayernallee 28, 14052 Berlin– (Charlottenburg)

at St Thomas von Aquin (10:30 am)

Katholische Akademie
Hannoversche Str. 5, 10115 Berlin

General Information about the English-speaking Mission

Our mission offers pastoral care for immigrants ,religious education, catechism classes for 1st Holy Communion and confirmation, preparation for baptism (infants and adults) and marriage courses. Hospital and home visits can be arranged through the mission's office or the priests. For weddings please contact Father Sylvester Ajunwa 3 months in advance.

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English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin

Sunday Bulletin

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent– B

Readings : (Missal no. 812, Gen. 22:1-2, 10-18, ; Psalm 116; Rom. 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10

Collection: For our Mission

Background on the Gospel Reading, Mark 9:2-10

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

(Cf. Sunday connection– www. Loyolapress.com)

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You certainly heard about the terrible death of Father Alain Gandoulou, the pastor of French speaking Mission last Thursday 22 February. We express our heartfelt condolences to the French speaking Mission and pray for the soul of Father Alain Gandoulou.

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JOIN US IN PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY EVENING IN LENT- 19:00 AT ST: BERNARD'S CHURCH

Remember to take a copy of the Bulletin home and use it to spread the word about the English speaking Mission

Visit our website::
www.english-mission-berlin.de

Mark your calendars

Sunday February 25th –**Combined confirmation class** meets in St. Bernard's 4:45pm-6:45pm

March 3rd at St. Bernard's, **Sexual-Abuse prevention course for All Volunteers in the English Speaking Mission**

March 9 , 24-h Eucharistic Adoration at St. Clements Church (Stresemannstr. 66, Berlin– Kreuzberg.

March 24, Lenten Penitential service with individual confessions— 18:00, St. Bernard's Church.

Sunday April 15,- 11:00am, **Confirmation at St. Bernard's** by the Auxiliary Bishop Dr. Matthias Heinrich

ESM's EASTER TRIDUUM 2018

March 29, Holy Thursday– St. Bernard's Church- Mass of the Lord's Supper- 1St. – 19:00 h

March 30, Good Friday- All Saints- Stations of the cross 14:00, celebration of the Lord's passion– 15:00h

March 31, Holy Saturday- St. Elisabeth– Easter Vigil Mass 21:00 h

April 1 Easter Sunday– Masses will be celebrated according to the usual Sunday schedule in each community

IMPORTANT NEWS

We have moved office. The new office is situated in the building attached to St. Bernard's Church in Dahlem (Königin-Luise-Str.33 14195 Berlin) Our new telephone number is: (030) 665584417492: Fax: (030) 84417493

Sweeten your Lent with beautiful words attributed to Pope Francis

You can have flaws, be anxious, and ever angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, and relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, and security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ... that in spring may it be a lover of joy, in winter a lover of wisdom and when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculpter serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up.... Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.