

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 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent.

Readings : (Missal no. 809; Gen 9:8-15; Psalm 25; 1Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15)

Collection: For our Mission

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:12-15

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.
(Cf. Sunday Connection– Loyola press)

**MONDAY FEBRUARY
19TH 20.00
EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION AT ST:
BERNARD'S**

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

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Mark your calendars

Sunday February 18th **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** 10:50—St. Bernard's

-5:00pm –6:45pm **RCIA**—St. Bernard's

Sunday February 18th-**Decision Point Confirmation Class** - The Eucharist and the Church. 16.45—St Bernard's

Saturday 24th—Gather in My Name— Youth Event on Friendship (youth 12 yrs and up) - St. Bernard's, 4:30 pm

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 Chruch (Stresemannstr. 66, Berlin—Kreuzberg.

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

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

How to find time in the day for lent

The fast pace of your life may seem to leave little time and energy for the traditional Lenten practices. But you can weave moments of spiritual awareness and service into even the busiest of schedules. The trick is to see Lenten practice as part of, rather than in addition to, each activity of your ordinary hectic day.

The three foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here's how to think about them in a new way:

Praying Daily

If you make a habit of saying a little prayer whenever someone irritates you, cuts you off in traffic, or makes life difficult; when someone does you a favor, you experience great and friendly service, or when something joyful happens to you—you will soon find yourself praying your way through the day. Try this simple practice and you will be observing the Catholic Church's call for greater prayer during the Lenten season. You will also find that this habit makes your life flow smoother, your self more centered, and your Spirit more aware of God's presence.

A Different Type of Fasting

There are many ways to fast. Why not fast from criticism, gossip, judging others, or passing on rumors? Why not abstain from unwarranted fear and anxiety? You can also tell that inner voice inside your head that criticizes you to abstain from eroding your ability to be the confident, blessed person God calls you to be. These are beautiful ways to observe the Lenten call to fasting and abstinence. In the book, *Praying Lent*, the authors offer suggestions on different ways to fast during Lent.

Give of Yourself

Daily life also offers countless opportunities to give of yourself to others (alms), and most don't involve dipping into your wallet. Give encouragement to the doubting, give a word of praise to the insecure, show kindness to someone who could use a friend, and offer a word of thanks to those whose service of others often goes unappreciated. Give the gift of your attention to someone who simply wants to be noticed. Tell your children stories about people whose values you admire when you gather at mealtime. Don't be stingy with your smiles—give them freely to everyone you meet. And most important, give your love to those close to you. Hug them, hold them, and tell them what they mean to you. In this way you open your heart to God and others.

So no matter how busy you are in life, with some greater awareness and new perspectives you can consciously pray, fast, and give of yourself this Lent—and you will be ready to celebrate when a joyful dawn breaks upon you Easter morning.

(Cf. Loyola Press)