

**Angelus prayer**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary  
R. *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among woman  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. *Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*

*Hail Mary.....*

V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. *And dwelt among us.*

*Hail Mary.....*

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ*

Let us pray:

*Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, thy Grace into our hearts;  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ,  
Thy Son, was made known  
by the message of an angel,  
may by His Passion and Cross be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection,  
through the same Christ our Lord.*



*English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin*

***Sunday Bulletin***

**March 11, 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent– B**

**This Sunday's Readings-**

**Missal no. 818,**

**First Reading**

*2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23,*

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6*

Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you

**Second Reading**

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

**Gospel Reading**

*John 3:14-21*

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him have eternal life

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**Offertory collection today is dedicated to our Mission**

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**Special collection on March 25**

**There will be special collection on Sunday 25th March for the installation of LED lights at the Statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. at St. Bernard's .**

**Please support the project generously .**

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## Background on the Gospel Reading *John 3:14-21*

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

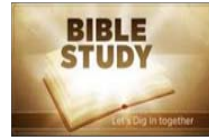
The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

(Cf. Sunday connection– [www.Loyolapress.com](http://www.Loyolapress.com))

### 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.

**Sunday Masses:** St. Bernard's - 11h , 19:h; St. Elisabeth's 12:h All Saints-10h ; Catholic Academy-10h30 .  
**Confession: Sundays - 18h30 - 19h . Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 1st and 3rd Mondays 18h**



## Scripture Study on the Eucharist

**Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 16:00**

Come join us for an exploration of Old and New Testament scripture passages on the Eucharist and gain insights that may allow you to experience Holy Mass in a completely new way!

We will meet on scheduled Saturdays from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at St. Bernard's in the basement classroom or community hall (please follow the sign).

Space is limited to 15 persons to facilitate discussion, so please register via the email below.

Contact: [jgebhar@yahoo.de](mailto:jgebhar@yahoo.de)



The Church obliges the faithful ‘to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days’ and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. Please join us on:

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

## Triduum



*The English-speaking Mission celebrates the Triduum as one large community, with St. Bernard's, All Saints and St. Elisabeth's each hosting one of the liturgies.*

- **Holy Thursday** - *Mass of the Lord's Supper* - St. Bernard's Church , 19:00 h. The faithful are invited to stay for a period of quiet adoration after the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament.
  - **Good Friday** - *Celebration of the Lord's Passion* with distribution of Holy Communion - All Saints, 15:00 h, preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 14:00 h. Opportunity for individual confessions.
  - **Holy Saturday** - *Easter Vigil Mass* - St. Elisabeth's Church, 21:00 h
- Easter Sunday** - Masses will be celebrated according to the usual Sunday schedule in each community.

For more information visit our website: [www.english-mission-berlin.de](http://www.english-mission-berlin.de)