

## The Regina caeli

(said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide: (Easter Sunday – Pentecost Sunday))

V. Oh Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*He Is Risen! Alleluia!*

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English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin

## Sunday Bulletin

April 22, 2018

### Fourth Sunday of Easter (The Good Shepherd Sunday)

Missal no. 833



#### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29*

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness

#### Second Reading

*1 John 3:1-2*

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God

#### Gospel Reading

*John 10:11-18*

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep

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### Special upcoming events!

Thursday May 10th Ascension of the Lord

Mass at St. Bernard's at 19:00

Pentecost Novena begins on Friday May 11th at St. Bernard's  
at 19:00 (organised by Friends of Jesus Catholic Charismatic prayer group

-St Elisabeth)

Pentecost Monday, May 21st Hearts Afire- Intergenerational Event (GIMN)

on Pentecost at St. Elisabeth's Church Hall

### Background on the Gospel Reading John 10:11-18

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. (Cf. Sunday connection, [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

### **Pentecost Novena 2018**

Join the St. Elisabeth's Friends of Jesus  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal for  
Novena to the Holy Spirit

**Theme:**

**...But you shall receive power**

**When the Holy Spirit comes upon you!...**

**Acts 1:8**

**Program:** Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Novena begins  
19:00- St. Bernard's

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> Private Novena days

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Novena at St. Bernard's 1900-22.00

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> Novena/**Pentecost Vigil Mass- 19:00-22:00**

### **Coffee Hour Choir**

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - 12:00

Join us at St. Bernard's Coffee Hour after Mass for some choral singing! Gather at the piano and enjoy some musical fun along with your coffee and cake.

Dates: April 22 + 29 April 2018; June 10 + 17 + 24 June 2018



#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- April 29th Children's Liturgy of the Word -St. Bernard's 11:00
- May 10th Ascension Thursday, Mass at St. Bernard's at 19:00
- May 11th -18th Pentecost Novena at St. Bernard's organized by Charismatic Renewal St. Elisabeth
- May 13th - First Holy Communion- 1200 at St. Elisabeth,
- May 20th Children's Liturgy at St. Bernard's
- May 21st Hearts Afire- Intergenerational Event (GIMN) on Pentecost at St. Elisabeth's Church Hall
- May 27th-- First Holy Communion at 11:am at St. Bernard's
- May 31st, Corpus Christi with Procession at Gendanmarkt Berlin (1st communion children are specially invited)
- June 16th - Child's protection course in English at St. Bernard's 10:30-16:30
- **June 30th - English Speaking Mission Day- at St. Bernard's 18:00.**

#### **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 , 19h; St. Elisabeth's 12:h All Saints-10h ; Catholic Academy- 10h30
- Confession: Sundays - 12.h, 18h30 - 19h, at St. Bernard's; 14h at St. Elisabeth; Friday 17h30 at All Saints
- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 1st and 3rd Mondays 20h-21h

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