

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.



English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin

Sunday Bulletin

May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Missal no. 843



First Reading

Readings:

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Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20

Second Reading

1 John 4:11–16

Gospel

John 17:11–19

Collection is for Our Mission

Community May Rosary Evenings

**Join us at St. Bernard's to
pray the Rosary**

May 21-31, 20:00h



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Tuesdays/Wednesdays 8:30–12:30– (Secretary) Thursday/Friday 10:00– 14:00 (Priest)

Short reflection on the Sunday's readings

Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time frame—the events take place during the days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost. We're at the same point in our liturgical year. On Thursday we celebrated His being taken up in glory, and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world. By His Ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem, and a new house of David (see Psalm 122:4–5; Revelation 21:9–14). He entrusted this kingdom to His Twelve Apostles, who were to preside at the

Eucharistic table, and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel (see Luke 22:29–30).

The Twelve Apostles symbolize the twelve tribes and hence the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel (see Galatians 6:16). That's why it is crucial to replace Judas—so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the Apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry.

No one has ever seen God, as we hear in today's Epistle. Yet, through the Church founded on His apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our savior.

Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us—that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protects us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love.

(Scott Hahn, www.Stpaulcenter.com)



Congratulations to the First Holy

Communion Children in

**St. Elisabeth on their First Holy
Communion Celebration today
13th May 2018**

**May the Joy of this Day continue to
be fresh in your lives**



Hearts Afire: Pentecost

**Teaching, prayers, food and a variety of
family activities for adults and children of all ages**

DATE: 21MAY 2018

TIME: 13:30 – 16:30 H

PLACE: ST. ELISABETH COMMUNITY HALL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **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 Gendarmenmarkt Berlin (1st communion children are specially invited by the Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch)**
- **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**