

**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***

**June 17, 2018**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Missal no. 884**

**First Reading**

*The Book of Ezekiel 17: 22–24*

“I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree”

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 92:2–3, 13–16*

“They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.”

**Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 5: 6–10*

The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 4: 26–34*

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

**Collection is for Our Mission**

**Please take Note:**

- Starting from Sunday July 1, 2018 Mass time at St. Elisabeth’s will change from 12 noon to 2pm  
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- During the Month of August there will be **NO** 7pm Masses at St. Bernard’s (Summer Break)

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### Background on the Gospel Reading

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days – Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

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### Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's

Monday, June 18, 2018 - 20:00

Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with the Rosary and followed by silent adoration. Those attending are given the opportunity to pray the Rosary in their native languages, while all respond in English.

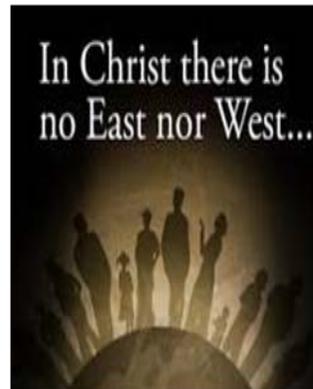


### Make a Joyful Noise – Coffee Hour Choir

Sunday, June 17, 2018 – 12:00 and Friday, June 22, 2018 – 20:00

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.

There is also a longer rehearsal planned for Friday 22, 2018 evening at 20:00hr. All who like music and enjoy singing are welcome.



### English-Speaking Mission Day (Summer Social Evening)

Saturday, June 30, 2018 - 18:00

Join us for a special celebration of our international community in the English-speaking Mission, starting at 18 h with Holy Mass featuring musical contributions from all the ESM communities followed by a social in the parish hall.

### 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 - 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)**