

**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. Amen.*



*English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin*

***Sunday Bulletin***

**August 5, 2018**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Missal no. 905**

**First Reading**

Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 78:3–4, 23–24, 25, 54

A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 4:17, 20–24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

John 6:24–35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

**Collection is for Our Mission**

**Please take note:**



**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Mass at St. Bernard's - 19:00**

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

## Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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## Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's (1st & 3rd Mondays)

Monday, August 6, 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.

## RCIA CLASSES IN ENGLISH

Are you curious about what Catholics believe? May be you are thinking about becoming a Christian?

We invite you to ask step by step questions about the Catholic Faith.

We will try to answer your questions...

Your questions might lead you to join the Catholic Church...

At the end of this journey there is the opportunity to be baptized. But it is not a condition for participating in the course.

We start with an individual interview to get to know each other. This way you can ask your first questions about the course and its content.

We will meet on Wednesday, at 7.00pm - 9 pm

2018: 12.09., 26.09., 10.10., 17.10., 21.11., 05.12.

2019: 09.01., 23.01., 13.02., 27.02., 06.03., 13.03., 27.03., 10.04.

### Special dates are:

09.03.2019 Rite of Acceptance with the Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch

20.04.2019 Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil

Course instructors: Father Sylvester Ajunwa and Mrs. Klaudia Höfig

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### Sacramental Preparation



Parents who wish to enroll their children in our preparation program for First Holy Communion (celebrated in the spring of 2019) are asked to please fill out the form found under the "Office" tab of this website (see yellow "Registration Forms" sidebar) and to submit it to the ESM Office.

Classes are planned for three locations:

All Saints - classes start in SEPTEMBER (date TBA), 11:15-12:00 h, after Sunday Mass

St. Bernard's - classes start OCTOBER 7th, 2018, 10:00-10:45 h, before Sunday Mass. ( At St. Bernard's parents are encouraged to enroll in the Bible Studies on the Eucharist running parallel to the First Holy Communion classes)

St. Elisabeth's - to be announced

## 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 11.00, 19.00; St. Elisabeth's 14.00; All Saints 10.00; Catholic Academy 10.30
- Confession: Sundays at St. Bernard's - 12.00, 18.30-19.00; at St. Elisabeth - 14.00; Fridays at All Saints 17.30
- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 1st and 3rd Mondays 20.00-21.00

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