

**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***

**September 23, 2018**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Missal no. 926**

**First Reading**

*Wisdom 2:12,17-20*

The just one is put to the test.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 54:3-4,5,6 & 8*

A prayer for God's protection.

**Second Reading**

*James 3:16—4:3*

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

Collection is for Caritas

**Community October Rosary Evenings**

**Join us at St. Bernard's to**

**pray the Rosary**

**Monday October 15- with Eucharistic  
Adoration, Oct.22-26, 29-31, 20:00h**



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Wednesday and Friday-by appointment

## Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

(Sunday Connection., [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

### NEXT RCIA PREPARATION CLASS

Catechism class for Adult baptism and Confirmation has started.

Next class is on Wednesday September 26

at St. Bernard's, Königin-Luise-Str. 33, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem at 7pm.



The Confirmation program is open for registration! Confirmation will be celebrated in 2020 in the English-speaking Mission.

Our program is aimed at 7th and 8th graders and commences with an introductory course in Holy Scripture using the T3 Timeline Bible Study.

Confirmed adults who would like to volunteer to assist in teaching classes are encouraged to contact the office or Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa directly.

Please register using the registration form found under the "Office" tab on our website: [www.english-mission-berlin.de](http://www.english-mission-berlin.de) and submit it to the Mission Office via email or by dropping it in the Mission mailbox at Königin-Luise-Str. 33 in Berlin-Dahlem.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Wednesday September 26, 19:00 RCIA classes at St. Bernard's
- Thursday September 27: ESM's council meeting at 18:00 at St. Elizabeth
- Monday October 1, 2018: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's, 20:00
- Friday October 5, ESM youth's Mass and Eucharistic Adoration at All Saints, 18:00
- Sunday October 7, Preparation class for First Holy communion at St. Bernard's, 10:00-11:00
- Sunday October 7, Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Bernard's 11:00
- Wednesday October 10, RCIA class, 19:00 (location to be announced)
- Saturday October 13, Conference for African Catholic Women, Germany, at St. Bernard's, 10:00-18:00
- Saturday October 13, ESM's Christian Literature club, 20:00
- Sunday October 14, Preparation for First Holy Communion, St. Bernard's 10:00-10:45
- Sunday October 14 Baptism at St. Bernard's after Mass 12:30
- Wednesday October 17, RCIA class 19:00 (location to be announced)
- Saturday October 20, Child's Abuse prevention course 10:00-16:00 at St. Bernard's

### 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

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