

### 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***

**October 7, 2018**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Missal no. 932**

#### **First Reading**

*Genesis 2:18-24*

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5,6*

A prayer for God's blessing

#### **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 2:9-11*

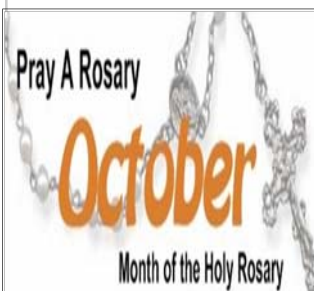
Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12)*

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

**Collection is for English Mission**



**Join us at  
St. Bernard's  
to pray the  
Rosary together  
on  
October 15, 22-  
26, 29-31 at  
20:00**

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#### **Office hours:**

Monday 14:00-18:00, Thursday 9:00-14 (Secretary); Tuesday 10:00-13:00, Thursday 9:00-13:00 (Pastor)

Wednesday and Friday-by appointment



#### **African Catholic Women's Conference**

This conference is organized by African Catholic women's organizations in Germany. The various organizations send delegates and will be hosted by the St. Elisabeth's ESM chapter  
Venue: St. Bernard's facility  
on October 13th, 10-18 h  
Holy Mass at 11:00h at St. Bernard's

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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

The wonderful Gregorianik-Schola "Graces & Voices" will be giving a concert at the Rosenkranz-Basilika on Saturday evening, October 13, at 7 p.m.

You are invited!

### NEXT RCIA PREPARATION CLASS

Catechism class for Adult baptism and Confirmation has started.

Next class is on Wednesday

October 10

at International Pastoral Center,  
Kranoldstraße 24a 12051 Berlin

at 7pm.

### Christian Literature Club Meeting

Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 19:00

The next meeting of the Christian Literature Club will take place on Saturday, 13 October at 19:00. The group, led by Fr. Lenfers, will continue studying Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Gaudete et Exultate" (Rejoice and Be Glad), on the universal call to holiness in today's world.

For further details about the location please contact Gershom at the email below.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- 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 of 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

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