

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.*

ADVENT'S PRAYER

WEEK 2, PEACE

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin

Sunday Bulletin

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First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15,20

God confronts Adam and Eve after they have eaten of the tree forbidden them by God and curses the serpent for his action.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Sing to the Lord for he has done wondrous deeds.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12

In Christ, we were chosen to be adopted children of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel appears to Mary to announce the birth of Jesus, and Mary responds, "Let it be done to me as you say."

Collection is for Orphans



12 Hours Eucharistic Adoration during Advent

Advent is a time of hope, anticipation and preparation for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, but also for Christ's second coming. There is no better way to do this than to spend some quality time before the Blessed Sacrament.

A 12h Adoration is planned at St. Bernard on DECEMBER 15. Starts : Mass 8:00 and continuous Adoration till 18:00

You are welcome to come at any time during the twelve hours, but if you can enter your name for a particular time-slot it will help us to ensure that at least two people are present with the Blessed Sacrament at all times. Families and individuals who can commit to covering a particular hour for adoration should please contact Johan Ostveen

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Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast celebrates God's choice of Mary to be the mother of Jesus. God preserved Mary from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception. Thus, Mary was the first to receive the benefit of the redemption that her Son would merit for all.

To reflect upon this mystery, the Gospel reading for today presents to us the story of the Annunciation. It is through her exchange with the angel Gabriel that Luke, the Evangelist, introduces the person of Mary. The Annunciation begins in the context of Luke's account of the birth of John the Baptist. "In the sixth month," referring to Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel appears to a virgin of Nazareth—Mary. Indeed, there are many parallels in Luke's accounts of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus.

In this passage, Luke tells us much about Mary and the child she is to bear. We learn that Mary is a virgin from Nazareth who is betrothed to a man named Joseph, who was of the house of David. The angel greets Mary in the most glowing of terms, acknowledging the favor she has found with God. The son Mary is to conceive is described in messianic terms. He will be called "Son of the Most High" and the "Son of God."

Mary is bold in her exchange with the angel. She is troubled by his greeting and questions the message, asking "How am I to bear a son if I have no relations with a man?" Mary is told that she will conceive through the power of the Holy Spirit and is offered a sign in the miraculous pregnancy of her elder cousin Elizabeth.

Mary's affirmative response to this seemingly impossible message gives evidence to the grace we know that she possesses from God. Only one who is "full of grace" can be so receptive to and cooperative with the will of God. Because of this, Mary is the model of discipleship for all Christians...

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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.

The first class is due to kick off on January 19th, 2019.

An organizational meeting for *students and parents* will take place on January 6th, directly after 11 am Mass at St. Bernard's!



Advent's special Coffee Hour

Join us at the hall after Mass at St. Bernard's for special Advent Coffee Hour with Cultural culinary Adventure and

Carols

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 15, 12 Hours Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's
- **December 16, Youth's Christmas Carols at St. Elisabeth 16:00**
- December 22, Penance Service and Christmas confessions at St. Bernard's 18:00
- December 24th Nativity Play at St. Bernard's 19::30, Christmas Virgil Mass 20:00
- December 25, Christmas, Mass: 11:00 at St. Bernard's, 14:00 at St. Elisabeth
- December 26, Mass 11:00 at St. Bernard's , 13:30 at St Bernard's (wedding Mass)
- January 1, New Year's Mass: 11: at St. Bernard's, 14:00 at St. Elisabeth

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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