

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.*

**WORDS ON
MARBEL**

You must accept
your cross; if you
bear it courageously
it will carry you to
Heaven.

-St.John Vianney



English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin

Sunday Bulletin

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C
Missal no. 870

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

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Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's

Monday, February 18, 2019 - 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.

**Sunday 24.February-Mass Time at St. Elisabeth's switches
from 14:00 to 13:00**

Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7, 11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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Mark your calendar

- Friday 22.Feb, 22:00-3:00 Night Vigil at Eucharistic Chapel, All Saints Hüttenweg 46, 14195 Berlin- Dahlem
- Saturday 23 Feb, 11:00-14:00 Training for Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers at St. Bernard's
- Sunday 24.February Mass time at St. Elisabeth switches from 14:00 to 13:00
- Friday 1 March ESM Youths' Mass/Eucharistic Adoration at All Saints, 18:00
- Sunday 3. March- Men's Conference, St. Elisabeth's 15:00-17:00
- Monday 4 March- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 20:00
- Wednesday 6 March(Ash Wednesday) Mass at St Bernard's 19:00
- Saturday 9 March First reconciliation for First Holy Communion children, 18:00 at St. Bernard's
- Friday 15 March Friday Mass/ Eucharistic Adoration starts at St. Bernard's 19:00 (takes place every 3rd Friday in the Month)
- March 29-31 ESM Lenten Retreat, Benedictine Convent, Alexanderdorf, Klosterstr.1 15838 Am Mellensee (Retreat Preacher: Father Dr. Dietmar Lenfers M. Afri.)

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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