

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

It is not the actual
physical exertion
that counts towards a
man's progress, nor
the natures of the
task, but by the spirit
of faith with which it
is undertaken

-St. Francis Xavier



English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin

Sunday Bulletin

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time C
Missal no. 873

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

David does not kill Saul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

A song in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

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Wednesday and Friday-by appointment

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ESM Youth - Friday Mass at All Saints with Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 1, 2019 - 18:00

The ESM Youth are warmly invited to First Friday Mass on December 7th at All Saints (18.00 h) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Mass will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

Men's Conference - St. Elisabeth's

Sunday, March 3, 2019 - 15:00

A Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled at St. Elisabeth's on 3 March 2019, 15:00-17:00 h.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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Mark your calendar

- 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.)
- March 29-30 -24 hours Adoration (an initiative of Pope Francis, at St. Clements, Stresemannstraße 66, 10965 Berlin

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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