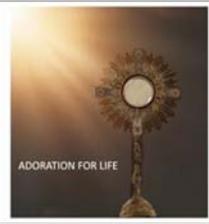




The friends of Jesus Catholic Charismatic renewal

(community on Mission)
Invites all to join them for fellowship (Gospel songs, Spirit-filled talk and prayers)
After Mass today September 8, 2019
At St. Elisabeth's 2:30 Pm – 4pm
It is a life changing experience



**Eucharistic Adoration for Life at St. Bernard's
Wednesday,
September 11, 2019
- 20:00**

Please join us for an adoration evening for life on **every second Wednesday of the month from 20:00-21:00**. The evening will take place at St. Bernard parish and will be a chance to pray for an end to abortion and a renewed respect for life. We want to pray for the women, men, healthcare providers, politicians, families and friends who are affected by abortion. Let us unite in prayer for a restored culture of life and love!

Sacramental Preparation



Parents who wish to enroll their children in our preparation program for First Holy Communion (celebrated in the spring of 2020) are asked to please fill out the form found under the "Office" tab of this website (see yellow "Registration Forms" sidebar) and to submit it to the ESM Office with the accompanying required documentation.

Classes are currently planned for 4 locations: All Saints, St. Bernard's, St. Elisabeth's, St. Thomas Aquinas (Catholic Academy).

Classes at St. Bernard's will start on September 8th - registrations for this location will be accepted through all of September, so please feel free to simply come to class and talk to us! Classes are from 10 am in the basement classroom of the community center next to the church.

Sunday evening Mass at St. Bernard's 19:00 starts again from Sunday September 1, 2019.



Interested in becoming a Roman Catholic? Or just curious about the Christian Faith? The the English Mission offers RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program .

This is also an opportunity to find out more about the course and its content. You can enroll to find out more about the Catholic faith, asking questions and receiving answers along the way. After individual discernment with your guides, you may decide to join the Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). However, a commitment to Baptism is NOT a requirement for joining the course. The course instructors are Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa and Ms. Klaudia Höfig.

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 September at St. 19:00 at St. Bernard's, Königin-Luise-str. 33, 14195 Berlin
For more information and registration, please contact Klaudia Höfig at the following email address:
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Family of Faith Kickoff Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2019 - 17:00

Our Family of Faith program provides ongoing catechesis for families with children who have made their First Holy Communion. Please send an email to Dr. Jenny Gebhardt (jgebhar@yahoo.de) for more information

Coffee Hour starts again at St. Bernard's



Join the community every Sunday after 11am Mass at St. Bernard's

It is always fun

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 13.00; All Saints 10.00; Catholic Academy 10.30
- Confession: Sundays at St. Bernard's - 12.00, 18.30-19.00; at St. Elisabeth - 13.00; 1st Fridays at All Saints 17.30
- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 1st Monday, 2nd Wednesday 20:00 and 3rd Friday 19:00

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 you.
Blessed are you among woman
and blessed is the fruit of your 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 your 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 you, O Lord, your Grace into our
hearts;
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ,
Your 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 MARBLE

"Thou hast made
us for thyself, O
Lord, and our
heart is restless
until it finds its
rest in thee."

— St. Augustine



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Sunday Bulletin

September 8, 2019

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First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

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Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else

(cf. Sunday Connection, www.loyolapress.com)

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