



**Blessing of Advent's wreath and lighting the First Advent's candle**

Today we begin the journey of Advent, a time of hope and anticipation of the coming of the Lord at Christmas, but also for Christ's second coming. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent.

**LET US PRAY**

**Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.**



**Eucharistic Adoration:**

**Monday 2 December, 20:00 at**

**St. Bernard's Church**

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.

**Invitation**

We are all invited to the Archdiocesan celebration of the feast of Immaculate Conception with all foreign missions - Mass on Monday December 9, at 18:00, at St. Joseph's, Müllerstr.162, 13353 Berlin-Wedding.



*Coffee Hour at St. Bernard's*  
**Join the community every Sunday after 11am Mass at the Hall**  
**Coffee, drinks, cake and cookies are free but donations to support our pastoral work are always appreciated.**

**Advent Social at St. Bernard**

Please join us on Sunday December 8th after the 19:00 mass for an advent celebration in the parish hall. This is a great chance to meet other parishioners while enjoying some traditional glühwein and snacks. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Advent extra Brochure**

Advent extra brochure with Advent reflections and interesting inspirational articles are available. They would be handed out at the Masses this Sunday. They are for free! Grab a copy after Mass!



**NATIVITY PLAY**

On December 24<sup>th</sup> evening (19:30) there will be our wonderful tradition of Nativity Play. Anyone interested in being in the play or parents helping with the play please contact Mrs. Maggie Repp- [maggierrepp@web.de](mailto:maggierrepp@web.de) or send a mail to the Mission's Office: [alsda46@aol.com](mailto:alsda46@aol.com). First rehearsal is next Sunday Dec. 8, after 11:00 mass.

**First Reconciliation for 1st Communion Kids/ Adults' Advent Reconciliation/Confessions**  
**On Saturday December 7, at St. Bernard's at 18:00**

**General Information about the English-speaking Mission**

Welcome to an energetic and devout community of Catholics from more than two dozen countries living in Berlin

- 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, 3rd Friday at St. Bernard's 18:30
- Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard's 1st Monday, 2nd Wednesday 20:00 and 3rd Friday 19:00

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

### 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.*

### ADVENT'S PRAYER

#### WEEK 1, HOPE

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



*English speaking Catholic Mission Archdiocese of Berlin*

### *Sunday Bulletin*

**December 1, 2019**

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#### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9*

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

#### **Second Reading**

*Romans 13:11-14*

Be prepared, salvation is near.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people

Collection is for **Families without Children and Orphans**

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required.

Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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

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