# ENGLISH-SPEAKING CATHOLIC MISSION AT ST. BERNHARD'S

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER 2025...

| Dec 05 (Fri)   | First Friday Mass, 7:00pm<br>followed by Eucharistic Adoration until<br>midnight (now at St. Bernhard's Church) |
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| Dec 06 (Sat)   | Penance Service, 11:00am  |
| Dec 08 (Mon)   | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, 6:00pm (at St. Hedwig's Cathedral)      |
| Dec 12 (Fri)   | Encounter, 7:00pm   |
| Dec 13 (Sat)   | Advent Adoration Weekend, 10:00am-4:00pm  |
|                | Bible Discussion, 5:00pm  |
| Dec 14 (Sun)   | Advent Adoration Weekend,<br>12:00pm-4:30pm   |
|                | Coffee Hour with Carolling, 12:00pm   |
| Dec 24 (Wed)   | Nativity Play, 7:30pm   |
|                | Christmas Eve Mass, 8:00pm  |
| Dec 25 (Thurs) | Christmas Day Mass, 11:00am   |
|                | Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm  |
| Dec 26 (Fri)   | Feast of St. Stephen Mass, 11:00am  |
| Dec 28 (Sun)   | Coffee Hour, 12:00pm  |
| Dec 31 (Wed)   | Memorial of St. Sylvester I Mass, 7:00pm  |
| Jan 01 (Thurs) | Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass, 11:00am   |
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# Weekly Activities...

| Mondays  | Women at the Well, 10:15am (online)   |
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|          | International Rosary with Eucharistic |
|          | Benediction, 7:00pm                   |
| Tuesdays | Lectio Divina, 7:30pm (online)        |

### Our Groups...

## **Bible Discussion Group**

- Meets in the parish basement room to discuss various books of the Bible. This month we will continue our discussion on the *Gospel of St. John*. Please email Joe at joe.paul@essec.edu for more information.

#### Christian Literature Club

 Will not meet this month, but usually meets monthly to discuss and reflect on different Christian texts.
 Please email Jeffrey at <a href="mailto:irrching@yahoo.com">irrching@yahoo.com</a> for more information.

#### Encounter

- An evening of music and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the church, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, at 7pm. Followed by fellowship in the hall.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in the church, from 12:00-4:30pm for silent adoration. Committed adorers needed. Please email Tharshini at <a href="mailto:esmfaith@gmail.com">esmfaith@gmail.com</a> if you are able to help.

## First Friday Mass & Vigil

- First Fridays are traditionally dedicated to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7pm, followed by silent Eucharistic Adoration until midnight.

### **International Rosary**

 Meets weekly to pray the Rosary in the church at 7pm, in various languages, followed by Eucharistic benediction. On the first Monday of the month, the Rosary will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament.

#### Lectio Divina

- Meets weekly online at 7:30pm to pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. Please email Tharshini at <u>esmfaith@gmail.com</u> to register.

#### Women at the Well

- Meets weekly online at 10:15am to pray and reflect on various books of the Bible. This Advent, we will be praying with the Advent Sunday Gospels. Please email Tharshini at <a href="mailto:essmfaith@gmail.com">essmfaith@gmail.com</a> to register.

# New participants are always welcome!!

## coming Soon...

How can Saints speak to us in our own life situations today, become our friends and help us deepen our faith? A new small group, **The Wisdom of the Saints**, starting in January 2026, will reflect on the lives and writings of Saints, drawing on their wisdom to shape our lives. Contact Sharon at <a href="mailto:nemethst@aol.com">nemethst@aol.com</a> for more information.

#### ADVENT GIVING TREE

Be a part of our annual Advent Giving Tree project! Bring some Christmas joy to individuals and families in need supported by Caritas Berlin. Pick up an ornament from the tree to donate a gift, and return your wrapped gift by **December 14th**.

## ADVENT ADORATION WEEKEND (DEC 13-14)

Come, let us adore! Take some time during the busyness of this season, to adore Jesus who dwells among us.

'This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousad years ago is present today in the Eucharist."

~ St.John Paul II

Committed adorers are needed so the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. Please email Tharshini at <a href="mailto:essmfaith@gmail.com">essmfaith@gmail.com</a> if you are able to help.

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"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be hidden...
Let your light shine before others..."
(Matthew 5:14, 16)