



**St. Leonhard's**

**St. Mary's**

**Holy Cross**

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**NOVEMBER 2021**



*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away"  
(Mark 13: 31)*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**

**For People Who Suffer from Depression** - We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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Please take this bulletin home with you. If you wish to have the readings with you at Mass, then bring it with you each weekend. Any last minute important updates and announcements will be sent out via email.

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Monday, 01.11.	19.30	Holy Cross	All Saints Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Tuesday, 02.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	All Souls Day Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Saturday, 06.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - St Leonhard's Feast (Fr. Christian Enke)
Sunday, 07.11.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Substitute)
Tuesday, 09.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Saturday, 13.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Substitute)
Sunday, 14.11.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Tuesday, 16.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Saturday, 20.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Sunday, 21.11.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Tuesday, 23.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Saturday, 27.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Sunday, 28.11.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (Substitute)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)
Tuesday, 30.11.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)

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## ST. LEONHARD

*(a reflection by Treena Relova)*

St. Leonhard's Church has truly been a gem in Frankfurt since 1219. But do we know the saint this church was dedicated to? Let us take a closer look at St. Leonhard and draw inspiration from his unusual life. ... St. Leonhard was born into immense wealth and privilege. He was a French nobleman who had close ties to King Clovis I. He abandoned the worldly life of nobility to be a disciple of St. Remigius. He was offered a high position of Bishop which he turned down. But even life in the monastery was not solitude enough. So, Leonhard became a hermit. Because he had very strong connections with very important people, he obtained special permission to visit prisons and to release any prisoner whom he deemed worthy of pardon. That is why St. Leonhard became known as the patron saint of prisoners.



Aside from prisoners, Leonhard was also asked to pray for women in labor. Through his prayer the queen of the Franks safely bore a male child, and as a reward, Leonhard was given a large tack of royal land. He often gave the freed prisoners part of his vast land so that they may have the means to live an honest life. He also built an abbey where he served as an abbot until his death in 559 AD.

We can learn so much from the life of St. Leonhard when we look at his patronages. He is the patron saint of prisoners struggling to live decent and honest lives inside prison and after incarceration. He is also the patron saint of babies struggling to be born into this world. For St. Leonhard, ALL lives are precious and important.

**Reflection** – Let us ask ourselves: Do we value and respect all lives, not just our own? When making decisions, do we consider the greater good, not just things that are convenient and beneficial to us? What concrete steps do we take to improve the lives of others, especially those who are struggling?



**“TAIZE’ DAY”** – Next year from 8-14 August we are planning a trip to Taizé for young people aged 15 and over. On **Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** we want to experience a "day like in Taizé" from 2.30-7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's. The afternoon will be spent meeting others, sharing, praying, reading the Bible and, of course, also eating together ☺. If you are interested, please contact Father Christian.

St.  
Leonhards

**FOOD DONATIONS** – Each Saturday at Mass we collect non-perishable, non-refrigerated food for the Mother Teresa Sisters (things like marmalade, fruit teas (rather than black tea), sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami). Simply place your items in the basket in the back of church.

**WEEKDAY MASS AT ST. LEONHARD’S** - each Tuesday at **18:00h**. No online registration necessary to attend. Just fill out a form when you arrive at church.

Holy  
Cross

**FOOD DONATIONS** - We collect food for the Missionary Sisters of Charity each Sunday. We need non-perishable food items, e.g. pasta, sauce, soups, cereals, etc. Especially important: marmalade, fruit teas, sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami (the kinds that don't require refrigeration), 10-slice packs of individually wrapped yellow cheese (again the kind that doesn't require refrigeration). **Please do not bring outdated food items.** Thank you.

St.  
Mary's

**“GIVNING SUNDAY”** – **Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
The first Sunday of each month is “Giving Sunday” at St. Mary's where we have a special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to support the charity Mary's Meals.

**FOOD DONATIONS** - You can bring your donations for the Hofheimer/Hattersheimer Tafel each Sunday to Mass. The Tafel is especially in need of items such as sugar, flour, cooking oil, non-refrigerated milk and canned goods.

## **MASS RESPONSES**

### **Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Or           PRIEST: Lord, have mercy.   PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.  
              PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.  
              PRIEST: Lord, have mercy.   ALL: Lord, have mercy.

### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Profession of Faith** (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

### **Invitation to Prayer**

PRIEST: Pray, brethren .. acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### **Preface Dialogue**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you. PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts. PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right and just.

### **Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **The Mystery of Faith**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

PEOPLE: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is I heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ... For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

### **Sign of Peace**

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

### **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. ... Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of god, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**November 6 / 7**  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FIRST READING – 1 Kings 17: 10-16**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Elijah, the Prophet, set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**R: Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 9: 24-28**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with

blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

### **GOSPEL – Mark 12: 38-44**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus was teaching in the temple, and a large crowd was listening to him. He said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ... He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

**November 13 / 14**  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FIRST READING – Daniel 12: 1-3**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel.

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**R: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.**

**SECOND READING - Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Where there is forgiveness of sin and lawless deeds, there is no longer any offering for sin.

## **GOSPEL – Mark 13: 24-32**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus spoke to his disciples about the end which is to come:

„In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ...

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

**November 20 / 21**

Christ the King

## **FIRST READING – Daniel 7: 13-14**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel.

I had a dream and visions as I lay in bed. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

**R: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.**

**SECOND READING – Revelation 1: 5-8**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ... Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ... “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**GOSPEL – John 18: 33b-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ... When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become

great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

**November 27 / 28**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**FIRST READING – Jeremiah 33: 14-16**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

**R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

**SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

**GOSPEL – Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. ... Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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**1<sup>st</sup> ADVENT:** Almighty God, Father of us all; every one of us is important to you. You proved that when you sent your son, Jesus, to show us what you are like. He came willingly into the world and involved himself in the affairs of men, taking upon himself the form of a servant, to prove that the way of love is the only way which makes sense. At this season of Advent, help us to realize that it is you, the Father of all, who comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord.



**As we light this first Advent candle, we hope for the fuller brightness that is to come. We want it to remind us to watch for what God will give us, and to see what He has already given. AMEN**

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Baptisms arranged with one month notice

Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice

Confession available on request

Spiritual Direction as arranged with the Parish Priest

If you are feeling lonely or afraid or need any other kind of advice,  
please contact the Parish office and we will try to help.

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## **CHURCH LOCATIONS & MASS TIMES**



### **St. Leonhard's**

Church location:

Am Leonhardstor 25  
60313 Frankfurt am Main

**Mass time: Saturdays 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays 6:00 pm**

### **Holy Cross**

Church location:

Kettelerallee 45  
60385 Frankfurt am Main

**Mass time: Sundays 9:30 am**



### **St. Mary's**

Church location:

Wachenheimer Str. 58  
65835 Liederbach am Taunus

**Mass time: Sundays 5.00 pm**

