



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

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APRIL 2025



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL**

**For the use of the new technologies.**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies  
will not replace human relationships,  
will respect the dignity of the person,

## APRIL 2025

Saturday, 05.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 06.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass ( <i>Br. Anil</i> )
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass ( <i>Br. Anil</i> )
Tuesday, 08.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 12.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Palm Sunday Mass
Sunday, 13.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Palm Sunday Mass
	17.00	St. Mary's	Palm Sunday Mass
Tuesday, 15.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Reconciliation service with the opportunity for individual confessions
Thursday, 17.04.	<b>20.00</b>	St. Leonhard's	Holy Thursday English-German Mass with the German community
Friday, 18.04.	<b>12.00</b>	Holy Cross	Good Friday
Saturday, 19.04.	<b>21.00</b>	Holy Cross	Easter Vigil
Sunday, 20.04.	<b>10.30</b>	Holy Cross	Easter Mass
Tuesday, 22.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 26.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass followed by Adoration ( <i>Substitute</i> )
Sunday, 27.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Adoration ( <i>Br. Anthony</i> )
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass + Adoration ( <i>Fr. Varghese</i> )
Tuesday, 29.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	NO MASS

## MAY 2025

Saturday, 03.05.	<b>17.00</b>	St. Leonhard's	Mass ( <i>substitute</i> )
Sunday, 04.05.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass ( <i>Br. Anthony</i> )
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass ( <i>Fr. Varghese</i> )

\*\*\* All Masses celebrated by Father Christian Enke, unless otherwise specified \*\*\*

Total Parish Collections for February 2025 = 2,199 Euros

**Lenten Reconciliation Service** – Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18:00 at St. Leonhard's Church - followed by the opportunity for individual confession. In addition to that Father Christian is available to hear individual confessions each weekend 30 minutes before Mass, at all 3 church locations. No prior appointments necessary.

**SPECIAL OFFERS FOR CHILDREN DURING APRIL:**

1. **Good Friday** - To help our children understand what happened to Jesus on Good Friday, we invite all children ages 4+ in the Holy Cross Parish Hall during **Good Friday** service on **18 April 2025**.
2. **Easter Sunday** – Children's Liturgy of the Word, an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for children ages 4 and above, held during the Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Cross on **April 20th at 10:30**.
3. **Art Exhibit - Mary, Our Mother:** We would like to honor **Mary, Our Mother**, as well as our own mothers, through an Art Exhibit featuring artwork created by our young parishioners from 5+. Art Paper and the full instructions will be distributed to participants starting **6 April 2025** and the following Sundays after. Deadline for submission of Artwork is on or before **4 May 2025**. The exhibit will be after the Family Mass on **11 May 2025** at our Parish Hall.



**GOOD FRIDAY** – Father Christian asks all those attending the Good Friday service to please bring along a single flower (one rose or something similar) to be placed at the foot of the cross during veneration. These flowers will then be bound into a bouquet which will be placed at the Easter candle.

**EASTER BREAD** – Russian Kulich, Italian Gubana, British Hot Cross Buns, French Pogne, Polish Chalka, Hungarian Fonott Kalács, just to name a few. Do you have a traditional Easter bread from your country or perhaps a family favorite? If so, please bring along a loaf to set before the altar during Easter Sunday Mass on **April 20th** at Holy Cross Church (**10.30**) and afterwards, to share with everyone at the Easter Sunday coffee social after Mass.



**ADORATION WEEKEND:** At the end of each of our 3 Masses on the weekend of **April 26 / 27** there will be a short adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

<b>Holy Week and</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	
Saturday 12. April	18.00	St. Leonhard's	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Sunday 13. April	9:30	Holy Cross	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	17.00	St. Mary's	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Tuesday 15. April	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Reconciliation Service
Thursday 17. April	20.00	St. Leonhard's	<b>Holy Thursday</b> <i>English-German Mass. followed by procession with the Bl. Sacrament to Liebfrauen Church</i>
Friday 18. April	12.00 noon	Holy Cross	<b>Good Friday</b>
Saturday 19. April	21.00	Holy Cross	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
Sunday 20. April	10:30	Holy Cross	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	No Mass	at St. Mary's	

St.  
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**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.



**NEW SATURDAY MASS TIME** - Please be advised that, **starting May 3rd**, the weekly Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St. Leonhard's will be moved from 18.00 (6 p.m.) to the **new time of 17:00** (5 p.m.)

This change is being made to allow for more time after Mass before the church closes at 19:00 (7 p.m.), ensuring a more relaxed and prayerful Mass for everyone. Additionally, this adjustment restores the original 17:00 Mass time that was in place many years ago, before the church renovations. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to celebrating Mass with you at the new time. *PS - the Tuesday evening Mass time of 18:00 remains the same. Only the Saturday Mass changes.*

**CHIP FOR TOILETS** – Please note that there are no toilets available in St. Leonhard's Church, but we are able to use the toilets located at the Caritas building nearby. If you need to use the toilet, please see the Security Guard in the back. He has the chip to open the door.

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 (non-refrigerated), 10-slice packs of individually wrapped yellow cheese (non-refrigerated). **Please do not bring outdated food items.** Thank you.

**COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS** – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments each Sunday after Mass in the Parish Hall.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** - On "Divine Mercy Sunday", **27th April**, parishioner Vinod Balaraj invites anyone interested to join him in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass at Holy Cross. He would also like to organize a Divine Mercy Chaplet group to meet regularly.

St.  
Mary's

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

Mass Responses can be found under Nr. 79 in the  
"Laudate" Song Book (pages 200-211)

**April 5 / 6 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
This weekend's collection: for MISEREOR

### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 43: 16-21**

"Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

**R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**SECOND READING – Philippians 3: 8-14**

I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL – John 8: 1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before the people, they said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test Jesus, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When the scribes and the Pharisees kept on questioning him, Jesus straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground. When the scribes and Pharisees heard what Jesus had said, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

**April 12 / 13 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**  
This weekend's collection: for the Holy Land

**GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS – Luke 19: 28-40**

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought the colt to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**FIRST READING – Isaiah 50: 3-7**

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

**R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

## **SECOND READING – Philippians 2: 6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **PASSION – Luke 22:14 – 23:56**

*Reading found in Palm Sunday Passion Booklet*

Readings for Holy Week + Easter found in a separate bulletin

**April 26 / 27 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

## **FIRST READING – Acts 5: 12-16**

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And the believers were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting**



## **SECOND READING – Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches". Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, but see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this.

## **GOSPEL – John 20: 19-31**

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ... Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter is also known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". Here is a short history: Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him during the early part of the last century. Jesus asked her to paint the vision of His Merciful Divinity being poured from His sacred heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him. It is the feast of the great love of our Lord Jesus Christ for us, the love who pardons and reconciles even the most serious faults against Him.



So let us reach to Him through confession and communion, with sincere hearts and trusting in His Mercy. He shall in return fill us with His Love and Peace! He is awaiting us with His open Arms, with His Love and Mercy to shower us with graces.

**Jesus, we trust in You. For the sake of Your sorrowful Passion, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world!**

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### **Office Hours:**

(for the public)

**Monday + Tuesday**

14.00-16.00

**Thursday**

10.00-12:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice,  
weddings with at least six months notice.



## **St. Leonhard's**

Church location:

*Am Leonhardstor 25  
60311 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:

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**Mass time: Sundays 5.00 pm**