



# International English-Speaking Catholic Parish

St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

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APRIL 2026



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

### **For Priests in Crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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**APRIL 2026**

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Tuesday, 07.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN
Saturday, 11.04.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN
Sunday, 12.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass – AN
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass - AN
Tuesday, 14.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN
Saturday, 18.04.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - CE
Sunday, 19.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Children's Liturgy of the Word– CE
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass - AN
Tuesday, 21.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - CE
Saturday, 25.04.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN
Sunday, 26.04.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Family Mass – CE
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass – AN
Tuesday, 28.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - CE

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**MAY 2026**

Saturday, 02.05.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - CE
Sunday, 03.05	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass – CE
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass - CE
Tuesday, 05.05	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - CE
Saturday, 09.05.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN
Sunday, 10.05	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass – CE
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass - AN
Tuesday, 12.05	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass – CE

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Celebrant Abbreviations: CE = Fr. Christian Enke  
AN = Fr. Anthony Nneji

Parish Collection Sums for February 2026 = 2837 €

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Ecumenical Youth Trip to Taizé

**2.-9. August 2026**

**For young people 15 years or older**

**Price: 235 Euros**



Experience the peaceful Taizé community in France – a place of prayer, music, and reflection. Perfect for young people, Taizé offers a chance to grow in faith, meet friends from around the world, and find inspiration in daily prayer and shared worship. Don't miss this life-changing journey! Interested? Contact Father Christian for more information.

**NEW BAPTISM SCHEDULE** - In order to help ease your planning with family members travelling to visit, we have decided to have set dates every month for baptisms in 2026. This will allow you schedule the date in advance. The new dates for the first half of 2026 are:

26. Apr (StM) / 2. May (StL) / 14. June (HC) 7. July (StL) If you live outside of the Frankfurt area, contact the parish office.

\*\* HC = Holy Cross / StL = St. Leonhard's / StM = St. Mary's \*\*

ALL baptism requests must go through the parish office (email: [international@parish-frankfurt.de](mailto:international@parish-frankfurt.de))

**REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES** – Father Christian or Father Anthony will be available to hear individual confessions each weekend 30 minutes before Mass, at all 3 church locations. No prior appointments necessary

**EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST** –In order to receive all relevant updates and also the weekly bulletin, please contact the parish office to be added to the distribution list: [international@parish-frankfurt.de](mailto:international@parish-frankfurt.de)

**PARISH OUTREACH TEAM** - You are not alone! We are a group of parishioners who have come together in order to help our fellow parishioners with things such as prayer requests, assistance for homebound people or outreach to inactive parishioners. If you would like to receive help from the Outreach Team, please contact **Benjie Dimaunahan** ([didittedim@gmail.com](mailto:didittedim@gmail.com))

St.  
Leonhard's

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

**WEEDAY MASS** – Each **Tuesday at 18:00** at St. Leonhard's

**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

**COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS** – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. We ask everyone attending to **please bring your own cup to the coffee social – and also please remember cups for your kids.**

**FOOD DONATIONS** - We collect non-perishable food for the Missionary Sisters of Charity each Sunday. Items such as marmalade, FRUIT teas, sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami 10-slice packs of individually wrapped yellow cheese and “to-go” coffee cups with lids.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD - Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Liturgy of the Word is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for children ages 4 and above, that will be held during the 9:30 Mass. No pre-registration is require

**FAMILY MASS – April 26<sup>th</sup>** - The Sunday Mass at Holy Cross on April 26th will be for both “young” and “old” alike, with certain elements geared especially towards children incorporated into the regular Sunday Mass.

St.  
Mary's

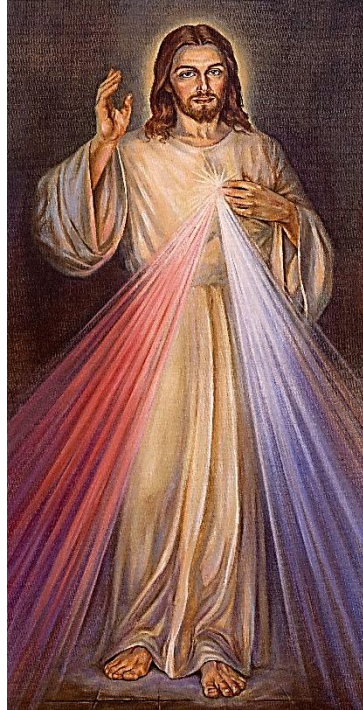
**FOOD DONATIONS** - Reminder: you can bring your food donations for the Hattersheim-Hofheim Tafel each Sunday to Mass. The Tafel is especially in need of items such as sugar, flour, cooking oil, non-refrigerated milk and canned goods.

## **Divine Mercy Sunday: Trust in Christ's Endless Mercy**

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, a day given to the Church as a powerful reminder of God's boundless love and forgiveness.

This devotion was revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, who received private revelations from Jesus in the early 20th century. In these messages, Christ emphasized His desire that all people come to trust in His mercy, especially sinners in need of hope.

At the heart of this feast is the image of the Divine Mercy Jesus, showing rays of red and pale light streaming from His heart. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from His side on the Cross—signs of the sacraments and the life of the Church.



Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to turn back to God with confidence, no matter how far we may have strayed. The Church teaches that special graces are available on this day, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the reception of the Holy Eucharist. It is a moment to begin again, trusting not in our own strength, but in Christ's infinite compassion. As we gaze upon the image of Divine Mercy, may we open our hearts to receive His love—and be moved to share that mercy with others in our daily lives.

**April 11 / 12 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **FIRST READING – Acts 2: 42-47**

A reading from the Act of the Apostles.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All

who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**R: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.**

### **SECOND READING – 1 Peter 1: 3-9**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **GOSPEL – John 20: 19-31**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

It was evening on that day that 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.”

A week later 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 Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**April 18 / 19 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: Acts 2: 22-33**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd; “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ... But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, *‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’*

**R: Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

## **Gospel: Luke 24: 13-25**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On that same day two of the disciples of were going to a village called Emmaus, about eleven kilometers from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" ... They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near

the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**April 25 / 26 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: Acts 2, 14a, 36b-41**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Brothers and sisters: If you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **Gospel: John 10: 1-10**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ... So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



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- and by appointment –



OFFICE HOURS

**OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, April 6 (Easter Monday)**



## **St. Leonhard's**

Church location:

*Am Leonhardstor 25  
60311 Frankfurt am Main*

**Mass time: Saturdays 5:00 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**