



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

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DECEMBER 2024



**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

**For pilgrims of hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## DECEMBER

Sunday, 01.12.	09.30	Holy Cross	Family Mass
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 03.12.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 07.12.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 08.12.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass - Filipino Feast
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 10.12.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
<b>Wednesday, 11.12.</b>	<b>19.00</b>	Holy Cross	<b>Advent Confession</b> (Fr. Christian + Fr. Moritz)
Saturday, 14.12.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 15.12.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 17.12.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 21.12.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 22.12.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 24.12.	<b>15.00</b>	Holy Cross	Christmas Eve Mass
	<b>20.30</b>	St. Mary's	Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, 25.12.	<b>10.30</b>	Holy Cross	Christmas Day Mass
Saturday, 28.12.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 29.12.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass
	17.00	St. Mary's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday, 31.12.	<b>17.00</b>	St. Leonhard's	Mass

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

Parish Collection Sums for October 2024 = 2,189 €

We thank you for your continued generosity!

**ADVENT CONFESSION** - During the season of Advent we prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus into our lives. You, therefore, will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession at our Advent Reconciliation Service on **Wednesday, December 11 at 19:00 (Holy Cross Church)**. Father Christian and Father Moritz will be available to hear individual confessions.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** –“Adveniat” is a project of the German Bishops’ Conference, which focuses on helping those less fortunate in Latin America. Traditionally all money collected during the Christmas Masses on Dec. 24 and 25 (in ALL the Dioceses in Germany) will go towards Adveniat.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

15:00 Mass Holy Cross

20:30 Mass St. Mary’s

**Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

10:30 Mass Holy Cross

**Saturday, December 28 (Feast of the Holy Family)**

18:00 Mass St. Leonhard’s

**Sunday, December 29 (Feast of the Holy Family)**

9:30 Mass Holy Cross

*No Sunday Mass at St. Mary’s*

**Tuesday, December 31 (New Year’s Eve)**

17:00 Mass St. Leonhard’s

**Wednesday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)**

15:00 Mass Holy Cross



**PARISH OFFICE** - Please note that the Parish Office in Frankfurt will be **CLOSED** from **December 24 – January 6**. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.



### **Special Music during Advent + Christmas**

#### **MUSIC AT ST. LEONHARD'S**

The Saturday evening Masses at St. Leonhard's will have a special musical focus during Advent:

30.11. Vocal quartet 'KQuadrat'

7.12. 'Trinity Sanctuary Choir'

from Trinity Lutheran Church,

14.12. Gabriella Pisacreta, Soprano,

21.12. Ensemble 'Mainklang'

#### **ADVENT SINGING AT LIEBFRAUEN – Sunday, December 8 at**

**19:30 (7:30 pm)** - The International Parish Choir will present a mix of new and well-known Advent songs in the evening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent as part of the Advent Caroling at Liebfrauen Church. Everyone is cordially invited to join in listening and singing along.

#### **SINGERS WANTED FOR PROJECT CHOIR (on Christmas Eve)**

We are looking for singers with choir experience for the Christmas Mass in Holy Cross on 24 December at 3 pm. We are rehearsing on Sunday 22 December from 11am to 1pm at Holy Cross. If you are interested in singing with us, please contact Music Director Benedikt Milenkovic by email by 15 December: [b.milenkovic@parish-frankfurt.de](mailto:b.milenkovic@parish-frankfurt.de)

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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.

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**COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS** – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. In order to not use so much plastic and to be environmentally friendly, we ask everyone attending to **please bring your own cup to the coffee social.**

### **FILIPINO FEAST – Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> -**



Our Parish's annual Filipino Feast will be celebrated liturgically during the 9:30 Sunday Mass at Holy Cross, followed by delicious treats from the Philippines at the coffee social afterwards. All are welcome!

### **CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD - Sunday, December 15<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 required.

**LABYRINTH – Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** - As many of you recall, the Holy Cross Meditation Center creates a labyrinth of candles on the church floor each year for one week in December. This labyrinth - a wonderful symbol in the Advent season - will also be a theme throughout our 9:30 am Mass on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

\*\*\* **Parents** – PLEASE watch your children!! \*\*\*

**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.

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**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.

**December 3 / 4**  
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.”

**December 7 / 8**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### **FIRST READING – Baruch 5: 1-9**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11**

A reading from the Letter to Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more

and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### **GOSPEL – Luke 3: 1-6**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”



**December 14 / 15**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



### **FIRST READING – Zephaniah 3, 14-17**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

**R: Shout aloud and sing for joy; great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**



## **SECOND READING – Philippians 4: 4-7**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL – Luke 3: 10-18**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The crowds, who were gathering to be baptized by John, asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply John said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ... So, with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people.



**December 21 / 22**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



## **FIRST READING – Micah 5: 2-5a**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Micah.

The Lord says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient

days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

**R: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 10: 5-10**

A reading from the book of Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God.’”

When Christ said, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### **GOSPEL – Luke 1: 39-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent we bring our Advent wreath to full blaze of light, in the hope that we may see clearly all that is made known to us in the coming of Jesus. As we light the fourth candle of the advent wreath, let us pray:



**As you come in the stillness of night, great God, enter our lives this night. Overcome darkness with the light of Christ's presence, so that we may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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**Office Hours:** **Monday + Tuesday**  
(for the public) 14.00-16.00  
**Thursday**  
10.00-12:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice, weddings with at least six months notice. Confession available on request



## **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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65835 Liederbach am Taunus

**Mass time: Sundays 5.00 pm**