



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

ADVENT 2022



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

DECEMBER 2022

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| <i>Saturday, 03.12.</i> | 18.00 | <i>St. Leonhard's</i> | <i>Mass (Br. Anil)</i> |
| <i>Sunday, 04.12.</i> | 09.30 | <i>Holy Cross</i> | <i>Mass + Filipino Feast (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| | 17.00 | <i>St. Mary's</i> | <i>Mass - Giving & Sharing Sunday (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday, 06.12.</i> | 18.00 | <i>St. Leonhard's</i> | <i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| <i>Saturday, 10.12.</i> | 18.00 | <i>St. Leonhard's</i> | <i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| <i>Sunday, 11.12.</i> | 09.30 | <i>Holy Cross</i> | <i>Mass around Candle Labyrinth (Br. Anil)</i> |
| | 17.00 | <i>St. Mary's</i> | <i>Mass + St. Nikolaus Celebration (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday, 13.12.</i> | 18.00 | <i>St. Leonhard's</i> | <i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| <i>Saturday, 17.12.</i> | 16.30- 17.00 | <i>St. Leonhard's</i> | <i>Individual Confessions</i> |
| | 18.00 | <i>St. Leonhard's</i> | <i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| <i>Sunday, 18.12.</i> | 09.30 | <i>Holy Cross</i> | <i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| | 10.30- 11.30 | <i>Holy Cross</i> | <i>Individual Confessions</i> |
| | 16.00- 17.00 | <i>St. Mary's</i> | <i>Individual Confessions</i> |
| | 17.00 | <i>St. Mary's</i> | <i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |
| <i>Tuesday, 20.12.</i> | 18.00 | <i>St. Leonhard's</i> | <i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i> |

*** **COMPLETE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ON FOLLOWING PAGE** ***

CONFESSION WEEKEND: December 17 / 18

We offer the chance for individual confession in Advent at each of our three church locations:

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| Saturday, Dec. 17 | St. Leonhard's | 16:30-17:30 (before Mass) |
| Sunday, Dec. 18 | Holy Cross | 10:30-11.30 (following Mass) |
| Sunday, Dec. 18 | St. Mary's | 16.00-16.45 (before Mass) |



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

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| 14.30 | Christmas Caroling - Holy Cross |
| 15:00 | Mass Holy Cross |
| 20:30 | Mass St. Mary's |
| Midnight | Mass St. Leonhard's |

Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

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| 10:30 | Mass Holy Cross |
| | <i>No Sunday Mass at St. Mary's</i> |

Tuesday, December 27th

No Mass at St. Leonhard's

Saturday, December 31st (New Year's Eve)

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| 17:00 | Mass St. Leonhard's |
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Sunday, January 1st (Solemnity of Mary)

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| 17:00 | Mass St. Mary's |
| | <i>No Sunday Mass at Holy Cross</i> |

Tuesday, January 3rd

No Mass at St. Leonhard's



CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The holiday season is always a time filled with very special music. Here are some of the musical highlights happening in and around our parish this December:



Advent Caroling will take place again at **Liebfrauen Church** from Nov 26 - Dec 17 at 7:30 pm, entrance is free. Visitors are invited to listen to different choirs, brass ensembles, and sometimes sing along. A short reflection completes this spiritual "time-out". On **Sunday, Dec. 4th at 7.30 pm**, our Parish's choir will perform at the Advent Caroling under the direction of our music director, Connie Horne



The recorder ensemble '**Flautando**', conducted by Iris Schwarzenhölzer, will play Advent music from various centuries, including Lawson, Brahms and Nössler, at the Gaudete Eve Mass on **Saturday, Dec. 17th at 6.00 pm** in the St. Leonhard's Church.



On **Thursday, Dec. 22nd** at 7.30 pm, the "**International Advent service - Word of God and Music**" will take place in the Liebfrauenkirche (Schärfengässchen 3, near Hauptwache). The vocal ensemble 'KQuadrat' under the direction of Benedikt Milenkovic and Henrik Schuld on the Göckel organ will perform in the days leading up to Christmas, relating Advent choral music to the texts of this special liturgy.



During the **Christmas caroling** at 2.30 p.m. and at the subsequent Christmas Mass **on Dec. 24th** at Holy Cross Church, the vocal ensemble 'KQuadrat' will sing Christmas carols from all over the world, inviting the congregation to listen and sing along. Rebekka Sassin from the Frankfurter Bläuerschule enriches the musical programme on this day with her playing on the solo trumpet. The organ will be played and the overall direction will be provided by our music director Benedikt Milenkovic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Afternoon Reflection - Saturday, December 3rd 2pm – 6pm

After a few years of absence, our parish is happy to announce that we will again hold an Advent afternoon reflection (in English) with P. Johnson Panthappillil (Schönstatt) on Saturday, December 3rd.

Location: Kirche in Not / ACN International

Bischof-Kindermann-Str. 23, 61462 Königstein/Taunus

There is plenty of free parking available in front of the building and it is a 5 minute walk from the railway station for those coming by train. We will start at 2.00 pm with an hour of reflection and talk. The theme: "Be sure, that each one of us is a blessing " Then a little break and concluding with Holy Mass. Please bring your own drinks and maybe some biscuits to share if you wish ... and your rosary. ... If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office to register: international@parish-frankfurt.de or Tel: 069-21936500

VISIT FROM MONSIGNOR ALKER – Our former Parish Priest, Monsignor Stephen Alker will visit the parish during the 2nd weekend of Advent. He will concelebrate on Dec. 4th at the 9:30 Mass (Holy Cross Church) and also at the 17.00 Mass (St. Mary's).

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/ 25 (in ALL the Dioceses in Germany) will go towards Adveniat.



TOTAL COLLECTIONS AMOUNT FOR OCTOBER 2022

The total amount collected in all three church locations in October was

2.327,41 € Thank you for your generosity!



PARISH OFFICE - Please note that the Parish Office in Frankfurt will be CLOSED from **Thursday, December 22ⁿ to Friday, January 6th**. We will reopen on Monday, January 9th 2023.

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)

HEATING DURING THE COLD MONTHS

Current political, social, economic developments present us all with major challenges and changes. First and foremost, there is the acute challenge of reducing energy consumption and the associated costs. This applies to churches and church buildings as well. Therefore the Stadtkirche Frankfurt has made the decision not to heat the churches during this winter season. That means it will be much colder at Mass, so please dress accordingly with warm jackets, gloves, etc. Maybe even bring a light blanket with you from home to put over your lap at Mass. Also; there will be no heat in the Holy Cross Parish Hall, so it is best to keep your coats on during the coffee social. It might be a bit uncomfortable this winter, but if we all pull together and take these small steps, we can really help in conserving energy. Thank you for your understanding!



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GIVING + SHARING SATURDAY (December 31st)

on the LAST SATURDAY of each month we will hold a special 2nd collection at Mass to support the parish charity (aid to 3 Capuchin brothers from Liebfrauen who are helping the poor in Albania)

TUESDAY MASSES IN JANUARY – Due to holidays and scheduling conflicts, all Tuesday evening Masses at St. Leonhard's during the month of January have been CANCELLED. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday, Feb. 7th.

Holy
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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** and to then bring it back home with you. Thank you!

FILIPINO FEAST – Sunday, December 4th -



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!

LABYRINTH – Sunday, December 11th - As many of you recall, the Holy Cross Meditation Center creates a labyrinth of tea 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 11th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

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.

St.
Mary's

“GIVING + SHARING SUNDAY” – Dec. 11th

Our monthly “Giving + Sharing Sunday” has been postponed one week this month. So, on **Sunday, December 11th**, we will first have a special 2nd collection to support the charity Mary's Meals. And then after Mass we hold our annual **St. Nikolaus Celebration**, a fun event for both young and old!



FOOD DONATIONS - Reminder: you can bring your food donations for the Hattersheimer/Hofheimer Tafel each Sunday to Mass.

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.

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 in 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 will be healed.

December 3 / 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING – Isaiah 11: 1-10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

R: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

SECOND READING – Romans 14: 4-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ... Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and

his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ... But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, John said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

December 10 / 11
3rd Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING – Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you. "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then

the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

R: Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING – James 5: 7-10

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples who said to Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ... Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the

wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ... Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

December 17 / 18
4th Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING – Isaiah 7: 10-14

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

R: Let the Lord enter, he is the king of glory.

SECOND READING – Romans 1: 1-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong

to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1: 18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ... All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

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On this 4th 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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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



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**Mass time: Saturdays 6:00 pm
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Holy Cross

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Mass time: Sundays 9:30 am



St. Mary's

Church location:

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Mass time: Sundays 5.00 pm

