



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

FEBRUARY 2024



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For the Terminally Sick

We pray that those with a terminal illness,
and their families, receive the necessary physical
and spiritual care and accompaniment.

FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday, 03.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass with St. Blaise Blessing (Br. Anil)
Sunday, 04.02.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass with St. Blaise Blessing (Br. Anil)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass with St. Blaise Blessing (Br. Anil)
Tuesday, 06.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Br. Anil)
Saturday, 10.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Br. Anil)
Sunday, 11.02.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (Br. Anil)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Br. Anil)
Tuesday, 13.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	CANCELLED
Wednesday, 14.02.	19.30	Holy Cross	Ash Wednesday Mass (Fr. Christian)
Saturday, 17.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Br. Anil)
Sunday, 18.02.	09.30	Holy Cross	Family Mass (Fr. Christian)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Fr. Christian)
Tuesday, 20.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Stations of the Cross (Fr. Christian)
Saturday, 24.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Christian)
Sunday, 25.02.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (Fr. Christian)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Br. Anil)
Tuesday, 27.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Stations of the Cross (Fr. Christian)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY:

February 3 / 4 – the entire collection will go towards the works of **Caritas**

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Parish Collection Sums for December 2023: 2,964.74 €

We thank you for your continued generosity!

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At the constitutive meeting of the new Parish Council on January 7th, the first order of business was to elect the new Parish Council President and Vice-Presidents. We are pleased to announce the following results:



Parish Council President:
Tom Lavell

Vice-Presidents:
Giancarlo Polvara
- and -
Benjie Dimaunahan

Congratulations to all!

A MESSAGE FROM TOM LAVELL (Parish Council President)

Our latest Parish Council election, in November 2023, brought together a team with a range of experience in our diverse community. Some have already served one or more council terms previously; others are long-time parishioners who are offering more of their time to help set our course for the next 4 years; others still are new to Frankfurt and will be the source of fresh ideas. It's clear that all council members are eager to revive our active parish life following the constraints of the early Covid-19 pandemic.

Our parishioners have always been committed participants in both worship and social spheres; You are most welcome to offer your suggestions for the council to either launch new projects or revise established activities. Feel free to contact me, Giancarlo and Benjie or any of the other Parish Council members with your feedback.



Parish Council 2023-2027: Top Row (L to R) Giancarlo Polvara, Amal Arokiaswamy, Niall Lenihan, Fr. Christian, Tom Lavell, / Bottom Row (L to R) Marina Gillespie, Benjie Dimaunahan, Cindy Dias, Apollonia Coutinho
Not pictured: Lori Bemb, Philippe Molitor

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS with distribution of ashes
Wednesday, **February 14 at 19.30**
in Holy Cross Church.

"Sharing is caring"! – We invite you to *an evening "share and care" time* twice a month. Let us come together, meet, share the Word of God and celebrate our Christian life together in a familiar atmosphere.

Br. Anil OFM Cap

Dates of Meeting in February: Feb. 15 + 29

Time: 18.00-19.00 Place: Vilbeler Str. 36

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)

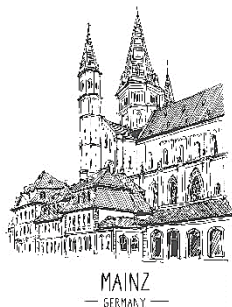


Ecumenical Youth Trip to Taizé: 4-11. August

For youngsters 14 years or older. Price 200 Euros
Interested? Contact Father Christian for more info.

PARISH DAY TRIP TO MAINZ – Saturday, March 16th 2024

We invite you to join us for a day trip to Mainz, one of the most historic cities in all of Germany. We will travel by train from the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof. The itinerary includes Mass and a tour of the Mainz Cathedral. You will also have free time to explore the city and have lunch. The organizer of this trip is Brother Anil. Cost is just the price of a return train ticket (for those of who do not have the Deutschland ticket) and the cost of your lunch, which is paid by each person individually. If you are interested in joining us, please register with the Parish Office (international@parish-frankfurt.de)



CHURCH COMMITTEES – Now that the new Parish Council has been elected, it is time to form “Church Committees” in each of our three church locations. These committees meet regularly to address the specific needs of that particular church, i.e. social activities, outreach, cooperation with the local German parish etc. The good news is that there are no elections for the Church Committees – they are open to anyone. If you are interested in joining the Church Committee of the church where you normally attend, here are the dates of the first meeting, where more will be explained.

St. Leonhard's: Saturday, Feb. 24th – after Mass

Holy Cross: date still TBC

St. Mary's: Sunday, Feb. 25th – after Mass

If you have any questions regarding the Church Committees, please contact Lori Bemb (l.bemb @parish-frankfurt.de)



FAMILY MASS – February 18 - The Sunday Mass at Holy Cross on Feb 18th will be for both “young” and “old” alike ... with certain elements geared especially towards children incorporated into the regular Sunday Mass.

City Retreat for Women (organized by the Missionary Medical Sisters)
Four days of unfiltered street reality and the search for myself and God

Organizers: Missionary Medical Sisters

Participants: Women up to 35 years

Location: Heilig Kreuz Center for Christian Meditation and Spirituality
Ketteleralle 45, 60385 Frankfurt

Elements: During the day, everyone gathers their experiences in the streets of the city (similar to street retreats). In the evening, prayer time together and spiritual guidance in the group. Individual counseling possible if required. Simple accommodation with your own sleeping mat and sleeping bag in the group room. Meals together.

Accommodation/meals/course costs: 50 €

Start: Wed, 10.04.2024 at 4 pm **End:** Sun, 14.04.2024 at 12 noon

Registration: By 01.03.2024 to Sr. Carmen Speck, e-mail:
ffmkontakt@mms-de.org

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.

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 (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.

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!

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.

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 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 - 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.

February 3 / 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Job spoke to his friends: "Do not the human being have a hard service on earth, and are not their days like the days of a laborer? Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like laborers who look for their wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. ... When I lie down I say, 'When shall I rise?' But the night is long, and I am full of tossing until dawn. My days are swifter

than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope. Remember that my life is a breath, my eye will never again see good.

Response: Sing praises to the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ... For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL – Mark 1: 29-39

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. .. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions

hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

February 10 / 11
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46

The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: When a person has on the skin of his body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of his body, he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. The person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head be disheveled; and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, "Unclean, unclean." He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

R: You are my refuge, Lord; with deliverance you surround me.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Brothers and sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL – Mark 1: 40-45

A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity,

Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ... After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

February 17 / 18

1st Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING – Genesis 9: 8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.”

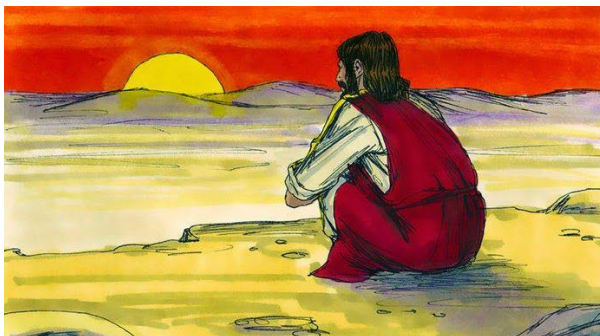
R: Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL – Mark 1: 12-15

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”



February 24 / 25
2nd Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING – Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

R: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING – Romans 8: 31b-35, 37

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

GOSPEL – Mark 9: 2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ... As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

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CHURCH LOCATIONS & MASS TIMES



St. Leonhard's

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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