



**International
English-Speaking
Catholic Parish**

St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

FEBRUARY 2025



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday, 01.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + St. Blaise Blessing
Sunday, 02.02.	09.30	Holy Cross	Family Mass + St. Blaise Blessing
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass + St. Blaise Blessing
Tuesday, 04.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 08.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 09.02.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 11.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 15.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Couple's Blessing
Sunday, 16.02.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Children's Liturgy of the Word
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 18.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 22.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 23.02.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Parish Town Hall after Mass (approx. 10:45 am)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 25.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass

MARCH 2025

Saturday, 01.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Fr. Gaby</i>)
Sunday, 02.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (<i>Br. Anthony</i>)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (<i>Br. Anthony</i>)
Tuesday, 04.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	NO MASS
Wednesday, 05.03.	19.00	St. Leonhard's	Ash Wednesday Mass

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

Parish Collection Sums for December 2024 = 4,507 €

We thank you for your continued generosity!



PARISH TOWN HALL – FEBRUARY 23rd

The Parish Council invites all parishioners (from all 3 church locations) to join us for an open Town Hall meeting at Holy Cross Church on **Sunday, February 23rd directly following Sunday Mass** (approx. 10:45 am). This Town Hall meeting aims to foster open dialogue and address key topics important to our parish. It will include updates on the workings of the Parish Council, as well as giving everyone the opportunity to share ideas, provide feedback and ask questions.

PARISH FEEDBACK – The Parish Council is interested in hearing your feedback about our Parish. A box with feedback sheets will be available at each church location (St. Leonard's + St. Mary's at back of church / Holy Cross at Coffee Social) and we encourage you to use it if you would like to share your thoughts. Thanks.



REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES – Father Christian will be available to hear individual confessions each weekend 30 minutes before Mass, at all 3 church locations. No prior appointments necessary. *Please note that this does not necessarily apply on the weekends where there are substitute priests.*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN FEBRUARY - The Parish Office will be closed for public visits for 5 weeks beginning February 1st. During this time we will check the answering machine periodically, so the best way to reach us until the office reopens is by email, (**international@parish-frankfurt.de**) which will be monitored regularly. Thank you for your understanding. **!**



COUPLES' BLESSING – In honor of Valentine's Day, Father Christian will give a special blessing for all couples on **Saturday, February 15th** at the end of the 18.00 Mass at St. Leonhard's.

UPCOMING IN MARCH - ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass with distribution of ashes on Wednesday, **March 5 at 19.00** in St. Leonhard's Church.



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

FAMILY MASS – February 2nd

The Sunday Mass at Holy Cross on Feb. 2nd will be for both “young” and “old” alike, with certain elements geared especially towards children incorporated into the regular Sunday Mass.



CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD - Sunday, February 16th -

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.

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.

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)

February 1 / 2 - Presentation of the Lord

Today's collection: for the works of Caritas

FIRST READING – Malachi 3: 1-4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

R: The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory.

SECOND READING – Hebrews 2: 10-11, 13b-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ... Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL – Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall

be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

February 8 / 9 - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings. And one called to

another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ... Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

R: Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 5: 1-11

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ... Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL – Luke 5: 1-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of

them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." .. When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

February 15 / 16 - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading – Jeremiah 17: 5-8

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Response: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised,

then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first of those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL – Luke 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

February 22 / 23 - 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading – 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Saul rose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, with three thousand chosen men of Israel, to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph. David and Abishai went to the army by night; there Saul lay sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the army lay around him. Abishai said to David, “God has given your enemy into your hand today; now therefore let me pin him to the ground with one stroke of the spear; I will not strike him twice.” But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him; for who can raise his hand against the LORD’s anointed, and be

guiltless?” So David took the spear that was at Saul’s head and the water jar, and they went away. No one saw it, or knew it, nor did anyone awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side, and stood on top of a hill far away, with a great distance between them. David called aloud to Saul, “Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and get it. The LORD rewards everyone for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD gave you into my hand today, but I would not raise my hand against the LORD’s anointed. As your life was precious today in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the LORD, and may he rescue me from all tribulation.” Then Saul said to David, “Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them.” So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

GOSPEL – Luke 6: 27-38

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples, I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the

same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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



St. Leonhard's

Church location:
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Mass time: Saturdays 6:00 pm
Tuesdays 6:00 pm



Holy Cross

Church location:
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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