



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

JANUARY 2023



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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<i>Sunday, 01.01.</i>	17.00	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Mass with St. Marien English/German (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 03.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>CANCELED</i>
<i>Saturday, 07.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass followed by Adoration (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 08.01.</i>	09.30	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass followed by Adoration and Coffee Social (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
	17.00	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Mass+ Sternsinger followed by Adoration (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 10.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>CANCELED</i>
<i>Saturday, 14.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Sunday, 15.01.</i>	09.30	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass + Coffee Social (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
	17.00	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Mass (Fr. Christian Enke)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 17.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>CANCELED</i>
<i>Saturday, 21.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Br. Anil)</i>
<i>Sunday, 22.01.</i>	09.30	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass + Coffee Social (Br. Anil)</i>
	17.00	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Mass (Substitute)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 24.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>CANCELED</i>
<i>Saturday, 28.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>Mass (Giving and Sharing Saturday) (Br. Anil)</i>
<i>Sunday, 29.01.</i>	09.30	<i>Holy Cross</i>	<i>Mass + Coffee Social (Br. Anil)</i>
	17.00	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Mass + Chili Cook-Off (Substitute)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 31.01.</i>	18.00	<i>St. Leonhard's</i>	<i>CANCELED</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS ESPECILLAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

- **Youth Trip to Taize:**
23.-30.July 2023
www.taize.fr/en
- **World Youth Day Lisbon:**
3.-7.August 2023
<https://www.lisboa2023.org/en>



A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” FROM THE SISTERS OF CHARITY

Dear Father Enke and all the members of the International English-Speaking Parish! ... A big thanks for your support and help for us and our poor with your weekly food collections. May God Himself be your reward and His blessing be upon all of you. In gratitude we pray for you and all your intentions.

From the Missionaries of Charity, Sister Gabriel and Community

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Parish Charity Collections for 2022:

Albanian Brothers: 983.50 €

Mary's Meals: 543,12 €

Parish Sacrament Statistics for 2022:

Baptisms 14

First Holy Communion 21

Funerals 3

Confirmations 11

Adult Confirmations 3

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MARRIAGE PREPARTATION COURSE – For all those couples who are planning to marry, our next Marriage Preparation Course will be held on **Saturday, March 4th** (10.00-16.00). For more information or to register, please contact the parish office.

ADORATION WEEKEND: At the end of each of our 3 Masses on the weekend of **January 7th / 8th** there will be a short adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

HEATING DURING THE COLD MONTHS

The current political and economic and developments present us all with major challenges and changes - and this also applies to churches and church buildings. First and foremost, there is the acute challenge of reducing energy consumption and the associated costs as much as possible. ... Therefore the Stadtkirche Frankfurt has decided not to heat the churches during this winter season. Which means that 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.

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)

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.



Please note that ALL TUESDAY Masses at St. Leonhard's during the month of January are CANCELED. The Saturday evening Mass schedule remains the same.

GIVING + SHARING SATURDAY (January 29th)

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). After Mass (weather permitting) we will serve some refreshments outside.

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.

St.
Mary's

FOOD DONATIONS - You can bring your donations for the Hattersheimer/Hofheimer 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.

"STERNSINGER" AT ST. MARY'S

On **Sunday, January 8th** St. Mary's will be visited at Mass by a group of "Sternsinger" from our German sister-



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parish of St. Marien. The Sternsinger are groups of children dressed as the Magi, who go door to door during around the time of the Epiphany. They sing traditional songs, bless houses and collect donations for charity. **This year the Sternsinger are collecting for children in Indonesia.** In order to show our parish's support of this German-wide project, we will be offering a **special 2nd collection on January 8th** directly at the beginning of Mass. We thank you for your support!



ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

January 29th (directly following Mass) Now that the covid restrictions have relaxed, it is once again time for St. Mary's Annual Chili Cook-Off! **So dig out those prize winning recipes and get your taste buds ready!**

Those who would like to share their famous/infamous chili are asked to contact Cara Benes (cararose77@hotmail.com) Chili should be brought prepared in a warming device. Remember to also bring serving utensils, extension cords, hot plates, as well as any added enhancements (sour cream, cheese, onions, etc.) ... And also provide an original name for your chili for judging. Special prizes will be awarded for the 3 best tasting Chilis!

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.

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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 shall be healed.

January 7 / 8
Baptism of the Lord

FIRST READING – Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you, I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING – Acts 10: 35-39

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Gospel – Matthew 3: 13-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ... But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

January 14 / 15
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Response: Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

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

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel – John 1: 29-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared:

“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”



January 21 / 22
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Isaiah 8:23b-9:3

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy, they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17-18

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

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the

gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel – Matthew 4: 12-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ...As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

January 28 / 29
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Zephaniah 2:3: 3:12-13

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the Lord's wrath. For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord – the remnant of Israel, they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.

Response: The Lord is faithful forever.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

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

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel – Matthew 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

„Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.“



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Friday: 10:00 – 14:00

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
Tuesdays 6:00 pm**

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

