



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

JANUARY 2025



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war,
that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a
better world, might always be respected.

JANUARY 2025

Wednesday, 01.01.	15.00	Holy Cross	Mass (Solemnity of Mary)
Saturday, 04.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Adoration
Sunday, 05.01.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross St. Mary's	Mass + Adoration Mass + Adoration
Tuesday, 07.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 11.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Gaby)
Sunday, 12.01.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross St. Mary's	Mass (Fr. Anthony) Mass (Fr. Anthony)
Tuesday, 14.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	MASS CANCELED
Saturday, 18.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Gaby)
Sunday, 19.01.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross St. Mary's	Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word (Fr. Anthony) Mass (Fr. Anthony)
Tuesday, 21.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 25.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 26.01.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross St. Mary's	Mass Mass
Tuesday, 28.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass

FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday, 01.02.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 02.02.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross St. Mary's	Mass - Family Mass Mass
Tuesday, 04.02.	18:00	St. Leonhard's	Mass

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

Parish Charity Collections for 2024:

Don Bosco Secondary School, South Sudan: 1239 €
Water Foundation (Confirmation Project): 2000 €

Parish Sacrament Statistics for 2024:

Baptisms: 12 First Holy Communion: 15 Confirmations: 11
Adult Confirmations: 1 Funerals: 2

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PARISH FEEDBACK - At the beginning of this new year, we are pleased to introduce a new way for parishioners to share their 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.

UPCOMING: 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. 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 as well as giving everyone the opportunity to share ideas, provide feedback and suggestions and ask questions.

PARISH OFFICE - Please note that the Parish Office in Frankfurt will be CLOSED the first week of January. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 7, 2025

ADORATION WEEKEND: At the end of each of our 3 Masses on the weekend of January 4th / 5th there will be a short adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE – The next Marriage Preparation Course will be held on **February 15, 2025**. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office for registration and more details.

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)

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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.

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.

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CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD - Sunday, January 19th - 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 (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 each Sunday after Mass in the Parish Hall.

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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.

“STERNSINGER” - ST. MARY’S -

On **Sunday, Jan 5th** St. Mary’s will be visited at Mass by a group of “Sternsinger” from our German sister-parish of St. Marien. The



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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 North Kenya and Columbia.** In order to show our parish’s support of this German-wide project, we will be offering a **special 2nd collection on January 5th** directly at the beginning of Mass. We thank you for your support!

Mass Responses

“Laudate” Song Book – Nr. 79 (pages 200-211)

January 4 / 5 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas

FIRST READING – Eccl 24: 1-2, 8-12

A reading from Ecclesiastes. Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory. Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, ‘Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance. Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honored people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

R: The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

SECOND READING – Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ

with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.

GOSPEL – John 1: 1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ... There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ... He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ... John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

January 11 / 12 - Baptism of the Lord

FIRST READING – Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. . . . A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

R: O, bless the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING – Acts 10: 34-38

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 – Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.” ... Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

January 18 / 19 - 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Isaiah 62: 1-5

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ...You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

R: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12, 4-11

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. _Brothers and sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these

are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL – John 2: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. ... After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

January 25 / 26 - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Nehemiah.

The priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the

people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So the Levites read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

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

Brothers and sisters: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

GOSPEL – Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ... When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue

on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the *oppressed* go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ... And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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



St. Leonhard's

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



Holy Cross

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St. Mary's

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