



**International
English-Speaking
Catholic Parish**

St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

JANUARY 2026



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For Prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

JANUARY 2026

Thursday, 01.01.	17.00	Holy Cross	Mass (Solemnity of Mary) - CE
Saturday, 03.01.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Adoration - AN
Sunday, 04.01.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Adoration - AN
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass + Adoration - CE
Tuesday, 06.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord) - CE
Saturday, 10.01.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - CE
Sunday, 11.01.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass - CE
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass - AN
Tuesday, 13.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN
Saturday, 17.01.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN
Sunday, 18.01.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word - AN
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass - CE
Tuesday, 20.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - CE
Saturday, 24.01.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - CE
Sunday, 25.01.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass - AN
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass - CE
Tuesday, 27.01.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN
Saturday, 31.01.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass - AN

Celebrant Abbreviations: CE = Fr. Christian Enke
AN = Fr. Anthony Nneji

Parish Collection Sums for November 2025 = 3716 €

Parish Charity Collections for 2025:

Br. Anil's Capuchin Seminary: 1730 €

Parish Sacrament Statistics for 2025:

Baptisms: 13 First Holy Communion: 14 Weddings: 3
Adult Confirmations: 4

ADORATION WEEKEND: We wish to start off the new year in prayer and adoration, so at the end of each of our 3 Masses on the weekend of **January 3rd / 4th** there will be a short adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



NEW BAPTISM SCHEDULE - In order to help ease your planning with family members travelling to visit, we have decided to have set dates every month for baptisms in 2026. This will allow you to schedule the date in advance. The new dates for the first half of 2026 are:

18. Jan (HC) 8. Feb (HC) 5. April (HC) 26. April (StM)
2. May (StL) 14. June (HC) 7. July (StL)

** HC = Holy Cross / StL = St. Leonhard's / StM = St. Mary's **

If you live outside of the Frankfurt area, contact the parish office.

ALL baptism requests must go through the parish office (email: international@parish-frankfurt.de)

CONFESIONS: As in the previous year, you will have the opportunity for confession 30 minutes prior to each of our Masses.

CONFIRMATION COURSE - This year's Confirmation Preparation Course for teenagers **16 +** will begin on **Sunday, Jan 26**, at St. Mary's Church. If you would like to register and have not yet done so, there is still time. Please contact the office by **January 16** to receive more information and to be added to the class list. And please spread the word to others who may be interested.



St.
Leonhard's

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.

Holy
Cross

COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. We ask everyone attending to **please bring your own cup to the coffee social – and also please remember cups for your kids.**

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

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.

January 3 / 4

2nd Sunday after Christmas

FIRST READING – Sirach 24: 1-2, 8-12

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. In the company of the holy ones is my abode.

R: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

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

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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

GOSPEL – John 1, 1-18

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 the human race. 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 begotten 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 10 / 11
The Baptism of the Lord

FIRST READING – Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

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.

R: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING – Acts 10: 35-39

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

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 17 / 18

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

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.”

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

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

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

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 25 / 26
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING – Isaiah 8:23b-9:3

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.

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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

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

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 31 / February 1

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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.

R: Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

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. God 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

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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Parish Office reopens: Thursday, January 8th



St. Leonhard's

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**Mass time: Saturdays 5:00 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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