



**International
English-Speaking
Catholic Parish**

St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

MARCH 2025



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH
For Families in Crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure
for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering
each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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
Saturday, 08.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 09.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 11.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 15.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
Sunday, 16.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Children's Liturgy of the Word
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 18.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass+ Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 22.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
Sunday, 23.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
Tuesday, 25.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Stations of the Cross (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
Saturday, 29.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 30.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass

APRIL 2025

Tuesday, 01.04	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 05.04.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 02.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (<i>Br. Anil</i>)

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

Total Parish Collections for January 2025 = 2,918 Euros

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS IN 2025:

Sunday, August 31 – Parish Picnic

Saturday, October 18 – Parish Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

ASH WEDNESDAY

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



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 - The Parish Office will be closed for public visits until March 14th. 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.



REMINDER: CLOCK CHANGE – on March 30th at 2:00 am the clocks here in Germany change to daylight saving time (they are set AHEAD one hour).

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – each Tuesday during Lent, directly following the Tuesday Mass at 18:00.

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

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD - Sunday, March 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)

March 1 / 2 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(on separate sheet)

March 5 - Ash Wednesday *(on separate sheet)*

March 8 / 9 - 1st Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Moses spoke to the people saying: When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: A wandering Aramean was my father; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction,

our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me. And Moses continued: You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God.

R: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING – Romans 10: 8-13

Brothers and sisters, what does Scripture say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

GOSPEL – Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels

concerning you to protect you, and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

March 15 / 16 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading – Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

The Lord said to Abram:

"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to Abram, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" The Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought the Lord all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. When birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ... As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading – Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our

humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm, my beloved, in the Lord in this way.

GOSPEL – Luke 9: 28b-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

March 22 / 23 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading – First Reading – Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; Moses looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” Then God said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” God said further, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to

look at God. ... Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my memorial for all generations.

Response: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ... Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

GOSPEL – Luke 13: 1-9

Jesus was teaching the crowds; some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam

fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then Jesus told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ The gardener replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

March 29 / 30 - 4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading – Joshua 5: 9a,10-12

THE LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” ... While the children of Israel were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the children of Israel no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Brothers and sisters: if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL – Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ... So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So the Father divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. The young man would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. The slave replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been

working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"



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Baptisms arranged with one month notice,
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St. Leonhard's

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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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