



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

MAY 2023



(Photo: Statue of Madonna with Child at Holy Cross Church)

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

MAY 2023

Tuesday, 02.05.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass ** CANCELLED **
Saturday, 06.05.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 07.05.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross St. Mary's	Mass (Children's Mass) Mass (Giving+Sharing Sunday)
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Tuesday, 09.05.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 13.05.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 14.05.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross St. Mary's	Mass Mass
Tuesday, 16.05.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Thursday, 18.05.	18.00 09.30	Holy Cross	Mass Ascension of the Lord (Fr. Varghese)
Saturday, 20.05.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Fr. Anil)
Sunday, 21.05.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross Text St. Mary's St. Mary's	Mass (Fr. Anil) Mass (Fr. Moritz)
Tuesday, 23.05.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 27.05.	18.00	Dom St. Bartholomäus	International Pentecost Mass ** No Mass at St. Leonhard's **
Sunday, 28.05.	09.30 17.00	Holy Cross St. Mary's	Mass Mass

* all Masses celebrated by Father Christian Enke – unless otherwise noted*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDRENS MASS – MAY 7th - The Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Church on May 7th will be for both “young” and “old” alike ... with certain elements geared especially towards children incorporated into the regular Sunday Mass.

ASCENSION MASS - Mass for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 18th at 9:30 at Holy Cross Church.** Celebrant is Father Varghese.

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOST MASS

On **Saturday, May 27th** at 18:00 the Foreign Language Parishes of Frankfurt celebrate their annual International Pentecost Mass at the Dom. Presiding at this Mass will be the Bishop of Limburg, Dr. Georg Bätzing. ... **Please Note:** The Mass on Saturday, May 27th at St. Leonhard's has been cancelled. Instead we invite everyone to attend the International Pentecost at the Dom.



TOUR OF FRANKFURT PAUL'S CHURCH - A warm welcome to one and all – residents and tourists, “Einheimische“ and native English speakers – to an English-language tour of the historic St. Paul's Church as part of the 175th anniversary commemoration of the first National Assembly (1848) in Frankfurt, which laid the foundation for German democracy. Date: Friday, May 12th, 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Point: Gerechtigkeitsbrunnen (*Justitia* fountain), Römerberg
Leading the tour: Rev. Jeffrey Myers
The tour is free, but advance registration is required: pilgern@innere-mission-ffm.de; Tel. 069 / 13 02 587 – 19. ... Donations are welcomed for a special garden for nursing home residents in Frankfurt

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Parish Collection Sums: March 2023: 2,599.03 €

Special Collections in May: 28th May for the works of Renovabis

St.
Leonhards

FOOD DONATIONS – Each Saturday at Mass we collect non-perishable, non-refrigerated food for the Mother Teresa Sisters. Simply place your items in the basket in the back of church.

Holy
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COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. In order to not use so much plastic and to be environmentally friendly, we ask everyone attending to **please bring your own cup to the coffee social** and to then bring it back home with you. Thank you!

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, and non-refrigerated sliced cheese.

St.
Mary's

“GIVING + SHARING SUNDAY” – **Sunday, May 7th**
There will be a special 2nd collection to support the charity Mary's Meals. ... You can bring your donations for the Hattersheimer/Hofheimer Tafel each and every Sunday to Mass. The Tafel is especially in need of items such as sugar, flour, cooking oil, non-refrigerated milk and canned goods.

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.
 PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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 :

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.

May 6 / 7

5th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING – Acts 6: 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this

task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” ... What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

R: Lord, let your mercy be upon us as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 2, 4-9

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

GOSPEL – John 14: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

May 13 / 14
6th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING – Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

R: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

SECOND READING – : 1 Peter 3: 15-18

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the

righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

GOSPEL – John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ... “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

May 20 / 21
7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1: 12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

R: I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13-16

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name.

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified

in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

May 28
Pentecost

FIRST READING – Acts 2: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

R: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

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

Brothers and sisters: no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now 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. ... 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.

GOSPEL – John 20: 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ... When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”



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All the people were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4)

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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
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Holy Cross

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