



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

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SEPTEMBER 2025



### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

#### **For our relationship with all of creation**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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## SEPTEMBER 2025

Tuesday, 02.09	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 06.09.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 07.08	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Indian Feast
	15:00	St. Mary's	Parish Council Meeting
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass + 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
Tuesday, 09.09.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 13.09.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass ( <i>Substitute</i> )
Sunday, 14.09.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass ( <i>Substitute</i> )
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass ( <i>Fr. Varghese</i> )
Tuesday, 16.09.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 20.09.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass ( <i>Substitute</i> )
Sunday, 21.09.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Adoration
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass + Adoration
Tuesday, 23.09.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 27.09.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 28.09	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Children's Liturgy
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass ( <i>Substitute</i> )
Tuesday, 30.09.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass

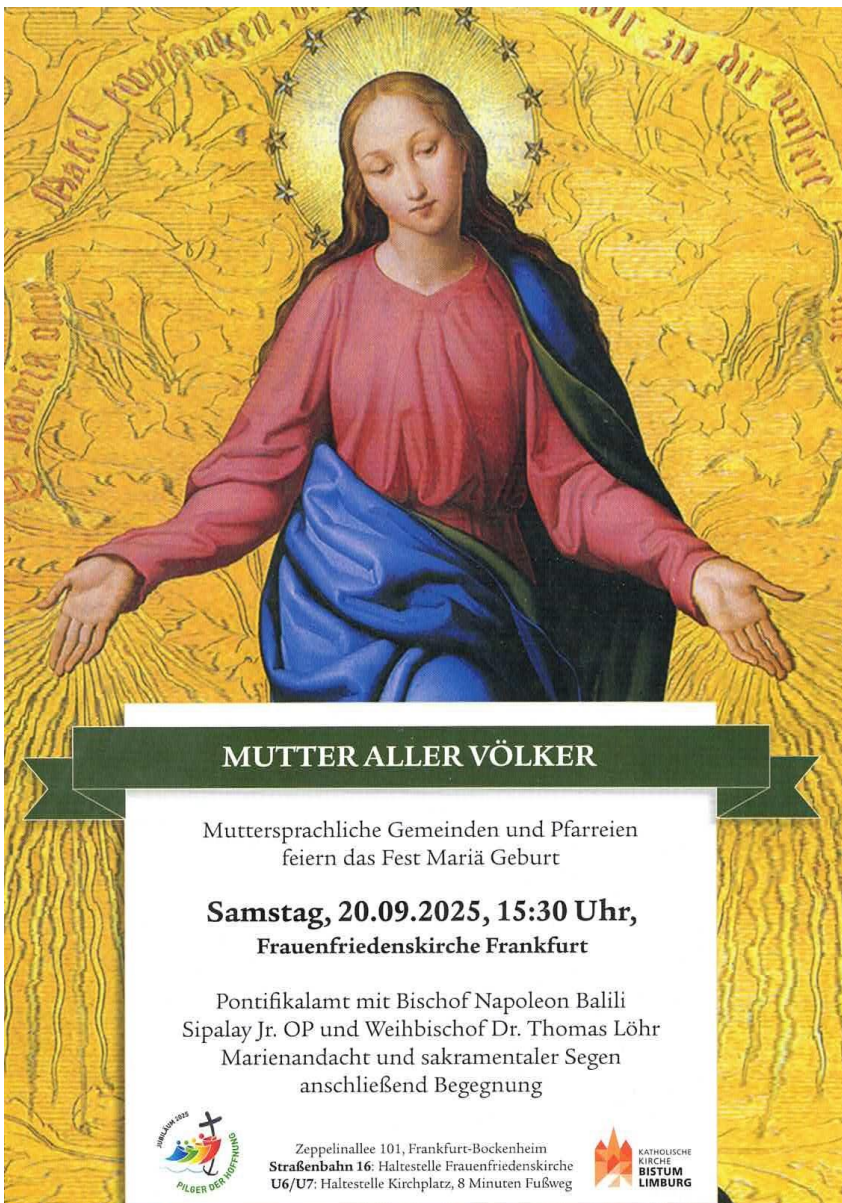
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\*\*\* All Masses celebrated by Father Christian Enke, unless otherwise specified \*\*\*

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Parish Collection Sums: June 2025: 2622 € / July 2025: 1648 €

We thank you for your continued generosity!



## MUTTER ALLER VÖLKER

Muttersprachliche Gemeinden und Pfarreien  
feiern das Fest Mariä Geburt

**Samstag, 20.09.2025, 15:30 Uhr,**  
**Frauenfriedenskirche Frankfurt**

Pontifikalamt mit Bischof Napoleon Balili  
Sipalay Jr. OP und Weihbischof Dr. Thomas Löhr  
Marienandacht und sakramentaler Segen  
anschließend Begegnung



Zeppelinallee 101, Frankfurt-Bockenheim  
**Straßenbahn 16:** Haltestelle Frauenfriedenskirche  
**U6/U7:** Haltestelle Kirchplatz, 8 Minuten Fußweg



### „Mother of all People“

Annual Mass celebrated by the Foreign-Language Parishes of  
the Diocese of Limburg. **Saturday, Sept. 20th - 15:30** at  
Frauenfriedenskirche, Frankfurt. Pontifical Mass with Bishop  
Sipalay (Philippines) and Aux, Bishop Löhr (Limburg)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES** - We are now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 First Holy Communion class, which is for **children ages 8+**. If you wish to enroll your child, please email the parish office ASAP ([international@parish-frankfurt.de](mailto:international@parish-frankfurt.de)).

**KREUZFEST / CROSS FEST IN LIMBURG** – Perhaps you would be interested in taking a trip to Limburg on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September when our Diocese celebrates its annual “Kreuzfest”. More info on the Diocese website: [www.kreuzfest.bistumlimburg.de](http://www.kreuzfest.bistumlimburg.de)

● **Saturday, September 13**

Prayer Vigil with the Staurothek and the foreign language parishes (begins at 18:00 Stadtkirche with Bishop Georg, 20:30-21:00 in English led by the Filipino Community) Evensong (18:30 Dom)

● **Sunday, September 14**

The foreign-language parishes invite you to join their pilgrimage route within Limburg and to process together to the cathedral – in your traditional costume if you wish. We will walk to the cathedral on three different routes, each with a station at the beginning and one “halfway.” The route for English-speakers is as follows: Meets 13:30 at the Priesterseminar (Weilburger Str. 16, Limburg) This route will join up with the French speakers at 14:00 ... Then at 15:00 there is a Pontifical Mass for all with Bishop Georg in the Limburg Cathedral



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO RÜDESHEIM on the Feast of St. Hildegard of Bingen – Wednesday, September 17**

We will meet at the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof and travel together by train to Rudesheim. Where a Pontifical Mass with Bishop Leo Wagner will be held at 10:00 (with English translation) followed by veneration of the reliques. For more info or to register please, please contact the parish office: [international@parish-frankfurt.de](mailto:international@parish-frankfurt.de). Last day of registration is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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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,

sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami). Simply place your items in the basket in the back of church.

**WEEKDAY MASS** – held each Tuesday at St. Leonhard's 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.

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**INDIAN / PAKASTANI / SRI LANKAN FEAST**

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** - This traditional feast will be celebrated during the 9:30 Sunday Mass at Holy Cross and also afterward in the parish hall, with delicious food and drink prepared by members of our Indian/Pakastani/Sri Lankan community. All are most welcome to attend!



**CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD - Sunday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

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, cereals, fruit teas, sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami and cheese that does not require refrigeration.

**COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS** – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. In order to help with reducing the waste, we ask you please to bring your OWN CUP. Paper or plastic cups will no longer be available.

St.  
Mary's

**FOOD DONATIONS** - 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.

**50 Years of St. Mary's:** On **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** we will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's, from the beginnings in 1975 as a Parish in Oberursel, to the move to the present church in Liederbach, to uniting in 2020 with St. Leonhard's Parish to form the present International English-Speaking Parish. All this will be commemorated at Mass beginning at 17:00 and followed by drinks and snacks afterwards.



Mass Responses can be found under Nr. 79 in the  
“Laudate” Song Book (pages 200-211)

**September 6 / 7** - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Collection for the Universal Church Projects in the Diocese*

**FIRST READING – Wisdom 9: 13-18**

For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail; for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labor; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you, and were saved by wisdom.

**R: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

**SECOND READING – Philemon 9b-10, 12-17**

Beloved: I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

**GOSPEL – Luke 14: 25-33**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me



cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple."

**September 13 / 14 - The Exaltation of the Cross**

### **FIRST READING – Numbers 21:4-9**

In those days, the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many children of Israel died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

### **SECOND READING – Philippians 2:6-11**

Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **GOSPEL- John 3:13-17**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**September 20 / 21 - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Collection this weekend: for the works of Caritas*

### **FIRST READING – Amos 8: 4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will measure out less and charge more, and tamper with the scales, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.**

### **SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 2: 1-7**

Beloved: I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and the human race, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I am telling the truth, I am not lying.

### **GOSPEL – Luke 16: 1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples: “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So the rich man summoned him and said to



him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**September 27 / 28 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FIRST READING – Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of those who lie in ease shall pass away.

**R: Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

## **SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 6: 11-16**

As for you, man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no human being has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

## **GOSPEL – Luke 16: 19-31**

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.



In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’

But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

The man who had been rich said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send Lazarus to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they

should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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14.00-16.00

#### **Thursday**

10.00-12:00



## **St. Leonhard's**

### *Church location:*

*Am Leonhardstor 25  
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***Mass time: Saturdays 5:00 pm  
Tuesdays 6:00 pm***



## **Holy Cross**

### *Church location:*

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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***