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Baptisms arranged with one month notice

Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice

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WEEKLY COLLECTION: : The Easter weekend collection, which will go towards our parish charity, totaled **840 Euros**.
Thank you for your kind generosity!



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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING
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Church location:

Holy Cross Center for Christian
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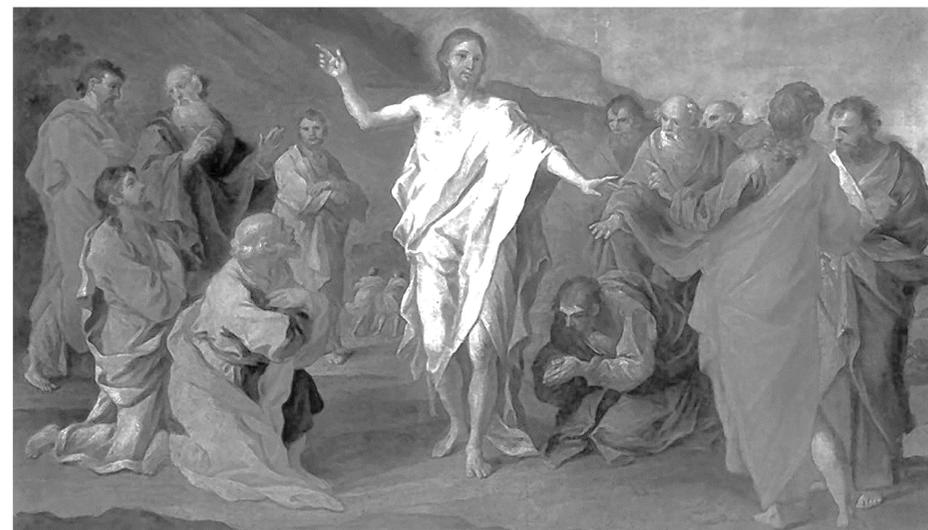
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April 14th & 15th 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter



"While the disciples were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'"

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters –
That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

PEACE BE WITH YOU --

The Gospels recount that Jesus' most common greeting during the resurrection appearances was "Peace be with you." There is no doubt that the disciples of Christ needed the gift of God's peace after witnessing his passion and death, having their dreams dashed with his disappearance, and fearfully agonizing for three days over how they might soon come to the same fate as Christ at the hands of the Sanhedrin. Yet, there is more to Christ's gift of peace than a simple desire to calm his frantic followers.



Christ's frequent offer of the gift of his peace after Easter morning suggests that his peace was a particular fruit of the resurrection and St. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, makes it clear that a crucial role of an apostle, and indeed any Christian, is to bear witness to the Christ's resurrection. "The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses." As Christians, we have a mission: to bear witness to the Risen Lord. One of the most powerful ways that we bear witness to Christ is when his peace reigns in our hearts. The world is starving for peace. If we know Christ's peace, if it reigns in our lives in spite of life's countless trials, then people will seek the source of our peace and we will be led to Christ. When we are deeply aware that the war has already been won by Christ and with Him at the center of our lives we have nothing to fear, the Good News will spread like a brushfire on this earth.

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Lord, make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offense, let me bring pardon. Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is error, let me bring truth. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring your light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy. O Master, let me not seek as much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in pardoning that one is pardoned, it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life. *(Prayer of St. Francis)*

FOOD DRIVE - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Matthew 25:35)

Please remember to bring donations for the food drive every week. We need non-perishable food items. These donations are delivered to the Missionary Sisters of Charity and are used in their work with the neediest of the poor. 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). Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

		APRIL 2018
Sun 22 nd	9:30	First Holy Communion
Sun 29 th		First Holy Communion reception after Mass
		MAY 2018
Fr. 4 th – Sat 5 th		Marriage Preparation Course
Tues 8 th	18.00	<i>English Ecumenical Prayer Service in St. Bernhard's (Nordend)</i>
Thurs 10 th	9:30	Ascension Mass
Wed 16 th	19.30	"The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve
Sat 19 th	18.00	<i>International Pentecost Mass at the Dom</i>
	19.30	Mass at St. Leonhard's Holy Cross
Thurs 31 st	10.00	<i>Corpus Christi Mass on the Römer</i>
		JUNE 2018
Wed 13 th	19:30	"The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve
Sun 17 th	9:30	Mass of Commonwealth Nations
Sun 24 th	13:00	<i>St. Leonhard's & St. Mary's Joint Mass and Parish Picnic at St. Georgen</i>

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Next week our Parish celebrates First Holy Communion during the 9:30 am Mass for the following children:



- Francesco Salerno** **Izabela Zochowska**
- Sophie Milligan** **Roisin Stapleton**
- Emma Lamping** **Emily van Echelpoel**
- Wanjiku Bernard** **Iga Ryzner**
- Sarah Onuoha** **Rachel Mullane**
- Rebecca Hirsch** **Alexandra Luna Leigh**

NEW ELECTRONIC MUSIC BOARD - This now displays the number of the hymn to be sung. When the number is preceded with the letter “L” this signifies the new hymn book, Laudate and when preceded by “S” this signifies a supplementary sheet. When the hymn number gives verses signified by “+” these are the verses which we will sing as a congregation. If no verse is given, it is for the choir to sing that verse.

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We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of our long-time parishioner and former member of the Parish Council **Jean-Mier Bölinger**, who passed away last week. *Lord, may your light shine upon her and may her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



If you are visiting our city for a weekend, a few days or you have come to work in this diverse and interesting city, our parish welcomes you. You may like to know we welcome each visitor ostentatiously and vocally at each Mass. Please, if you feel comfortable, stand up and be proud of your

place in the Church and from whatever place you come from! We are the most diverse Parish in the City! If you are more reserved please introduce yourself to the priest or a parishioner who will say a quiet welcome. We also socialize with **TEA AND COFFEE** after every Mass if possible – it is FREE! We gather underneath the church - down the stairs at the front of the Church **on the right-hand side (also toilets). Come down and find out about the parish, meet some of our parishioners and also find out more about the city from people who live here.**

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PARISH REGISTRATION – If you are new to St. Leonhard's and are planning on staying a bit longer, you are invited to register as a member of our parish. Forms are available from the parish office (see email on back) or alternatively can be obtained from the Welcoming Team. All information is purely confidential for internal purposes only. ... Completed forms can be handed to the parish priest or mailed to the office.

Daily Mass Readings April 16 – April 22

	<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
16.4	Acts 6: 8-15	John 6: 22-29
17.4	Acts 7:51-8:1a	John 6: 30-35
18.4	Acts 8: 1b-8	John 6: 35-40
19.4	Acts 8: 26-40	John 6: 44-51
20.4	Acts 9: 1-20	John 6: 52-59
21.4	Acts 9: 31-42	John 6: 60-69
22.4	Acts 4: 8-12	John 10: 11-18
	1 John 3: 1-2	

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

FIRST READING – Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

At the temple gate, Peter addressed the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah^[1] would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

R: O Lord, shine on us. Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING – 1 John 2: 1-5

A reading from the first Letter of St. John.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, “I have come to know him,” but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him.

GOSPEL – Luke 24: 35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The two disciples told the eleven and their companions what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”