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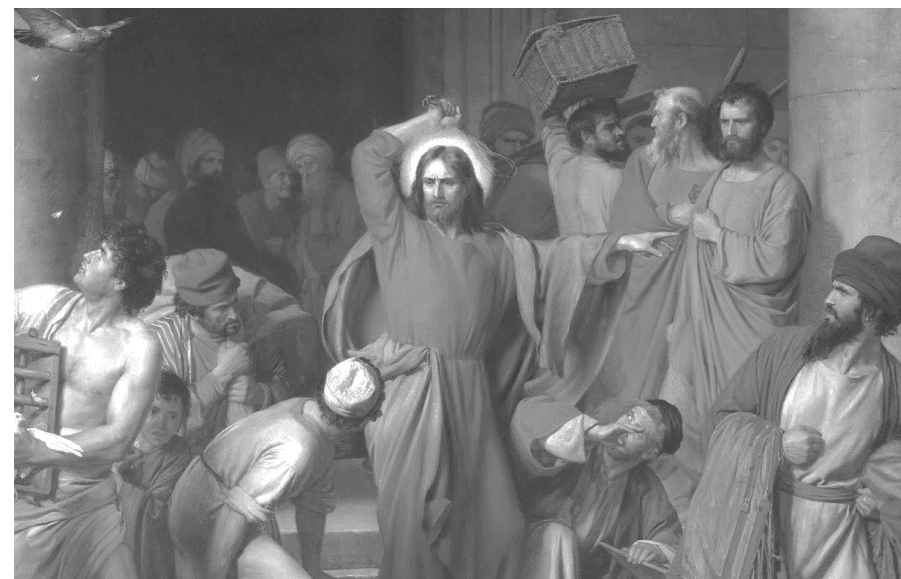
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March 3rd & 4th 2018

Third Sunday of Lent



“Jesus said: Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity – That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: : Last weekend, February 24/25, the total collection was **434 Euros**.

Thank you for your kind generosity!



WISDOM OR FOOLISHNESS? –

The image of Christ being crucified and then dying on the cross was one that was a true stumbling block for many in the early Church and this is addressed by St. Paul in today's Second Reading. Paul (himself a Jew) wrote this letter, while staying in Ephesus, to the

young and struggling church in the city of Corinth (Greece). It was to those two groups, the Jews and the Greeks, that he writes these words about God's wisdom among what the world considers foolish.

Many Jews at the time considered the Good News of Jesus Christ to be foolish, because they thought the Messiah would be a conquering king accompanied by signs and miracles. But Jesus had not resorted David's throne as they had expected. Besides, he was executed as a common criminal, and how could a criminal be a savior? The Greeks, too, considered the Gospel foolish, because Jesus possessed none of the powerful characteristics of their mythological gods. To them, death meant defeat and not victory and they did not believe in bodily resurrection. But Paul stresses that to those who believe, this image of Jesus on the cross is not foolish at all. What it represents is the ultimate power of God.

These words are just as relevant for us today as they were back then. Sadly, the Gospel of Jesus Christ still sounds foolish to many. Our modern society worships power, influence and wealth. But Jesus came as a humble, poor servant. He offered His Kingdom to those who have FAITH and not to those who have money or power. This may often look foolish to the world, but the "foolishness" of God is wiser than the greatest wisdom of the world.

Our ways are not God's ways. Christ dying on a cross turns upside down the world's ideas of success and failure, of victory and defeat, of power and weakness. Many people in Paul's time – and still many people in our own time – are not able to accept this "foolish" way of seeing the world as God sees it. But, in the end, it is still the greatest kind of WISDOM that anyone could possibly have.

RCIA PROGRAM – Are you interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about the Catholic faith? Then we invite you to join our RCIA class (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Please contact the Parish Office for more details or to register.

ST. LEONHARD'S ON FACEBOOK – Our parish also has a Facebook page. Simply go to "St. Leonhard's International English-Speaking Parish" and press "LIKE".

FORECAST OF EVENTS

MARCH 2018

Wed 7 th	19:30	Lenten Mass
Wed 14 th	19:30	Lenten Mass
Wed 21 st	19:30	Reconciliation Service
Thurs 29 th	18:30	Holy Thursday
Fri 30 th	12:00	Good Friday
Sat 31 st	20:30	Easter Vigil

APRIL 2018

Sun 1 st	9:30	Easter Sunday Mass
Wed 11 th	19:30	"The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve
Sun 15 th	9:30	Children's Mass
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
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	<i>Mass at St. Leonhard's Holy Cross</i>
Thurs 31 st	10.00	<i>Corpus Christi Mass on the Römer and festival afterwards around Domplatz</i>

TRAINING FOR LAY MINISTERS – On **Saturday 24th March** there will be a training afternoon at Heilig Kreuz for the Word, Communion and Welcoming ministers. Please check this bulletin next week for more details.

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.

FOOD DRIVE - 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.

PRE-CANA COURSE – Our parish offers a pre-cana marriage preparation course for all those who are planning on getting married. The next one is set for **May 4-5, 2018**. Please contact the Parish Office for more details or to register.

INFORMING US OF SICK PARISHIONERS – Please inform the parish office – or Father Steve personally – if a parishioner has been hospitalized (also which hospital, station and room number). That way we can arrange a pastoral care program, which includes bringing the Holy Communion and administering the Sacrament of the Sick, if wished.

BULLETIN VIA E-MAIL – The weekly bulletin is available by email in PDF format. You can subscribe to it by contacting the parish office at email@steonhards.org. Please write “Subscribe to Bulletin” in the subject line and remember to include your full name and your town in the text.



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 March 5 – March 11

	<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
5.3	2 Kings 5: 1-15b	Luke 4: 24-30
6.3	Deuteronomy 3:25, 34-43	Matthew 18: 21-35
7.3	Deuteronomy 4: 1-9	Matthew 5: 17-19
8.3	Jeremiah 7: 23-28	Luke 11: 14-23
9.3	Hosea 14: 2-10	Mark 12: 28-34
10.3	Hosea 6: 1-6	Luke 18: 9-14
11.3	2 Chronicles 26: 14-16	Ephesians 2: 4-10
	John 3: 14-21	

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

FIRST READING – Exodus 20: 1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus. ... God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

R: Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1: 18, 22-25 A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. ... 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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL – John 2: 13-25 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. ... The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about human nature; for he himself knew what was within the human person.