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Baptisms arranged with one month notice

Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice

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Please note that during the summer holidays we will not be publishing the weekly collection amounts. Check this space in mid-August for a complete list of all the collection totals from July onwards.

Thank you for your understanding.



ST. LEONHARD'S

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH FRANKFURT

Church location:

Holy Cross Center for Christian
Meditation and Spirituality
Kettelerallee 45
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Mass times: Saturdays 7:30 pm
Sundays 9:30 am

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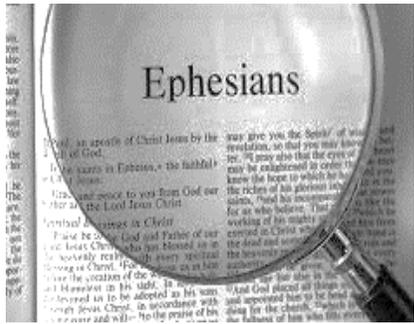
July 14th & July 15th 2018
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

Universal: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry – That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.



During the next few weeks, we will hear passages from the Letter to the Ephesians during the 2nd Readings. At the times this letter was written (between 80 and 100 A.D.), Ephesus was an important city on the western coast of modern day Turkey. The city was a popular port of trade – as well as cultural center, with a population of ca. 300,000.

And although we will hear the words: “A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians”, bible scholars do not think that St. Paul was actually the author. In today’s world, if we would write a letter and claim that it was written by someone else, it would be considered dishonest. But in the 1st century A.D., when this letter was written, it was actually customary to attribute one’s work to an esteemed predecessor as a way of honoring that person and acknowledging that one’s teachings were *in the tradition* of that predecessor. And that is exactly what many bible scholars believe happened with the Letter to the Ephesians. But whether the words were written by St. Paul or by someone in Paul’s name, the letter to the Ephesians is regarded as one of the most beautiful reflections on Christ and the Church.

The author of Ephesians had a greatly developed understanding of the Church. He did not refer to “churches” that met in various people’s homes. Rather, he saw the Church as a worldwide (catholic, as in universal) entity that must be held together in order to carry our God’s saving plan.

The author of Ephesians insisted that the Church be united. Through Christ, Jews and Gentiles have been made one, and both have been reconciled to God through the cross of Christ. The Ephesians were encouraged to preserve the unity that Christ had established. In addition, the Church must be holy. The Ephesians were to live so as to grow “into a holy temple in the Lord.” They were to treat one another as though the other were Christ.

When we Christians worldwide state our belief in the Church as “*one, holy, catholic and apostolic church*”, we are being faithful to the teachings in the Letter to the Ephesians.

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.

BULLETIN VIA E-MAIL – The weekly bulletin is available by email in PDF format. To subscribe simply send an email to the parish office and write “Subscribe to Bulletin” in the subject line. Please remember to include your full name and your town in the text.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2018		
Wed 15 th	19:30	Mass for the Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary
Sun 19 th	9:30	Mass for the African Nations
SEPTEMBER 2018		
Sun 16 th	9:30	Indian/Pakistani/Sri Lankan Mass
OCTOBER 2018		
Wed 10 th	19.30	“The Teaching Church, The Listening Church” - with Father Steve
Sun 21 st	9:30	Mass followed by charity event

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OFFICE – Please note that during the summer holidays the Parish Office will be **closed each Friday** during the entire month of July and the 1st Friday in August. We resume our normal office hours as of August 6th.

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION - Young children are always welcome to accompany their parents to Communion. However, to avoid any confusion for our Communion Ministers, if they have not yet received their First Holy Communion, please instruct them to fold their arms across their chest in order to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament.

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).

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE - The area at the back of the Church (the gable) between the driveway and the street does not belong to the church and is a no parking zone as it is owned by the city. Parking there could result in a fine or towing of your car. Park only in the “rose garden” parking spaces (lot) on the side of the church which is to the right of the church, or in the carpark (lot) behind the church. These are designated parking places.

HOUSE BLESSINGS - Parishioners are reminded that homes can be blessed by arranging with Fr Steve a mutual time for this simple but profound ceremony.

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”.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION – Registration for these two preparation classes will begin mid-August. Please check the bulletin or our website at the time for more details.



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 July 16 – July 22

	<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
16.7	Isaiah 1: 10-17	Matthew 10:34 – 11:1
17.7	Isaiah 7: 1-9	Matthew 11: 20-24
18.7	Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13b-16	Matthew 11: 25-27
19.7	Isaiah 26: 7-19	Matthew 11: 28-30
20.7	Isaiah 38: 1-, 21-22	Matthew 12: 1-8
21.7	Micah 2: 1-5	Matthew 12: 14-21
22.7	Jeremiah 23: 1-6	Mark 6: 30-34
	Ephesians 2: 13-18	

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

FIRST READING – Amos 7: 12-15

A reading from the book of the Prophet Amos.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos,

“O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah,
earn your bread there, and prophesy there;
but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary,
and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah,

“I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son;
but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,
and the LORD took me from following the flock,
and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

R: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING – Ephesians 1: 3-14

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL – Mark 6: 7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

Jesus said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”

So the twelve went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

They cast out many demons,

and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.