

## PERSONNEL, OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT DETAILS

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Baptisms arranged with one month notice

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### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

For the weekend of July 28/29 – **273 Euros**

For the weekend of August 4/5 - **396 Euros**

**Thank you for your kind generosity!**



### Church location:

*Holy Cross Center for Christian*

*Meditation and Spirituality*

*Kettelerallee 45*

*60385 Frankfurt am Main*

*Mass times: Saturdays 7:30 pm*

*Sundays 9:30 am*

[www.stleonhards.org](http://www.stleonhards.org)

August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2018  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
Whoever eats of this will live forever."*

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

**Universal: THE TREASURE OF FAMILIES** – That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

**FORGIVENESS** - Today, as in the last 4 weeks, we continue to hear excerpts from the Letter to the Ephesians and today we hear these words in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:



*“Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, FORGIVING one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”*

All of us, at one time or another, have had to deal with the issue of unforgiveness. That is normal. Most of the time, when little offences happen, we become angry and then we get over it quickly. But, it is a different story when we allow the bitterness of unforgiveness to lodge deep within our souls. It is then that it can become painful and destructive and it is often what lies at the root of many of the problems, both personal and political, that we see in the world today.

But the words to the Ephesians remind us that there is a different choice each and every one of us can make when we become angry or disappointed. When we CHOOSE to put away all hurt and bitterness and to forgive others, as God in Christ has forgiven us, we then can open ourselves up to being kind and tenderhearted, to becoming all that God wants us to be.

In the Lord’s Prayer we say the words: “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who trespass against us”. Today’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading encourages us to take these words to heart. Like many things, forgiveness is an attitude that must begin in our minds. We must WANT to forgive, no matter how deep the hurt. When this seems impossible, we just have to look to God our Father. Our faith tells us that God has made an eternal habit of forgiveness. Over and over and over He forgives us, His children.

Hurt is unavoidable. Disappointment is unavoidable. But the good news is that no pain, no hurt is bigger than God’s love and forgiveness. And with His help we can put all unforgiveness aside, no matter how deep, and become true imitators of His loving kindness. *(a reflection by Lori Bemb)*

**BAPTISM** – On Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of **Natalia Pavlovski** during Mass.

**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**

<b>AUGUST 2018</b>		
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Mass for the African Nations
<b>SEPTEMBER 2018</b>		
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>		<i>Ecumenical Walk</i>
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	15.30	<i>Marien Mass with Bishop Bätzing</i> <i>Mutter vom guten Rat Church in Niederrad</i>
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30	Indian/Pakistani/Sri Lankan Mass
<b>OCTOBER 2018</b>		
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	“The Teaching Church, The Listening Church” - with Father Steve
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30	Mass followed by charity event

\* *Indicates events that take place outside the parish*

**IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE** – Please note that the Mass originally planned on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for the celebration of the Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary has now **been cancelled** due to scheduling conflicts.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION** - We are currently accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 **First Communion** (for children grade 2 and above). + **Confirmation** (for teenagers age 14 and above) preparation programs. For more information or for a registration form contact Lori Bemb at Mass or via email - lori.bemb@stleonhards.org

**ECUMENICAL WALK** - The English-speaking churches of Frankfurt will hold their annual Ecumenical Charity Walk on **Saturday, Sept. 1**, this year following the St. Boniface Route segment "backwards" (northeast to southwest) from Büdesheim/Schöneck to Karben. - from 8:30 a.m. (starting point in downtown Frankfurt at the Liebfraunkirche courtyard) until 2:30 p.m. or 3:30/4 p.m. (return time depending on whether you plan to join the other pilgrims for lunch in Groß-Karben)., and includes songs, Bible readings and meditations led by each of the participating churches. Signups will take place after Mass during August; the suggested donation to receive a pilgrim-card lanyard is 10 €, with proceeds going to Liebfrauenkirche's Franziskustreff breakfast and aid program for the homeless. Your donation is also welcome even if you don't plan to take part. This year's walk will be dedicated to the late St. Leonhard's parishioner Jean Mier-Bölinger, who died in April and who was instrumental in helping organize this annual pilgrimage.

**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.

**FOREIGN-LANGUAGE PARISHES MASS – September 8<sup>th</sup> – 15.30**

Bishop Georg Bätzing presides over the annual celebration of the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, held jointly by the foreign-language Roman Catholic parishes this year at the Church of the Mother of Good Counsel/Mutter vom Guten Rat, Bruchfeldstraße 51, 60528 Frankfurt-Niederrad, with Mass followed by a festival. .. Altar Servers and strong men to carry the statue of our Lady during the procession are needed. If you are able to help, please contact **Anne-Marie Itoua** – amitoua@web.de



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 August 13 – August 19**

	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
<b>13.8</b>	Exodus 1: 2-5, 24-28	Matthew 17: 22-27
<b>14.8</b>	Exodus 2:8 – 3:4	Matthew 18: 1-5, 10-14
<b>15.8</b>	Revelations 11: 19-12:10	Luke 1: 39-56
<b>16.8</b>	Exodus 12: 1-12	Matthew 18:21-19:1
<b>17.8</b>	Exodus 16: 59-63	Matthew 29: 3-12
<b>18.8</b>	Exodus 18: 1-10, 30-32	Matthew 19: 13-15
<b>19.8</b>	Proverbs 9: 1-6	John 6: 51-58
	Ephesians 5: 15-20	

## ***SUNDAY MASS READINGS***

### **FIRST READING – 1 Kings 19: 4-8**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

**R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### **SECOND READING – Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2**

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

Brothers and sisters: do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **GOSPEL – John 6: 41-51**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The people began to complain about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."