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ST. LEONHARD'S

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Mass times: Saturdays 7:30 pm

Sundays 9:30 am

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February 9th & 10th 2019

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to Simeon,

"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY
UNIVERSAL: Victims – For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Last weekend, February 2/3, the total collection was **478 Euros** (for the works of Caritas)
Thank you for your kind generosity!

THE BIGGER PICTURE – (a reflection by Catholic Digital Resources)

Very often, the Lord gives us help even when we do not ask for it. We see this in what he did for Simon Peter, James and John in the Gospel reading, when he provided a great catch of fish for them.

What was his motive? Was he rewarding these fishermen for lending him one of their boats? Do you think he does good things for you as a reward? Well, it is NOT a reward. There is definitely a bigger picture. Note the pattern of Christ's interaction with us as illustrated by today's Gospel story:

First, the fishermen already know Jesus; they call him "Master" because he is a master teacher and they are his students. (2) Jesus helps them in an unexpected way. (3) Jesus turns the gift into a calling and (4) the disciples give up everything that could interfere with answering that call.

Whenever God intervenes in our lives, he does it to benefit us AND others. We belong to a community, God's family; we are not in a relationship with God as isolated individuals. By connecting ourselves to God in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in worship, we are connecting ourselves to everyone else and to his concerns for them.

Our prayers for help are never answered only for our sake. God ALWAYS sees the bigger picture. And he ALWAYS cares about everyone who is affected.

God cares very much about your personal needs and desires, but he cares about everyone else, too, whether they ask for his help or not. And he is turning your needs into a calling, a ministry designed specifically for you. This means that the moment you begin asking for help, you are called by God to share his help with others.

By thinking beyond ourselves while waiting for our troubles to end, we find peace and hope and value in the hardships we endure. This is the vocation of daily life.

For reflection: Recall a time when God answered one of your prayers. Identify the four stages of divine intervention that are mentioned above in this reflection.

MINISTRIES APPRECIATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th - The 9:30 Mass will be offered for the members of the various ministries of St Leonhard's Parish. Following Mass, there will be a brunch for ministry members and their families. The brunch will take place again this year at Depot 1899, Textorstrasse 33 in Frankfurt. (Please note that tram 14 no longer goes to Südbahnhof. More transport information will follow in the coming weeks.) This occasion is to thank all our parishioners who are committed to one or more ministries and regularly serve throughout the year. The invitation is also extended to members living in the same household as the respective ministers. We remind everyone that this event is not open to guests, friends or extended family not living in the same household. A comprehensive list has been drawn up based on information provided by the various minister leaders. If you feel that your name has been inadvertently omitted, please contact Nancy Clements. It is essential we have a precise number of attendees in order to book the food. Hence, if you are planning to attend please see either Nancy (nancy.clements@t-online.de) /069 5068 4493 or Sylvia Klafki (sylvia.klafki@t-online.de / 069 737 500).

FORECAST OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2019		
Sun 24 th	after Mass	Ministers Appreciation Brunch
MARCH 2019		
Sat 2 nd	9:30-16.00	Lenten Day of Reflection
Sun 3 rd	11.00	Confirmation Class
Wed 6 th	19.30	Ash Wednesday Mass
Sun 10 th	11:00	First communion Class
Wed 13 th	19.30	Lenten Mass
Sat 16 th	<i>all day</i>	<i>Confirmation Class Retreat to Schönstatt and Limburg</i>

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading – Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder

than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL – Luke 5: 1-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Daily Mass Readings Feb 11th – Feb 17th

	<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
11.2	Genesis 1: 1-19	Mark 6: 53-56
12.2	Genesis 1:20-2-4a	Mark 7: 1-13
13.2	Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-17	Mark 7: 14-23
14.2	Genesis 2: 18-25	Mark 7: 24-30
15.2	Genesis 3: 1-8	Mark 7: 31-37
16.2	Genesis 3: 9-24	Mark 8: 1-10
17.2	Jeremiah 17: 5-8	Luke 6: 17, 20-26
	1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20	