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Tuesday: 09:00 – 14:00

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Friday: 09:00 – 13:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice

Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice

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## ST. LEONHARD'S

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH FRANKFURT

### 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)

January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



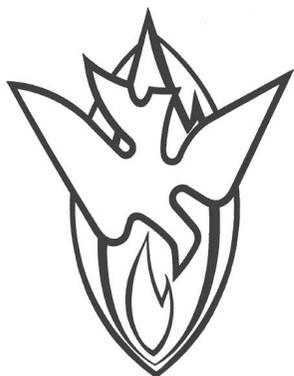
*John said, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

**EVANGELIZATION: Young People** – That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the Lord.

**SCRIPTURE NOTE** - In the First Reading (Isaiah), the prophet assures the exiles in Babylon that God is coming to save them. The prophecy was fulfilled in the return from exile, but more especially in the coming of Jesus.

John the Baptist was clearly a prophet. Since the spirit of prophecy had long been absent from Israel, John's appearance raised expectations. The question arose: Could he be the Messiah? John denied that he was the Messiah, but declared that the Messiah was at hand. Thus he prepared the way for Jesus.



Baptism was a defining moment in the life of Jesus – it marked the beginning of his public mission. Luke always presents Jesus as praying before making major decisions. So it is no surprise that we find Jesus praying during his baptism. In response to his prayer, the Holy Spirit descends on him in bodily form at the beginning of his mission, just as it will come in visible form on the apostles at Pentecost at the beginning of their missions. The Father puts his seal of approval on Jesus and on the mission he is about to begin.

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The Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism and of the vocation that each and every one of us receive at our baptism – the vocation to be disciple of Jesus. This is the core vocation in the Church. Below a reflection by Flor McCarthy entitled “*Sharing in the Lord’s Ministry*”:

*Lord Jesus, touch our eyes  
so that we may see the signs of your presence in our lives and in the world.  
Touch our ears so that we may hear your word.  
Touch our tongues so that we may profess our faith.  
Touch our hands so that we may give and receive.  
Touch our feet so that we may walk in your paths.  
Touch our minds so that we may understand your ways.  
Touch our wills so that they may be in tune with your will.  
Touch our hearts so that we may bring your love to others  
to the praise and glory of God. Amen*

**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.

**FORECAST OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY 2019**

Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Confirmation Class
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Confirmation Class
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	First Communion Class
	11.00	Confirmation Class

**FEBRUARY 2019**

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30	Mass with presentation of Confirmation Candidates
	11.00	First Communion Class
	11.00	Confirmation Class
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	First Communion Class
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	after Mass	Ministers Appreciation Brunch

**MARCH 2019**

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30-15.30	Lenten Day of Reflection
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00	Confirmation Class
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	Ash Wednesday Mass

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**MUSIC AT SUNDAY'S MASS** – This Sunday the Soprano Iris Schwarzenhölzer will join the St. Leonhard's choir during Mass. ... The present organ at Holy Cross must undergo extensive renovations beginning end of May. Our parish would like to contribute to the substantial costs and an Organ Fund has been set up for this purpose. **At the end of Sunday's Mass we will have a special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection which will go specifically to this fund.** Thank you for your generosity!

If there are any parishioners who would like to make a private contribution towards the Organ Fund, you can transfer money directly into the account:

**Frankfurter Sparkasse**  
**IBAN: 55 5005 0201 0200 0572 86**  
**SWIFT-Bic: HELADEF 1822**

**"Orgel für Heilig Kreuz"** ← *Important that you include this*

If you would like a donation receipt (Spendenquittung) please include your name and address in the transfer. If you have any questions contact the parish office.

**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.

**COLLECTION** – The collections for January 12/13 in all parishes of the Diocese will go towards Diocesan projects in Africa.

**PARKING LOT USAGE** – It is strictly forbidden to block the fire lane at the entrance of the small 'Rose Garden' parking lot. In the last couple of weeks, people who appear to have arrived late are parking in such a way as to block both the driveway and the area by the red clothing collection bins as well as the fire lane. This is both dangerous and illegal. ... And please remember that the first parking space next to the clothing bins is reserved for Pater Schlegel from Heilig Kreuz and must remain free each Sunday.



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. Our GREEN registration forms can be obtained from the Welcoming Team (or from the parish office if you prefer). All information is purely confidential and for internal parish purposes only. ... Please place completed forms in the locked postbox next to the hymnal/book table.

**Daily Mass Readings Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – Jan 20<sup>th</sup>**

	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
<b>14.1</b>	Hebrews 1: 1-6	Mark 1: 14-20
<b>15.1</b>	Hebrews 2: 5-12	Mark 1: 21-28
<b>16.1</b>	Hebrews 2: 14-18	Mark 1: 29-39
<b>17.1</b>	Hebrews 3: 7-14	Mark 1: 40-45
<b>18.1</b>	Hebrews 4: 1-5	Mark 2: 1-12
<b>19.1</b>	Hebrews 4: 12-16	Mark 2: 13-17
<b>20.1</b>	Isaiah 62: 1-5	John 2: 1-11
	1 Corinthians 12: 4-11	

## **SUNDAY READINGS**

### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins. A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill

be made low; the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall

be revealed, and all people shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Response: O Bless the Lord, my soul.**

### **SECOND READING – Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7**

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus.

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. ... For when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### **GOSPEL – Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”