



St. Leonhard's

St. Mary's

Holy Cross

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MARCH 2024



**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH**

**For the new martyrs**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## MARCH 2024

Saturday, 02.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Sunday, 03.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass <i>(Br. Anil)</i>
Tuesday, 05.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass + Stations of the Cross <i>(Br. Anil)</i>
Saturday, 09.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Confessions + Mass (next page) <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Sunday, 10.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Confessions (next page) <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
	17.00	St. Mary's	Confessions + Mass (next page) <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Tuesday, 12.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Saturday, 16.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Sunday, 17.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass <i>(Br. Anil)</i>
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Tuesday, 19.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Saturday, 23.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass <i>(Br. Anil)</i>
Vigil Palm Sunday			
Sunday, 24.03.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Palm Sunday			
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass <i>(Fr. Christian)</i>
Tuesday, 26.03.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	<b>CANCELLED</b>

### HOLY WEEK:

Thursday, 28.03	21.00	Holy Cross	Holy Thursday
Friday, 29.03.	12.00	Holy Cross	Good Friday
Saturday, 30.03.	20.00	Holy Cross	Easter Vigil
Sunday, 31.03.	<b>10.30</b>	Holy Cross	Easter Sunday Mass

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN MARCH:

**March 16 / 17** – for the works of MISEREOR

**March 23 / 24** – for the Holy Land

Total Parish Collection for January 2024: 2,134.78 Euros

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**LENTEN CONFESSION WEEKEND** - You will have the opportunity for personal confession on the weekend of **March 9 / 10**

St. Leonhard's: 17.00-17.45

Holy Cross            after Mass

St. Mary's            16.00-16.45

**PARISH DAY TRIP TO MAINZ – Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2024**

We invite you to join us for a day trip to Mainz, one of the most historic cities in all of Germany. Travel will be by train from Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof and the itinerary includes Mass and a tour of the Mainz Cathedral. You will also have free time to explore the city. Cost is just the price of a return train ticket (for those of who do not have the Deutschland Ticket) and the cost of your lunch, which is paid individually. More details on flyer in back of the church.



If you are interested in joining us, please register with the Parish Office (international@parish-frankfurt.de)

**CONFIRMATION GROUP PROJECT**

We, the Confirmation Group of 2024, are dedicated to supporting "The Foundation for Water and Education in Cambodia." Our vision is to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate by supporting this esteemed foundation, which has been striving to improve lives since its inception in 2010. Their mission is to provide clean water through building wells and supply bicycles to those in need. With the help of your donations, we could make a meaningful impact and bring hope to deserving individuals. Join us in creating a brighter future. Thank you for your support. **\*\* Special 2<sup>nd</sup> collections for this project at each of our Masses during the months of March and April \*\***



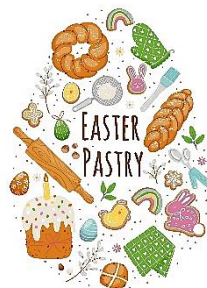
**"Sharing is caring"!** – We invite you to *an evening of "share and care" time* twice a month with Br. Anil. Let us come together, meet, share the Word of God and celebrate our Christian life together in a familiar atmosphere. **Dates of Meeting in March: March 7 + 21**  
**Time: 18.00-19.00      Place: Vilbeler Str. 36**

<b>Holy Week and</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	
Saturday 23. March	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Palm Sunday
Sunday 24. March	9:30	Holy Cross	Palm Sunday
	17.00	St. Mary's	Palm Sunday
Thursday 28. March	21.00	Holy Cross	Holy Thursday
Friday 29. March	12.00 noon	Holy Cross	Good Friday
Saturday 30. March	20.00	Holy Cross	Easter Vigil
Sunday 31. March	10:30	Holy Cross	Easter Sunday
	No Mass	at St. Mary's	



**GOOD FRIDAY** – Father Christian asks all those attending the Good Friday service to please bring along a single flower (one rose or something similar) to be placed at the foot of the cross during veneration. These flowers will then be bound into a bouquet which will be placed at the Easter candle.

**EASTER BREAD** – Russian Kulich, Italian Gubana, British Hot Cross Buns, French Pogne, Polish Chalka, Hungarian Fonott Kalács, just to name a few. Do you have a traditional Easter bread from your country or perhaps a family favorite? If so, please bring along a loaf to set before the altar during Easter Sunday Mass on **March 31** at Holy Cross Church (at the special time of **10.30**) and afterwards, to share with everyone at the Easter Sunday coffee social after Mass.



St.  
Leonhards

**FOOD DONATIONS** – Each Saturday at Mass we collect non-perishable, non-refrigerated food for the Mother Teresa Sisters (things like marmalade, fruit teas (rather than black tea), sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami). Simply place your items in the basket in the back of church.

**TUESDAY MASS** – Each Tuesday we celebrate Mass at St. Leonhard's Church at 18.00.

During Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross** directly after the Tuesday Mass.

**CHIP FOR TOILETS** – Please note that there are no toilets available in St. Leonhard's Church, but we are able to use the toilets located at the Caritas building nearby. If you need to use the toilet, please see the Security Guard in the back. He has the chip to open the door.

Holy  
Cross

**FOOD DONATIONS** - We collect food for the Missionary Sisters of Charity each Sunday. We need non-perishable food items, e.g. pasta, sauce, soups, cereals, etc. 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). **Please do not bring outdated food items.** Thank you.

**COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS** – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. In order to not use so much plastic and to be environmentally friendly, we ask everyone attending to **please bring your own cup to the coffee social** and to then bring it back home with you.



St.  
Mary's

**EASTER FOOD DRIVE** - **March 6 – 20** Together with our German sister-parish of St. Marien, we will collect food for the Hattersheim-Hofheim Tafel. The Tafel is especially in need of items such as sugar, flour, cooking oil, and canned goods. Simply place your items in the baskets at the back of the church.

## ***MASS RESPONSES***

### **Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. – OR --

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.

PRIEST: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Profession of Faith** (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

## **Invitation to Prayer**

PRIEST: Pray, brethren .. acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## **Preface Dialogue**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you. PEOPLE: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts. PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right and just.

**Sanctus** - Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**The Mystery of Faith** - We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

PEOPLE: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ... For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

**Sign of Peace** - The peace of the Lord be with you always. People: And with your spirit.

### **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. ... Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**March 2 / 3**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### **FIRST READING – Exodus 20: 1-17**

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.

**Response: Lord, you have the words of eternal life.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 18, 22-25**

Brothers and sisters: 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 anyone; for he himself knew what was within the human person.

**March 9 / 10**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## **FIRST READING – 2 Chronicles 36: 14-17a, 19-23**

All the leading priests and the people also were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the

house of the LORD that he had consecrated in Jerusalem. The LORD, the God of their ancestors, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD against his people became so great that there was no remedy. ... Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. The King took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had made up for its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

The LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom and also declared in a written edict: "Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him! Let him go up."

**R: Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!**

### **SECOND READING – Ephesians 2: 4-10**

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ

Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### **GOSPEL – John 3: 14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

**March 16 / 17**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not

be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**R: Create in me a clean heart, O God**

### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 5: 7-9**

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

### **GOSPEL – John 12: 20-33**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am,

there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ... “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” ... Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**March 23 / 24**  
Palm Sunday

### **GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS – Mark 11: 1-10**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in

the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 50: 3-7**

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

**R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

### **SECOND READING – Philippians 2: 6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **PASSION – Mark 14:1 – 15:47**

*Reading found in Palm Sunday Passion Booklet*

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## ***CHURCH LOCATIONS & MASS TIMES***



### **St. Leonhard's**

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***Tuesdays 6:00 pm***

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*Church location:*

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***Mass time: Sundays 9:30 am***



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*Church location:*

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***Mass time: Sundays 5.00 pm***