

St. Leonhard's St. Mary's Holy Cross

OCTOBER 2025



October is the month of the Holy Rosary

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

OCTOBER 2025			
Saturday, 04.10	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 05.10.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Fr. Mortiz Hemsteg)
Tuesday, 07.10.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Br. Anil)
Saturday, 11.10.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Br. Anil)
Sunday, 12.10.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass (Monsignor Alker)
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass (Monsignor Alker)
Tuesday, 14.10.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass (Br. Anil)
Saturday, 18.10.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 19.10.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass + Children's Liturgy of
			the Word
	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 21.10.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Saturday, 25.10.	17.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass
Sunday, 26.10.	09.30	Holy Cross	Mass
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	17.00	St. Mary's	Mass
Tuesday, 28.10.	18.00	St. Leonhard's	Mass

^{***} All Masses celebrated by Father Christian Enke, unless otherwise specified ***

Parish Collection Sums: August 2025 = 2552 € We thank you for your continued generosity!

Announcements

COLLECTION OCTOBER 25 / 26 - For the works of MISSIO

"Missio" supports local missionaries working with global communities in need—providing essentials like transport, community spaces, and vaccinations—to help share the joy of the Gospel.

LAY MINISTRIES - Parishioners have an important role as volunteers at Mass, whether as welcoming ministers to greet those entering church and hand out hymnals, as readers of the liturgy or as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Father Christian or Lori Bemb at international@parishfrankfurt.de. Help is needed at all three of our church locations.

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST - If you would like to have the monthly parish bulletin, as well as any relevant parish updates sent directly to you, please send your email details to the parish office.

<u>PARISH OUTREACH</u> TEAM - You are not alone! We are a group of parishioners who have come together in order to help our fellow parishioners with things such as prayer requests, assistance for homebound people or outreach to inactive parishioners. If you would like to receive help from the Outreach Team, please contact **Benjie Dimaunahan** (didittedim@gmail.com)

<u>RCIA PROGRAM</u> – 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. Classes are set to begin in November

CONFIRMATION COURSE - We are now accepting registrations for our Confirmation preparation classes. Anyone who will be 16 years of age or older in May 2026 may register for the course (the age for Confirmation in the Diocese of Limburg is 16 years) Classes are set to begin in January 2026, with the Confirmation being held in May 2026. If you would like to sign up, please send an email to the Parish Office (international@parish-frankfurt.de)

St. Leonhards **FOOD DONATIONS** – Each Saturday at Mass we collect non-perishable, non-refrigerated food for the Mother Teresa Sisters (things like marmalade, <u>fruit teas</u>,

sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami). Simply place your items in the basket in the back of church.

30 Years at St. Leonhard's: Saturday, November 1st at 17:00

During our Saturday Vigil Mass on Nov. 1st, we will mark the 30th Anniversary of the English-speaking community at St. Leonhard's

Church, from the beginnings as an army chapel at St. Sebastian's, to its founding as a Parish by the Diocese of Llmburg in 1995 with the move to St. Leonhard's Church, through to uniting in 2020 with St. Mary's Parish to form the present International English-Speaking Parish. Please join us.



Holy Cross **FOOD DONATIONS** - We collect food for the Missionary Sisters of Charity each Sunday. We need non-perishable food items, e.g. pasta, cereals, fruit teas, sugar, margarine,

dried meats, e.g. salami and cheese that does not require refrigeration.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD - Sunday, Sept 28th

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for children ages 4 and above, that will be held during the 9:30 Mass. No pre-registration is required.

<u>COFFEE SOCIAL AFTER MASS</u> – You are most welcome to join us for some refreshments Sundays after Mass. In order to help with reducing the waste, we ask you please to bring your OWN CUP. Paper or plastic cups will no longer be available.

St. Mary's **SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE IN OCTOBER** - We would like to help our German sister-parish of St. Marien in their Autumn Food Drive, collecting food donations for the Hattersheim-Hofheim Tafel. This special food drive will

go until October 12th. Simply place the food in the baskets at the back of the church. The Tafel is especially in need of items such as sugar, flour, cooking oil, non-refrigerated milk and canned goods.

Mass Responses can be found under Nr. 79 in the "Laudate" Song Book (pages 200-211)

October 4 / 5 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING - Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING - 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL - Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you: "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? … Do you thank the slave

for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

October 11 / 12 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING - 2 Kings 5: 14-17

Naaman the Syrian went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." But he said, "As the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" He urged him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the LORD.

R: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

GOSPEL - Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!". When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned

back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ... Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

October 18 / 19 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING - Exodus 17: 8-13

Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. _But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

R: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

GOSPEL - Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

October 25 / 26 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING - Sirach 35: 15-1, 20-33

The Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint, The person whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds and does justice for the righteous, and executes judgment. Indeed, the Lord will not delay

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

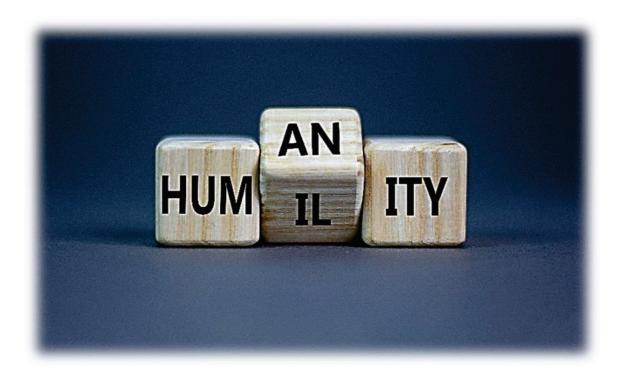
SECOND READING - 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. I my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was

rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL – Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."



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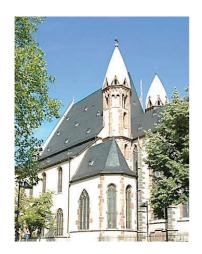
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Parish Office will be closed: October 2nd and October 16th, as well as October 27th to 31st



St. Leonhard's

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Mass time: Saturdays 5:00 pm

Tuesdays 6:00 pm



Holy Cross

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Mass time: Sundays 9:30 am



St. Mary's

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