



O come, let us adore him.

St. Leonard Catholic Church

December 24, 2023

PARISH INFORMATION
Información Parroquial

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[closed for Lunch 1:00pm-2:00pm]

MASS SCHEDULE
Horario de Misas

Saturday | Sabado
5:30pm

Sunday | Domingo

8:30am [Spanish]

11:00am

7:00pm [Spanish]

Martes & Jueves

8:30am [Spanish]

Wednesday & Friday

8:30am

ADORATION
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Martes & Miercoles

9:00am-11:00am

Holy Hour | Hora Santa

Thursday | Jueves

5:00pm-6:00pm

Confession | Confesiones

Thursday | Jueves

5:00pm

Divine Mercy

Divina Misericordia

1st & 3rd Friday | Viernes

7:00pm (Chapel | Capilla)

PARISH ADMINISTRATION
Administración Parroquial

Pastor

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PARISH MINISTRIES
Ministerios Parroquiales

ACTS

Deacon Rusty Gamez

Altar Servers

Herman Sanchez

Altar Society

Rachel Sosa

Bereavement

Mary Mora

Sylvia Garcia

Divine Mercy

Elvia & George Orta

Deacon Rusty Gamez

Eucharistic Ministers

Mela Sepulveda

Guadalupe Society

Rosemary Soriano

Knights of Columbus

Edward Mata

Ladies Auxiliary

Maria Lopez

Lectors

Tony Ybarra

**Marriage Preparation/
Quinceaneras**

Judi Gamez

Martha's Ministry

Micaela Rubio

Matachines

Maria & Alexis Luna-Chavez

Ministry of the Sick

Deacon Rusty Gamez

Music Ministry

Maria & Andy Chavez

Sacristans

Andrea Castillo

Elvia Moreno

Sanctus Young Adults

Cleo Voight

Ushers

Janie Gonzalez

Mass Intentions

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Saturday 5:30 p.m.

All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
All the Parishioners of St. Leonard

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Aurelia Olivia Flores
†Margaret Alva
†Mary J. Campos
Sotero Reyes – Por Salud
en acción de gracias por el
cumpleaños de Victoria Perez

11:00 a.m.

†Erica Mares
†Antonio Perez, Jr.
†Lisa Garcia
†Fidel Garcia
†Hector Ramirez
†Clara G. Ortiz
Azrael Rey Espinoza

5:00 p.m.

†Hipolito Arredondo
†Elvira Arredondo
†Alberto Arredondo
†Jose Arredondo
†Alicia Cantu
Maria Arredondo – Faith

Monday 10:00 a.m.

†Elias & Elisa Campos
†Carmen Campos
†Esther Campos
†Gilbert Campos

**This week's Sanctuary Lamp
is for the eternal rest of**

John A. Longoria, Jr.

**Eternal rest grant unto her/him, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon her/him. May her/his soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**



Pray For...

Moyses Aguirre, Bertha & Gabriel Canales, Andrea Cantu, Devyn Casias, Mary Cruz, Rosalie Croom, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, Alice B. Gamez, David & Maria Garcia, Earnest M. Garcia, Miguel Ojeda, Letty Orozco Gonzalez, Dave Guevara, Margarita Guillen, Jose and Rosa Huerta, David Leal, Roxanne Longoria, Michael Lopez, Michael Mendoza, Elvia & George (Tio) Orta, Margarita Ortiz, Gloria Perusquia, Luisa Vallejo Robles, Lisa Rubio, Zayne Allen Pierce, Sotero Reyes, Frank Rodriguez, Maria Valdez, Stephanie Zamago & family, Preston Trinkle, & Mary Ferry.

*Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing
hands rest upon me, may your life-giving powers flow into
every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul,
cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength
for service in your Kingdom.*

Amen.

For special blessings
such as wedding
anniversary or birthday
blessings please notify
the parish office in
advance.

Para bendiciones especiales
tales como aniversario de
bodas o bendiciones de
cumpleaños, por favor
notifique a la oficina parroquial
con anticipación.

PRAY
WITHOUT
CEASING



Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. Amen

Stewardship

A way of living

Dios misericordioso y amoroso, entendemos que nos llamas a ser mayordomos de Tu abundancia, los cuidadores de todo lo que nos has confiado.

Ayúdanos siempre a utilizar sabiamente tus dones y enséñanos a compartirlos generosamente. Que nuestra fiel mayordomía dé testimonio del amor de Cristo en nuestras vidas. Amen.

Parish offering for December 12 – 17, 2023

Masses	Attendance	Total Offering
Saturday	84	\$1,776.00
Sunday		
8:30 a.m.	214	\$3,484.00
11:00 a.m.	220	\$1,941.00
7:00 p.m.	No Mass	-
Total		\$7,201.00
	Coins	\$4.52
Online	15	\$794.00
Grand Total		\$7,999.52

Thank You!

To all the donors that helped the parish the week of
December 17, 2023

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

*A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de
17 de d de 2023.*

¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!

A Second Collection is scheduled for December 24 & 25 for Assumption Seminary. Please be generous.
Una Segunda Colecta está programada para el 24 y 25 de diciembre para el Seminario de la Asunción.
Por favor sea generoso.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK AT A- GLANCE

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve - Children's
Mass & Pageant - 5:00pm
Bilingual

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day Mass
(Holyday of obligation)
Bilingual 10:00am

Tuesday, December 26
No Meeting Scheduled

Wednesday, December 27
No Meeting Scheduled

Thursday, December 28
No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, December 29
No Meeting Scheduled

Saturday, December 30
No Meeting Scheduled

Question of the Week

How do I discern what
God's will is? Am I
willing to trust in God
and follow God's will?

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¿Cómo discierno lo  
que es la voluntad de  
Dios? ¿Estoy  
dispuesto a confiar  
en Dios y cumplir su  
voluntad?



## Bulletin Announcements

Have an announcement  
request for the bulletin?  
Send in the announcement  
*a week in advance* to be  
published in the bulletin!

## Today's 2nd Collection

December 24th & 25th

## FOR THE ASSUMPTION SEMINARY

Please be generous



## Funeral Services for Patricia Longoria at St. Leonard

*Visitation:* Tuesday, December 26th

5pm-7pm followed by

*Rosary:* 7:00pm

*Funeral Mass:* Wednesday, December  
27th at 11:00am, followed by

*Burial:* San Fernando #2



## IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias that  
are now adorning the church altar and the  
lobby. We still have some available for  
purchase. Please contact the Parish Office.  
Poinsettias will be available for pickup on  
Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the Parish Center.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday | Domingo 12/24/23

8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant - Bilingual)

7:00 p.m. NO MISA

### CHRISTMAS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday | Lunes 12/25/23 10:00 a.m. (Bilingual)

### NEW YEARS EVE

Sunday | Domingo 12/31/23

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. NO MISA

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday | Lunes 1/1/24 10:00 a.m. (Bilingual)

# Merry Christmas

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

Que tengan el don de la fe, la bendición de la esperanza y la paz de Su amor en Navidad y siempre.

Fr. Servando, Deacon Rusty, Deacon Jose, Sr. Blanca & Staff



**Parish Office Closed**  
Monday, December 25th  
will reopen Tuesday,  
December 26th



## St Leonard's Family Christmas Tree in the Church Lobby

Thank you to all who helped decorate St. Leonard's family tree with their family ornament. The ornaments will be available to take home after mass on Sunday, January 7th. It has been wonderful viewing each others creations.

El árbol de Navidad familiar de San Leonardo en el vestíbulo de la iglesia  
Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a decorar el árbol familiar de San Leonardo con su adorno familiar. Los adornos estarán disponibles para llevar a casa después de la misa del domingo 7 de enero. Ha sido maravilloso ver cada una de nuestras creaciones.

## 2ND ANNUAL Nativity Showcase

Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 12:00pm  
in Parish Center

*Domingo, 14 de enero de 2024  
a las 12:00pm en  
Centro Parroquial*

All are welcome to bring a Nativity to display for all to see. All Nativities will receive a special blessing from Fr. Servando

*Todos están invitados a traer su Nacimientos para exhibir para que todos la vean. Todos los Nacimientos recibirán una bendición especial del Padre Servando*



**No Faith Formation Classes**  
Classes resume starting Sunday, January 7th  
Students are still expected to attend Mass  
*Todavía se espera que los estudiantes asistan a misa*

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a que este evento fuera un gran éxito



*La Gran Posada  
December 17th*



# Growing in Faith



SOLEMNITY OF

*Mary Mother of God*

Bilingual Mass Monday, January 1, 2024 10:00am

## THANK YOU!

Gratitude to the Altar Society ladies and to Jose Sandoval and Victor Moreno for their tireless work throughout the year. A special acknowledgment to Jesemiel Cerda for decorating the Advent Wreath and Our Blessed Mother for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary.



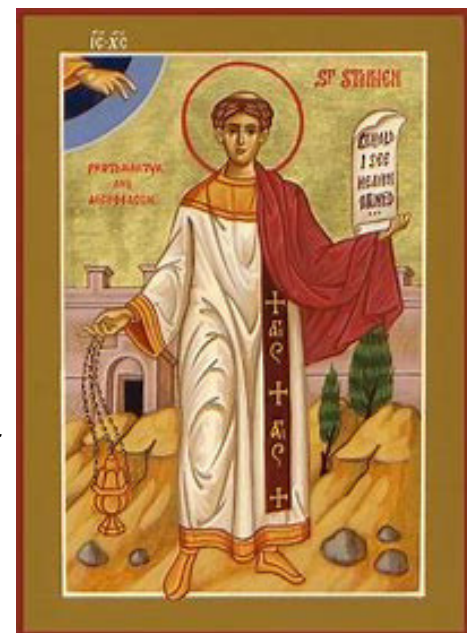
## GRACIAS

Agradecimiento a las damas de la Sociedad del Altar y a José Sandoval y Víctor Moreno por su incansable labor durante todo el año. Un reconocimiento especial a Jesemiel Cerda por decorar la Corona de Adviento y a Nuestra Santísima Madre por la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK ~ December 26

**St. Stephen** lived in first century Jerusalem and is noteworthy as the first Christian martyr. He was a deacon appointed by the Apostles to serve in Jerusalem among the Hellenistic Jews. Acts 7:54-60 tells of his martyrdom. St. Stephen's preaching and performing of miracles incited hostility and he was stoned. He died, as Jesus did, asking that God forgive those who murdered him. His feast day has been celebrated since the 4th century.

**San Esteban** vivió en la Jerusalén del siglo I y es notable como el primer mártir cristiano. Fue un diácono designado por los Apóstoles para servir en Jerusalén entre los judíos helenísticos. Hechos 7:54-60 habla de su martirio. La predicación de San Esteban y la realización de milagros incitaron a la hostilidad y fue apedreado. Murió, como Jesús, pidiendo a Dios que perdonara a los que lo asesinaron. Su fiesta se celebra desde el siglo IV.



**St. Stephen**  
Pray for us



# Gospel

# Reflection

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able to respond with obedience.

Este domingo leemos la historia del anuncio del ángel Gabriel a María sobre el nacimiento de Jesús. Esta historia se encuentra sólo en el Evangelio de Lucas. En este cuarto domingo de Adviento, la liturgia desvía nuestra atención de Juan Bautista a María, la madre de Jesús. Tanto Juan como María son figuras importantes para nuestra reflexión durante el tiempo de Adviento; Ambos desempeñaron papeles fundamentales en la preparación del camino para Jesús. La semana pasada reflexionamos sobre el anuncio de Juan el Bautista de que el Salvador estaba entre nosotros, aunque aún no era reconocido. Esta semana reflexionamos sobre el ejemplo de fe y obediencia a Dios de María, rasgos que le permitieron recibir el mensaje del ángel de que el Hijo de Dios nacería como una persona humana, como uno de nosotros.

Estamos familiarizados con la historia de la Anunciación y es apropiado que recordemos cómo Dios anunció el nacimiento de Jesús mientras hacemos nuestros preparativos finales para la celebración de la Encarnación. El ángel Gabriel visitó a María, una virgen desposada con un hombre llamado José. María recibió la noticia del ángel con asombro y asombro y preguntó cómo era posible que ella pudiera dar a luz a un niño. En su respuesta, el ángel Gabriel anunció la realidad aparentemente imposible: el niño que nacería sería concebido por el poder del Espíritu Santo y sería el propio Hijo de Dios. El ángel informó a María de otro milagro; su pariente Isabel también estaba embarazada a pesar de que se pensaba que no podía tener un hijo. La respuesta de María al ángel, que se llama su fiat, es un ejemplo de completa fe y obediencia a Dios.

La historia de la Anunciación llama nuestra atención sobre la maravillosa acción de Dios en la historia humana. Dios eligió a una persona humana para dar a luz a su Hijo para que toda la humanidad conociera la salvación de Dios. María, ya llena de la gracia de Dios, supo cooperar en este gran plan para nuestra salvación. Así Jesús nació como uno de nosotros, plenamente humano y también plenamente divino. Éste es el misterio que nos preparamos para celebrar en Navidad, el misterio de la Encarnación. Siguiendo el modelo de María, oramos para que seamos personas de fe que reconozcan el plan salvador de Dios para nosotros y seamos capaces de responder con obediencia.

## *Readings for the week*

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Monday:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40