

St. Leonard Catholic Church

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**Welcome to Our Parish!**  
*¡Bienvenidos a Nuestra Parroquia!*

**January 21, 2024**

## PARISH STAFF

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

## OFFICE HOURS | HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday: 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m .

Friday: 9 a.m. -12 NOON

CLOSED DAILY FOR LUNCH FROM 1 - 2 p.m.

*Lunes: 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.*

*Martes- Jueves: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.*

*Viernes: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.*



**Our mission of St. Leonard** is to spread the message of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To hear the Good News from the Gospel and therefore invite the Community to be part of the Holy Church

**Nuestra misión en San Leonardo** es difundir el mensaje de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Escuchar la Buena Nueva del Evangelio y por lo tanto invitar a la Comunidad a ser parte de la Santa Iglesia.

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Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

[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**  
*Adoración*

**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)

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*CONSEJOS*

**Finance Council**

Judy Perez

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

Laura Gonzalez

**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

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

†Roque F. Oyerbides

†Pat Longoria

†Gregoria Martinez

†Ysidra Sanchez

†Nick Sanchez

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Maria Quevedo

11:00 a.m.

†Clara G. Ortiz

†Victor & Lillian Esquivel

Azrael Rey Espinoza

Ruben Villarreal - Birthday

In Thanksgiving to  
San Martin de Porres

7:00 p.m.

Feligreses de San Leonardo



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

*Eugenio Villanueva*

**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...*

Bertha & Gabriel Canales, Andrea Cantu, Devyn Casias, Irma Castro, Mary Cruz, Rosalie Croom, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, Alice B. Gamez, David & Maria Garcia, Blanca Hernandez, Johnny Hernandez, Ruben Hernandez, Blanca S. Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Jose and Rosa Huerta, Roxanne Longoria, Maria Loredo, Michael Mendoza, Anna Montoya, Juan Nava, Elvia & George (Tio) Orta, Rosario Perez, Gloria Perusquia, Sotero Reyes, Frank Rodriguez, Maria Valdez, Stephanie Zamago & family, 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 January 8 – 14, 2024

| Masses             | Attendance | Total Offering    |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Saturday           | 92         | \$2,042.00        |
| Sunday             |            |                   |
| 8:30 a.m.          | 181        | \$1,987.00        |
| 11:00 a.m.         | 296        | \$1,562.00        |
| 7:00 p.m.          | 131        | \$1,414.00        |
| Total              |            | \$7,005.00        |
|                    | Coins      | \$4.41            |
| Online             | 13         | \$721.00          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |            | <b>\$7,730.41</b> |

*Thank You!*

To all the donors that helped the parish the week of January 14, 2024.

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

*A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 14 de enero de 2024.*

*¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!*

A Second Collection is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024, for the Church in Latin America. Your donations may be placed in the wooden box in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!

*Está programada una Segunda Colecta para el domingo 28 de enero de 2024 para la Iglesia en América Latina. Sus donaciones pueden colocarse en la caja de madera en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Por favor sea generoso. ¡Gracias!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK AT A-GLANCE

Sunday, January 21  
Bereavement Breakfast  
Sale After 8:30am Mass  
Sanctus Young Adults  
Movie Night 7:30pm - Hall

Monday, January 22  
Baptism Talk  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday, January 23  
Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, January 24  
Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 25  
Faith Formation Parent  
Session - 6:30pm Hall Rm #1  
Holy Hour & Confessions  
5:00pm

Friday, January 26  
Divine Mercy - 7pm Chapel

Saturday, January 27  
No Meetings Scheduled

## Question of the Week

How do I go about  
inviting others to  
journey to the kingdom  
with me?

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¿De qué manera
puedo invitar a otras
personas a caminar
hacia el Reino
conmigo?



Bulletin Announcements

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14TH

Lent Begins

JANUARY 22ND



Help us to be champions
of life, Jesus.
Strengthen us and equip
us to do your work in our
communities, our nations,
our world.
May we stand for what
you have taught us, and
may we give you glory in
all that we do.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

A PRAYER FOR GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gather in prayer for the protection of human life
*Reúnanse en oración por la protección
de la vida humana*

Respect Life Mass Misa Respeto a la Vida

Sunday | Domingo, January | Enero 21, 2024
4:00 PM-6:00 PM San Fernando Cathedral

Haven for Hope

Where Homelessness Ends and Healing Begins

"For I was hungry and you gave
me something to eat, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to
drink." - Matthew 25:35

St. Leonard's **RCIA Adults** are sponsoring a donation drive on Jan 27th - Feb 18th for the needs of our brothers & sisters in Christ. Drop boxes will be located in the Church lobby.

Please drop off items such as travel size hygiene products, blankets, warm clothing, diapers, children's toys and non-perishables. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**BAILE DE
SAN VALENTIN**



ST VALENTINE'S DANCE
**LOVE AND
FRIENDSHIP
2024**
Saturday, February 17th.

Music by



7:00pm to 10:00 pm
8510 S Zarzamora
rd San Antonio Tx

**Refreshments
available for sale**

**\$5.00
per person**

bring your own dinner

2nd Collection Next Sunday, January 28th is for the



CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Please be generous.

TODAY Invites Everyone to Come for...

Sanctus Young Adults

**Family
MOVIE
NIGHT**

FREE admission, popcorn, & drink

7:30pm in the **Parish Hall**

Sunday January 21, 2024

Bring the family and friends, blanket, lawn chairs and popcorns or snacks for the fun evening movie watching event.

Featured Movie title:

"The Journey to Bethlehem"

Rated Parental Guide (PG)

For more information contact:
Sanctus Event Coordinator: Alejandro Hernandez (210) 727 - 9499
Sanctus Secretary: Lynette Herrera (210) 529 - 6724

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**

BASKETBALL THROW CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday, January 27th
Starting at 10:00am

St Bonaventure Catholic church
1918 Palo Alto Rd. San Antonio, TX 78211
Sponsored: by St Bonaventure Knights of
Columbus council #10712
Contact: Fernando Revuelta 210-584-2425

St. Leonard's Mens ACTS Retreat

Feb 8th - 11th, 2024
Moye Retreat Center

Join us for this transformative weekend of spiritual renewal, prayer and fellowship among friends and members of our parish.

The Retreat begins Thursday evening, Feb 8th and ends on Sunday after our 11am mass.

Round trip transportation is provided. Cost is \$165 with a small \$50 deposit. Financial assistance is available. Register **NOW** at the Parish Office. For any questions please contact Richard Valadez 210-887-2619 or Daniel Zapata 210-973-4983

GROWING IN FAITH

Can you watch with me for one hour?
 ¿Puedes velar conmigo durante una hora?



Consider spending time with
 Jesus in Eucharistic
 adoration
 Tues & Wed 9am - 11am
 Thurs 5 pm - 6 pm

Considera pasar tiempo
 con Jesús en
 adoración eucarística
 martes y miércoles 9am-11am
 jueves 5pm-6pm

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED
 WHY DO
 CATHOLICS
 USE INCENSE
 DURING
 MASS?



The use of incense in religious rites dates back to the time of Moses (Ex. 3:1-10). The earliest known Christian usage is during the fifth century. Incense purifies and sanctifies, symbolizes the prayers of the faithful ascending to heaven, and evokes the mystery and solemnity of the Divine Liturgy.

SAINT OF THE WEEK ~ January 24

St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family in Savoy, France in 1567. He took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint." Love of God for Francis naturally led to love for all persons. His life became a model of selfless service to his God, his king, the pope, and the countless individuals who called upon him for advice.

San Francisco de Sales nació en una familia noble en Saboya, Francia, en 1567. Tomó en serio las palabras de Cristo: "Aprended de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón". Como él mismo dijo, le llevó 20 años vencer su mal genio, pero nadie sospechó que tuviera tal problema, por lo que su manera habitual de actuar era rebosante de buen carácter y amabilidad. Su perenne mansedumbre y alegre disposición le valieron el título de "Caballero Santo". El amor de Dios a Francisco conduce naturalmente al amor a todas las personas. Su vida se convirtió en un modelo de servicio desinteresado a su Dios, su rey, el Papa y las innumerables personas que le pedían consejo.



St. Francis de Sales
 Pray for us

Gospel

Reflection

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

Hoy comenzamos una lectura continua del Evangelio de Marcos que nos llevará a través de este segmento del tiempo litúrgico del Tiempo Ordinario. Recuerde que en el Ciclo B del Leccionario, la mayoría de las lecturas del Evangelio están tomadas del Evangelio según Marcos.

El Evangelio de Marcos no comienza con una narración sobre el nacimiento de Jesús. En cambio, Marcos comienza informando sobre la predicación de Juan el Bautista. Juan es descrito como la voz en el desierto enviada para preparar el camino del Señor. Inmediatamente después de describir la obra de Juan el Bautista, Marcos informa sobre el bautismo de Jesús y su tentación en el desierto. El ministerio público de Jesús comienza después del arresto de Juan el Bautista. Marcos quiere que sus lectores comprendan la importante conexión entre el fin del ministerio de Juan el Bautista y el comienzo del propio ministerio de Jesús.

Como aprendemos al comienzo de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús predica el Reino de Dios en continuidad con la predicación de Juan el Bautista. Al igual que Juan el Bautista, el pronunciamiento de Jesús sobre el reino es un llamado al arrepentimiento. Sin embargo, la predicación de Jesús es mayor que la de Juan. Jesús inicia el tiempo del cumplimiento; el Reino de Dios ya está aquí. Esto quedará demostrado una y otra vez, tanto en las palabras de Jesús como en las acciones que siguen. Las curaciones y el perdón de los pecados de Jesús son signos del Reino de Dios que anuncia en su enseñanza.

A diferencia del Evangelio de la semana pasada, en el Evangelio de Marcos Jesús toma la iniciativa de llamar a sus primeros discípulos. Como se mencionó la semana pasada, era más típico de las escuelas rabínicas del siglo I que los estudiantes buscaran rabinos y les pidieran ser sus discípulos. En el evangelio de Marcos, Jesús rompe con esta tradición e invita a sus discípulos a aprender de él. Se dice que Jesús llamó primero a cuatro pescadores: Simón, Andrés, Santiago y Juan. Simón y Andrés son hermanos. Jesús promete que los hará "pescadores de hombres". James y John también son hermanos. Marcos no informa las palabras de invitación de Jesús, pero sí informa que dejaron de pescar inmediatamente; Su padre, Zebedeo, se quedó en la barca.

El evangelio de Marcos está narrado con un gran sentido de urgencia e inmediatez. Jesús es una persona de acción y los acontecimientos ocurren en rápida sucesión. Vemos esto en el Evangelio de hoy. El tiempo es la esencia; Los pescadores inmediatamente dejaron de lado su sustento para convertirse en discípulos de Jesús. El Reino de Dios está aquí y ahora. El tiempo del cumplimiento está cerca. ¿Cómo podrían ser diferentes nuestras vidas si compartiéramos más plenamente este sentido de la inmediatez del reino de Dios?

Readings for the week

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41