

ST. LEONARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Servando Guerrero Ponce, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Charles R. (Rusty) Gamez, Deacon | Rev. Mr. Jose Hernandez, Deacon (Ret.)



Welcome to Our Parish!

*Bienvenidos a Nuestra Parroquia!*

## 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.



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

**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**  
*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)

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION**  
*Administración Parroquial*

**Pastor**

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*Pastor@stleonardsa.org*

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Victor Moreno

**COUNCILS**  
*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.

Herlinda Martinez - Birthday  
Griselda Martinez - Birthday

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Diacono Rey Ybarra  
†Robinson Carrero

11:00 a.m.

†Deacon Rey Ybarra  
†Nancy Lopez  
†Antonio Perez, Jr.  
†Carlos Alonzo  
†Tommie Villarreal  
Azrael Rey Espinoza

7:00 p.m.

Feligreses de San Leonardo

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Camila Ordaz - Birthday

Friday 8:30 a.m.

†Deacon Rey Ybarra

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

*St. Leonard's departed loved ones*

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 Loreda, 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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK AT A- GLANCE

Sunday, January 28  
Faith Formation Classes

Monday, January 29  
No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, January 30  
Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, January 31  
Faith Formation Classes

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

Friday, February 2  
Divine Mercy - 7pm Chapel

Saturday, February 3  
Altar Society Meeting  
10am Hall

## Question of the Week

Can I identify an unclean spirit in me that seeks to destroy me? Can I find the courage to ask God to free me from this demon?

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¿Puedo identificar un espíritu inmundo en mí que intenta destruirme?
¿Puedo encontrar la valentía para pedirle a Dios que me libere de ese espíritu inmundo?



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 Miércoles de Ceniza

Schedule | Horario
February 14th | 14 de febrero



Mass | *Misa*
7:00am
Bilingual
bilingüe

Services | Servicio

9:00am English	5:00pm Spanish
12:00pm Spanish	6:00pm English
4:00pm English	7:00pm Spanish

Thank You! | ¡Gracias!

To all the donors who helped the parish the week of **January 21, 2024**. May the Lord bless you abundantly!
A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 21 de enero de 2024.
¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!

Masses	Attendance	Total Offering
Saturday	90	\$2,726.00
Sunday		
8:30 a.m.	158	\$1,028.00
11:00 a.m.	223	\$1,603.00
7:00 p.m.	178	\$999.00
Total		\$6,356.00
	Coins	\$10.42
Online	13	\$721.00
Grand Total Offering Jan 15-21		\$7,087.42

Come & celebrate with us

**Fr. Servando's
Birthday**



**FEBRUARY
SUNDAY | 11 | 12:00PM**
Parish Center

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

Today, January 28th, 2nd Collection is for the
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Please be generous



**PASCHAL
CANDLE**



Please consider making a contribution to offset the cost of the 2024 Paschal Candle. Envelopes can be found in the lobby. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Considere hacer una contribución al costo del Cirio Pascual 2024. Los sobres se pueden encontrar en el vestíbulo. Gracias de antemano por su generosidad.



**February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord, also called Candlemas**

THINGS TO DO:

- Have a candle blessed for your home altar for this year.
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours.
- Read Luke 2:22-35 the account of the presentation including the Canticle of Simeon.
- Meditate on the constant fiat of Our Lady of Sorrows, who embraced the will of God even as Simeon predicted that a sword would pierce her heart.
- "Raise" the Baby Jesus from your home Nativity scene. Change the figurine into a different set of clothes and bring it to Church to be blessed. Then take figurine home and set it in a place of honor in your family's prayer corner, which traditionally is a chair.
- Have a party & eat tamales.

**El 2 de febrero es la Fiesta de la Presentación
del Señor, también llamada Candelaria**

COSAS PARA HACER:

- Bendice una vela para el altar de tu hogar para este año.
- Rezar la Liturgia de las Horas
- Lea Lucas 2:22-35 el relato de la presentación incluyendo el Cántico de Simeón.
- Medite en el constante *fiat* de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores, quien abrazó la voluntad de Dios incluso cuando Simeón predijo que una espada atravesaría su corazón.
- "Levanta" al Niño Jesús del Nacimiento de tu casa. Cambia la figura por una ropa diferente y llévala a la iglesia para que la bendiga. Luego llévate la figura a casa y colócala en un lugar de honor en el rincón de oración de tu familia, que tradicionalmente es una silla.
- Haz una fiesta y come tamales.



Follow
ST. LEONARD'S
New
Facebook Page



Damaris Ybarra, LPC-Associate, is offering FREE counseling services for individuals, couples, groups in both English & Spanish from 4:30-7:30pm. Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

GROWING IN FAITH

San Antonio March For Life

Some of our parishioners supporting *LIFE*



Stations of the Cross

Join us
Every Friday in Lent
at 6:30 pm

STARTING FEBRUARY 16TH

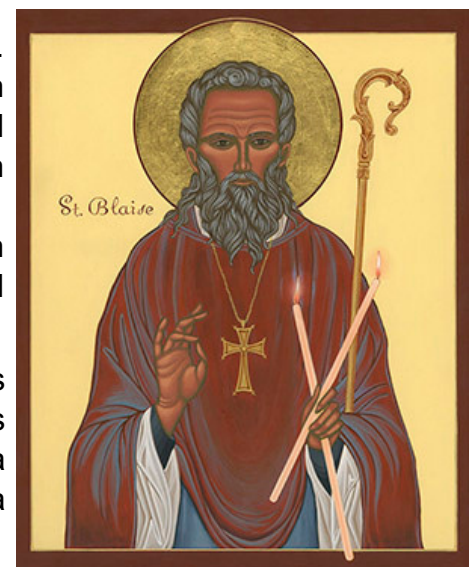
SAINT BLAISE ~ February 3

St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (Turkey) around 1,700 years ago. There are many versions of his life but he is best known for healing the sick – even animals would come to him to be cured. Legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

San Blas fue obispo de Sebaste en Armenia (Turquía) hace unos 1.700 años. Hay muchas versiones de su vida, pero es más conocido por curar a los enfermos; incluso los animales acudían a él para curarse. Cuenta la leyenda que mientras los cazadores llevaban a Blaise a prisión, llegó una madre con su hijo pequeño que tenía una espina de pescado alojada en la garganta. A la orden de Blaise, el niño pudo toser el hueso.

Agrícola, gobernador de Capadocia, intentó persuadir a Blaise para que sacrificara a ídolos paganos. La primera vez que Blaise se negó, lo golpearon. La siguiente vez lo colgaron de un árbol y le desgarraron la carne con peines o rastrillos de hierro. Finalmente, fue decapitado.



St. Blaise
Pray for us

Gospel

Reflection

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

El Evangelio de hoy continúa nuestra lectura de Marcos y describe lo que algunos creen que probablemente haya sido un día típico en el ministerio de Jesús. Jesús y los discípulos que eligieron seguirlo en el Evangelio de la semana pasada llegan a Capernaum, un pequeño pueblo en el Mar de Galilea. Jesús enseña en la sinagoga el sábado. Marcos informa que la gente responde a la enseñanza de Jesús con asombro, notando la autoridad de Jesús y comparándola con la de los escribas. Al principio del evangelio de Marcos ya encontramos evidencia de la tensión que se manifestará plenamente en Jerusalén.

Después de la predicación de Jesús, sucede algo aún más sorprendente. Un hombre poseído por un espíritu inmundo clama a Jesús. Como vemos en este ejemplo y en todo el Evangelio de Marcos, los espíritus y demonios parecen conocer a Jesús y, a menudo, le temen. De hecho, parecen entender la identidad de Jesús mejor que sus discípulos. Como leeremos una y otra vez en el Evangelio de Marcos, Jesús ordena al espíritu que se calme y expulsa el espíritu inmundo del hombre. La capacidad de Jesús para sanar a los poseídos por demonios es una indicación de su poder sobre el mal.

En la era precientífica de la época de Jesús, se entendía que todas las enfermedades eran manifestaciones de maldad y pecaminosidad. Nuestra comprensión moderna de la enfermedad es muy diferente. La posesión por espíritus inmundos puede haber sido una forma de describir lo que hoy podríamos llamar enfermedad mental. Puede que incluso haya sido una forma de describir ciertos tipos de condiciones físicas. Hay evidencia de que hubo muchos tipos de exorcistas y curanderos en la Palestina del siglo I. Jesús parece ser como estos sanadores, pero sana con una autoridad única y conecta sus actividades curativas con las palabras de su predicación.

Sin embargo, si intentamos explicar la obra sanadora de Jesús, nos perdemos el punto que Marcos intenta resaltar en este evangelio. Las multitudes ven en la curación del poseído por Jesús una mayor afirmación de su autoridad. El poder de Jesús para sanar da mayor credibilidad a su enseñanza. Jesús impresiona a las multitudes a través de sus palabras, que se manifiestan con poder en sus obras. El evangelio de Marcos nos dice que debido a la autoridad con la que sanaba, la fama de Jesús se extendió por toda Galilea.

Readings for the week

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34