

# St. Leonard Catholic Church

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

July 16, 2023

## THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

### MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS

*Saturday / Sábado*  
5:30 p.m. English

*Sunday / Domingo*  
8:00 a.m. Spanish  
10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. English  
7:00 p.m. Spanish

*Martes & Jueves*  
8:30 a.m. Spanish

*Wednesday & Friday*  
8:30 a.m. English

*Adoration / Adoración*  
Martes & Miércoles  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

*Holy Hour / Hora Santa*  
Thursday | Jueves  
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

*Confession / Confesiones*  
Thursday | Jueves  
5:00 p.m.

*Divine Mercy Chaplet /  
Divina Misericordia*  
1st & 3rd Friday | Viernes  
7:00 p.m.  
(Chapel/Capilla)

### 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.



### PARISH STAFF

**Bookkeeper:**

Patricia Gonzales, ext. 102

**Office Coordinator:**

Ileana Serda

**Faith Formation:**

Sr. Blanca E. Hinojosa, Ext. 108

# Intentions...

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
souls in purgatory

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

†Raul Mejia

†Rosendo Mejia

†Irene Mejia

†Sandy Esquivel

Salud de Faustino Escamilla

Salud de Paulina Alva

En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Andy Chavez

En acción de gracias por 26

años de aniversario de matrimonio de

Andy y María Chavez

10:00 a.m.

†Clara G. Ortiz

†Manuel & Elida Reyes

†Lucia Aguilera

Estela Duarte

12:00 p.m.

Azrael Rey Espinoza

7:00 p.m.

†Salvador Lozano Hernandez

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

†Velia F. Buchwald

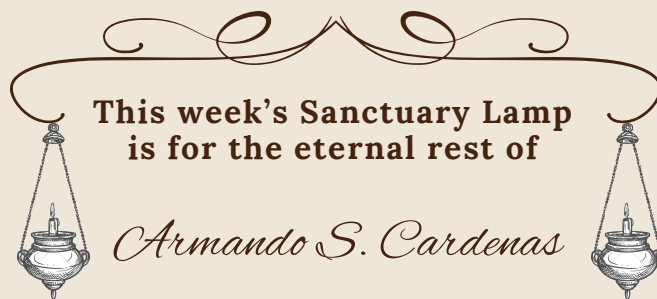
Friday 8:30 a.m.

†Anthony Cruz Cantu

†Rebecca Mireles Tejada

For special blessings such as wedding anniversary's 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.



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

*Armando S. Cardenas*

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



## Pray For...

Moyses Agulrre, Graciela Ayala, Bertha & Gabriel Canales, Mary Cruz, Rosalie Croom, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, Alice B. Gamez, Earnest M. Garcia, Jose and Rosa Huerta, David Leal, Pat Longoria, Roxanne Longoria, Criselia Machuca, Dolores Neaves, Gloria Perusquia, Frank Rodriguez, Lisa Rubio, Esther Saenz, Paula & Cipriano Segovia, Ana Montoya, Irma Castro, & Sienna Valadez, Zayne Allen Pierce, Lauren Valdez



*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.*



# STEWARDSHIP

*sharing the gifts we have been given.*

Gracious and loving God, you call us to be 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. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve.

Dios misericordioso y amoroso, nos llamas a ser mayordomos de tu Abundancia, los cuidadores de todo lo que nos has confiado. Ayúdanos a usar siempre sabiamente tus dones y enséñanos a compartirlos con generosidad. Envía el Espíritu Santo para que trabaje a través de nosotros, llevando tu mensaje a aquellos a quienes servimos.

## Parish offering for July 5-9, 2023

| Masses      | Attendance  | Total Offering |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Saturday    | 58          | \$2,434.00     |
| Sunday 8 am | 197         | \$1,173.00     |
| 10 am       | 132         | \$1,388.00     |
| 12 pm       | 115         | \$676.00       |
| 7 pm        | 309         | \$1,585.00     |
| Total       | 811         | \$7,256.00     |
|             | Coins       | \$24.93        |
|             | Grand Total | \$7,280.93     |

Online Giving Funds



## WEEK AT - A - GLANCE

Sunday, July 16

No meeting scheduled

Monday, July 17

No meeting scheduled

Tuesday, July 18

No meeting scheduled

Wednesday, July 19

No meeting scheduled

Thursday, July 20

Bible Study 6:30 pm

Friday, July 21

Divine Mercy Chaplet  
7pm

Saturday, July 22

No meeting scheduled

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank You!*

To the 122 donors that helped the parish the week of  
Sunday July 2nd, 2023.

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

**A second collection notice is for  
Hope for the Future: Tuition Assistance**



On October 15



**Thank you  
Gracias**

## Question of the Week

What kind of fruitful work am I able to do?  
How can I change my behavior or attitude  
so that I may bear fruit?

¿Qué tipo de trabajo fructífero puedo  
hacer? ¿Cómo puedo cambiar mi  
comportamiento o actitud para que  
pueda dar fruto?

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



## St. Benedict Prayer

Gracious and Holy Father,  
give us the wisdom to discover You,  
the intelligence to understand You,  
the diligence to seek after You,  
the patience to wait for You,  
eyes to behold You,  
a heart to meditate upon You,  
and a life to proclaim You,  
through the power of the  
Spirit of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.



# Announcement

## NEW WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Effective August 6, 2023

Saturday at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am - Spanish (New)

Sunday @ 11:00 am (New)

Sunday at 7:00 pm - Spanish



## NUEVOS HORARIOS DE MISA DE FIN DE SEMANA

Efectivo el 6 de Agosto 2023

Sábado a las 5:30 pm

Domingo a las 8:30 am - Español (Nuevo)

Domingo a las 11:00 am - (Nuevo)

Domingo a las 7:00 pm - Español

## GOODBYE!

We bid farewell and extend our heartfelt thanks to our former staff member, **Sierra Machorro**, as she moves on to a new career opportunity. We are very thankful for her service to our parish community. We wish her abundant blessings and success in her future endeavors.





## Having a special event?



## Book the Hall as your lovely venue!

- Weddings
- Birthday Parties
- Baby Showers
- and many more!

Call the Parish Office for  
available dates and  
more details!  
210-924-6000



July 9th

# Up Coming Events...

Do you love to sing and play an instrument, or know someone who does?

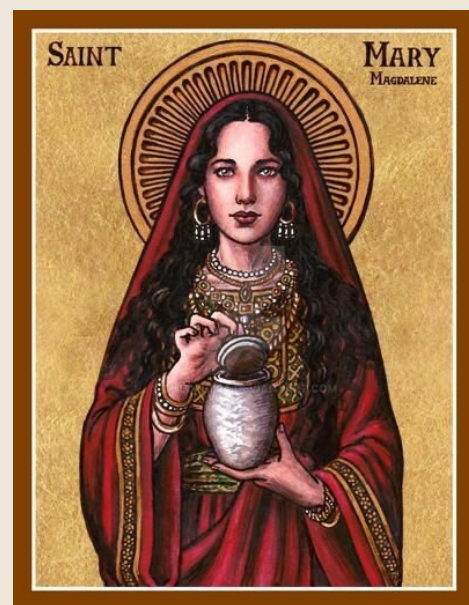
ST. LEONARD'S INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY! WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE 10 AM CHOIR. IF INTRESTED PLEASE CALL 210-924-600.

¡ST. LEONARDO TE INVITA A UNIRTE A NUESTRO MINISTERIO DE MÚSICA! ESTAMOS BUSCANDO MÁS PERSONAS PARA UNIRSE AL CORO DE LAS 10 AM. SI ESTÁ INTERESADO POR FAVOR LLAME 210-924-600.

## Saint of the Week

July 22

**St. Mary Magdalene** was a devoted disciple and close friend of Jesus during the time of His ministry, and one of the few who remained with Him during His agony on the Cross. She was one of the three women who went to anoint His body in the tomb on Easter morning, becoming the first person to announce the Resurrection to others, when she went and told the Apostles that He had risen.



**Santa María Magdalena** fue una devota discípula y amiga cercana de Jesús durante el tiempo de Su ministerio, y una de las pocas que permaneció con Él durante Su agonía en la Cruz. Ella fue una de las tres mujeres que fueron a ungir Su cuerpo en la tumba en la mañana de Pascua, convirtiéndose en la primera persona en anunciar la Resurrección a los demás, cuando fue y les dijo a los Apóstoles que había resucitado.

# Church Rummage Sale

Parish Parking Lot | \$15 per space  
Saturdays | Sabados | 8 a.m. - 2p.m.

August 19  
September 2  
October 14  
November 18



## St. Leonard Bible Study

Join us  
Weekly on Thursdays  
at church  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

# LETS BAPTIZE YOUR CHILD VAMOS A BAUTIZAR A TO HIJO

## REGISTRATION

Baptismal registration form must be submitted before the process begins. Forms are available through the Parish Office. The registration and class fee is \$60.00. Sponsors must have received all sacraments and provide certificates at time of registration.

Baptism  
Holy Communion  
Confirmation  
Holy Matrimony

El formulario de registro de bautismo debe presentarse antes de que comience el proceso. Los formularios están disponibles a través de la Oficina Parroquial. El costo de inscripción y clase es de \$60.00. Los patrocinadores deben haber recibido todos los sacramentos y proporcionar certificados al momento de la inscripción.

Bautismo  
Sagrada comunión  
Confirmación  
Santo matrimonio

## Class

Baptismal classes are held every 4th Monday of the month! We require all documents to be submitted to the Parish Office no later than one week prior to the start of class.

¡Las clases bautismales se llevan a cabo cada cuarto lunes del mes! Requerimos que todos los documentos se envíen a la Oficina Parroquial a más tardar una semana antes del comienzo de la clase.

## Baptism

The sacrament of baptism ushers us into the divine life, cleanses us from sin, and initiates us as members of the Catholic community. It is the foundation for sacramental life. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God. Baptism ceremonies are held on the 3rd Saturday following the completion of the class.

El sacramento del bautismo nos introduce en la vida divina, nos limpia del pecado y nos inicia como miembros de la comunidad católica. Es el fundamento de la vida sacramental. Por el Bautismo somos liberados del pecado y renacidos como hijos e hijas de Dios. Las ceremonias de bautismo se llevan a cabo el tercer sábado siguiente a la finalización de la clase.

We invite you to say this prayer for  
protection against the influence  
of evil forces

## ***The Unity Prayer***

My adorable Jesus,  
May our feet Journey together.  
May our hands gather in unity.  
May our hearts beat in unison.  
May our souls be in harmony.  
May our thoughts be as one.  
May our ears listen to  
the silence together.  
May our glances  
profoundly  
penetrate each other.  
May our lips pray together to  
gain mercy from the Eternal Father.  
Amen.

## ***Oración de Unidad***

Adorado Jesús,  
Que nuestros pies vayan juntos.  
Que nuestras manos recojan unidas.  
Que nuestros corazones latan al unísono.  
Que nuestro interior sienta lo mismo.  
Que el pensamiento de nuestras mentes sea uno.  
Que nuestros oídos escuchen  
juntos el silencio .  
Que nuestras miradas se  
compenetren profundamente  
fundiendo la una en la otra.  
Que nuestros labios supliquen juntos  
al Eterno Padre para alcanzar misericordia.  
Amén.



PILGRIM CENTER of HOPE invites women of all faith journeys



**Catholic Women's CONFERENCE**  
"Come to Me"  
*Matthew 11:28*

**July 28 & 29, 2023**  
Friday & Saturday  
Phoenician Ballroom | San Antonio  
St. George Maronite Church

*Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio*  
**Most Rev. Gary Janak**

*Speaking on Prayer*  
**Fr. Paul Melgarejo**

*Conference Founder, Pilgrim Center of Hope*  
**Mary Jane Fox**

*Healing Through God the Father's Heart*  
**Consolation Through Heavenly Mother's Heart**

*Sister Elizabeth Ann Dockery*  
*Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ*

*Answering the Call: Doing Something Beautiful for God*  
**Veronica Peña-Montalvo**  
*Founder, The Great Commission Theatre*

*Discerning God's Will In Our Lives: How Listening to the Lord Can Bring Enlightenment and Direction*

*Living Hope Each Day Can Bring Joy*  
**Paula Umama**  
*Wife, Mother, Former Athlete*  
*Hailing from Costa Rica, Paula is a former professional tennis player. After her 5th childbirth, she suddenly became sick due to a nervous system disorder called CIDP which left her quadriplegic. She now shares her story of faith to inspire others.*

Featuring Eucharistic Adoration: Time with Jesus the Divine **Healer**

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# CZECH DAY CELEBRATION

**JULY 16, 2023**  
ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH — JOURDANTON



**AUTHENTIC CZECH MEAL — 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM — \$10.00**  
(SAUSAGE, CZECH POTATOES, HOMEMADE SAUERKRAUT, GREEN BEANS, PEACHES, DESSERT, & TEA)

**CZECH MUSIC BY THE RUSTY STEINS**



**Czech Day Mass**  
11:00 AM  
Bishop Gary Janak officiating

**\*RAFFLE\***

**KOLACHES**  
(SALE STARTS AT 12:00 PM)

**SAUERKRAUT**  
(FOR SALE AFTER 1:00 PM)

\*\*\* ALL SALES BENEFIT THE BUILDING FUND \*\*\*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DENISE NETANDUS (530) 480-0885 OR CHURCH OFFICE (530) 769-3687

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day – July 16, 2023**



**Why Do Catholics Wear Scapulars**

*The scapular is a sacramental. It comes from the Latin word scapula, which means "shoulder blade." It is made of two rectangular squares of cloth attached by strings. It is placed over the head, and worn with one square in front and the other in back.*

*Tradition tells us that Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251. Simon was a prior general of the Carmelites and had been praying for the order, which was undergoing intense trials. It is said that Mary appeared to him, surrounded by angels, and gave him the scapular, saying:*

*"Receive, my beloved son, this habit of thy order...whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire."*



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Pray For Us**

# Reflection on the Gospel



Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

## *Readings for the week*

**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23  
or 13:1-9 (103) Pss III

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1 (389)

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24 (390)

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27 (391)

El Evangelio de hoy marca el comienzo del tercer largo discurso de Jesús en el Evangelio de Mateo. Durante las próximas semanas, las lecturas del Evangelio consistirán en todo el Capítulo 13 del Evangelio de Mateo, un largo discurso de enseñanza.

A lo largo de este discurso, Jesús ofrecerá varias parábolas para ilustrar a sus oyentes lo que quiere decir con el reino de los cielos. Comienza con la parábola del sembrador, que parece bastante sencilla: por supuesto, las semillas crecen mejor en buena tierra. Las semillas que no tocan la tierra, que se siembran en terreno pedregoso o que se siembran entre otras plantas, no crecerán. La sorpresa de la parábola es el enorme rendimiento de la semilla que se siembra en buena tierra.

Jesús luego explica su uso de las parábolas. Jesús parece sugerir que usa parábolas para enseñar porque los significados de las parábolas no son evidentes. El oyente debe involucrarse en algún grado de reflexión para comprender el mensaje de una parábola. De esta manera, el medio, la parábola, modela el punto de la parábola del sembrador. Aquellos que estén dispuestos a comprometerse en el esfuerzo de comprender serán recompensados por el descubrimiento del mensaje y darán frutos.

Para aclarar el punto, Jesús interpreta la parábola del sembrador a sus discípulos. Los diferentes tipos de suelo en que se siembran las semillas son metáforas de la disposición con que cada individuo escucha la enseñanza sobre el reino de los cielos. Algunos serán fácilmente apartados del reino de los cielos. Algunos lo recibirán por un tiempo pero lo perderán cuando enfrenten dificultades. Algunos oirán la palabra pero luego permitirán que otros cuidados la ahoguen. Sin embargo, algunos la recibirán bien, y la semilla dará fruto abundante.

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30 (392)

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8 (393)

**Saturday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (603) Pss Prop