

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!

## 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.

*Bienvenidos a Nuestra Parroquia!*



4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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](mailto:Pastor@stleonardsa.org)

**Deacons**

Rev. Dcn Charles R. (Rusty) Gamez

Rev. Dcn Jose Hernandez (retired)

**Bookkeeper**

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**Maintenance**

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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

†Fernando V. Medellin  
1st Anniversary

†Maria Luisa Carillo

†Guadalupe Sosa

†Alejandro M. Gamez

For the Health of Jose Salinas

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Severiano Mata

†Maria y †Manuel Lozano

En acción de gracias por el

cumpleaños de

Cristiano Luna-Chavez y

Eloisa Mata

11:00 a.m.

†Maria C. Martinez

†Jesus Martinez

†Olivia C. Moreno

†Mary Ellen Garcia

For the Health of Richard &

Carmen Cervantes,

Paul Sullenberger &

Azrael Rey Espinoza

Jose Huerta - 90th Birthday

7:00 p.m.

†Pedro Sanchez Garcia



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

*Fernando Medellin & Jesus Martinez*

**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...*

Frederick Acosta, Amanda Alvarez, Bertha & Gabriel Canales, Carey App, Devyn Casias, Irma Castro, Richard & Carmen Cervantes, Mary Cruz, Rosalie Croom, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, David & Maria Garcia, Melody 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, Susie Owens, Rosario Perez, Gloria Perusquia, Frank Rodriguez, Jose Salinas, Nancy Vallejo, 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.*

| Masses                                    | Attendance | Total Offering    |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Saturday                                  | 82         | \$3,008.26        |
| Sunday                                    |            |                   |
| 8:30 a.m.                                 | 238        | \$1,520.27        |
| 11:00 a.m.                                | 310        | \$2,094.21        |
| 7:00 p.m.                                 | 200        | \$1,185.44        |
| Total                                     | 830        | \$7,808.18        |
| Online                                    | 16         | \$879.00          |
| <b>Grand Total Offering 2/26-3/3/2024</b> |            | <b>\$8,687.18</b> |

*Thank You! ¡Gracias!*

To all the donors who helped the parish the week of March 3, 2024. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

*A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 3de marzo de 2024. ¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!*

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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK AT A-GLANCE

Sunday, March 10  
Faith Formation Classes

Monday, March 11  
No meetings scheduled

Tuesday, March 12  
Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, March 13  
Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, March 14  
Faith Formation Parent  
Session - 6:30pm Hall Rm #1  
Sanctus Young Adult Book  
Study 6:30pm Hall

Friday, March 15  
Fish Fry 11am - 6pm  
RCIA Practice - 6pm Church  
Stations of the Cross  
6:30pm - Church  
Lenten Talk -7pm Church  
Divine Mercy to follow

Saturday, March 16  
No meetings scheduled

## Question of the Week

Am I willing to live out my faith in the light of day, even when it makes me uncomfortable because I am ridiculed or rejected by much of society?

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¿Estoy dispuesto a vivir mi fe a la luz del día, aun cuando me sienta incómodo por ser ridiculizado o rechazado por la mayoría de la sociedad?



Bulletin Announcements

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



Lead by
Guadalupe Society

Join us Friday at 6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross

March 15th | 15 de Marzo
Bilingual | Bilingue

Via Crucis

*Únete a nosotros el
viernes a las 6:30 pm*

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.



Funeral Services for Alice B. Gamez at St. Leonard

Visitation: Monday, March 11th
4pm-6pm followed by
Rosary: 6:30pm

Funeral Mass: Tuesday, March 12th at
11:00am, followed by
Burial: Fort Sam Houston Natl. Cemetary



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ADVERTISING**

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your support

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7 PM - 9 PM
15 MARCH

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

*An evening of
Spiritual Enrichment*

Join us for a talk
A Path to Spiritual Growth

Fr. Krikor Chahin

St. Leonard Catholic Church - 8510 S. Zarzamora ~ 210 924-6000

GROWING IN FAITH

PILGRIM CENTER of HOPE INVITES MEN of ALL FAITH JOURNEYS



CMC

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
"Master, I want to see." - Mark 10:51
SAT., APR. 20, 2024
 St. Luke Banquet Hall, 4603 Manitow, San Antonio, TX 78228

ARCHBISHOP GUSTAVO GARCIA-SILLER MSPS	CEO & FORMER ELITE NAVY SEAL OFFICER SAM BLAIR	EWTV CHAPLAIN FR. JOSEPH MARY WOLFE MFVA	AWARD-WINNING NISD ATHLETICS DIRECTOR STAN LAING	AWARD-WINNING EDUCATOR & SONGWRITER EDDIE CAVAZOS
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STRENGTH
forgiveness &
REMOVING OBSTACLES

TEAM JESUS
What Matters Most?

THE IMPORTANCE of CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINE

TRUE FREEDOM + PEACE

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT TO BEGIN ANEW IN CHRIST.

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ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC ~ March 15

St. Louise was born in 1591, the daughter of Louis de Marillac, a French nobleman. She never knew her mother who died shortly after her birth. She was co-founder with Saint Vincent de Paul of the Daughters of Charity. She had a profound conviction of God's love for her and for His people. She nursed the sick poor in their homes and in hospitals, as well took care of older people and abandoned children. By the time she died in 1660, there were more than forty houses of the Daughters of Charity in France, and the sick and poor were cared for in their own dwellings in twenty-six parishes in Paris. De Marillac was canonized by Pope Pius XI on March 11, 1934.

Santa Luisa nació en 1591, hija de Luis de Marillac, un noble francés. Nunca conoció a su madre, quien murió poco después de su nacimiento. Fue cofundadora con San Vicente de Paúl de las Hijas de la Caridad. Tenía una profunda convicción del amor de Dios por ella y por su pueblo. Cuidó a los enfermos pobres en sus casas y en los hospitales, también cuidó a las personas mayores y a los niños abandonados. Cuando murió en 1660, había más de cuarenta casas de las Hijas de la Caridad en Francia, y los enfermos y los pobres eran atendidos en sus propias viviendas en veintiséis parroquias de París. De Marillac fue canonizado por el Papa Pío XI el 11 de marzo de 1934.



St. Louise de Marillac
Pray for us

LENTEN RETREAT

EVANGELIZATION ~ HEALING ~ ADORATION ~ PRAISE & WORSHIP

RETIRO DE CUARESMA

PREPÁRATE PARA UNA SEMANA SANTA EN PLENITUD
 ALABANZA ~ PREDICACION ~ SANACION ~ ADORACION

TANTO AMO DIOS AL MUNDO, QUE LE ENTREGO A SU HIJO UNICO...
JN 3, 16

RSVP by March 15th



DCN. OTTMAR TOVAR ALMANZA
ENGLISH SPEAKER

LUIS NAJARRO
SALVADORENO

DARWIN LECHLER
MEXICANO

~FREE~
ENTRADA GRATUITA

IGLESIA SAN LEOARDO
 (SALON PARROQUIAL)
 8510 S ZARZAMORA ST
 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78224
 PARA TODA LA FAMILIA
 TELEPHONE 924-6000

23 MARZO 2024
 8AM - 1PM
 LUNCH BREAK
 11 AM TO 12PM

Lent 2024

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH

SUN 10

"So they said to him, 'Who are you?'" Jn 8:25

Who is Jesus in your life? Let this question be a conversation starter about the place of Jesus in your home and family.

MON 11

"You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks." Ps 30:12

Send a card offering cheer and comfort to someone who is sad or lonely.

TUE 12

"Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your mat, and walk. Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.'" Jn 5:8-9

Offer a family prayer for all of those who need healing. Look for ways to bring God's merciful love to others.

WED 13

"And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus." Lk 16:20

Read the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). Decide on a way your family can reach out to someone who needs comfort and healing.

THU 14

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Th 5:17

Discuss as a family how you can follow Saint Paul's command. How will you keep Jesus in your minds and hearts each day of the Lenten season and always?

FRI 15

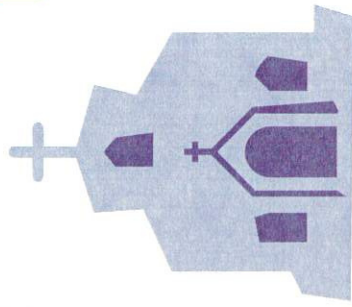
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." Lk 15:21

Check your parish bulletin for dates and times of a Lenten Reconciliation service. Make plans to attend, in person or virtually.

SAT 16

"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair." Jn 12:3

Mary of Bethany shared something precious with Jesus. What will you give to others this week that shows your love for Jesus?



Gospel

Reflection

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

El cuarto domingo de Cuaresma a veces se llama Domingo Laetare. Laetare es una palabra latina que significa "alegrarse". Tradicionalmente, los domingos reciben el nombre de la primera palabra de la antífona de apertura de la liturgia. En este domingo, la antífona está tomada del libro del profeta Isaías (Isaías 66:10-11). Incluso mientras observamos nuestros sacrificios de Cuaresma, nos regocijamos anticipando el gozo que tendremos en la Pascua.

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy está tomada del Evangelio de Juan. Está formado por dos partes. La primera parte es la frase final de la respuesta de Jesús a Nicodemo, el fariseo que se acercó a Jesús por la noche. Nicodemo reconoció a Jesús como alguien que había venido de Dios y parecía querer ser un seguidor de Jesús. Jesús saludó a Nicodemo con la observación de que hay que nacer de lo alto para ver el Reino de Dios. El diálogo entre Jesús y Nicodemo que siguió fue sobre el significado de esta frase. Nicodemo malinterpretó a Jesús en todo momento, pero no hubo animosidad en las preguntas que le planteó.

En la parte de la conversación con Nicodemo en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se refirió a un incidente relatado en el Antiguo Testamento. Cuando los israelitas se quejaron contra el Señor durante su estancia en el desierto, Dios envió serpientes venenosas para castigarlos por sus quejas. Los israelitas se arrepintieron y pidieron a Moisés que orara por ellos. El Señor escuchó la oración de Moisés y le ordenó que hiciera una serpiente de bronce y la montara en un poste. Todos los que habían sido mordidos por una serpiente y luego miraron la serpiente de bronce fueron curados. Al recordar esta historia, Jesús alude a la salvación que se realizaría mediante su muerte y resurrección.

La segunda parte del evangelio de hoy es una reflexión teológica sobre las palabras de Jesús a Nicodemo. El Evangelio de Juan es conocido por este tipo de reflexión que se ofrece dentro de la narrativa. Las palabras del evangelista están en continuidad con las palabras del prólogo del Evangelio de Juan. En estas reflexiones, Juan profundiza en una serie de temas que se encuentran en su Evangelio: la luz y las tinieblas, la fe y la incredulidad, el bien y el mal, la salvación y la condenación.

En la reflexión de Juan encontramos una observación sobre la pecaminosidad humana. Jesús es la luz que ha venido al mundo, pero la gente prefirió las tinieblas. Deseamos mantener nuestros pecados ocultos, incluso ante Dios. Jesús ha venido al mundo para revelar nuestros pecados para que sean perdonados. Éstas son las buenas noticias; es el motivo de nuestro regocijo en este tiempo de Cuaresma y a lo largo de nuestra vida.

Readings for the week

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53