

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!*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH STAFF

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Maintenance - Victor Moreno

November 19, 2023

## 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.



**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**  
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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

**Ushers**

Janie Gonzalez

# Mass Intentions

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

†Isabel Ortiz

Preston Trinkle - Health

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Aurelia Olivia Flores

†Margaret Alva

†Paulina Alva

Fausto Escamilla - Por Salud

Sotero Reyes - Por Salud

11:00 a.m.

†Clara G. Ortiz

†Erica Mares

†Christine Yopez

†Amos F. Longoria

Azrael Rey Espinoza

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays

of Everen Serda &

Ileana Serda

7:00 p.m.

†Gilberto Cisneros Delgado

†Salvador Lozano

†Felipe Avelar y †Reyes Gutierrez

†Isabel Ortiz

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

†Jesus Zapata

Eleazar Zapata - paz

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

*Fernando Medellin*

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...*

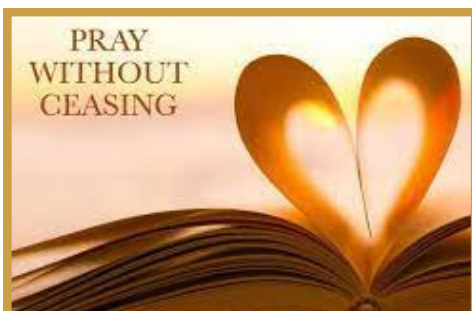
Moyses Aguirre, Bertha & Gabriel Canales, Andrea Cantu, Devyn Casias, Mary Cruz, Rosalie Croom, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, Alice B. Gamez, David & Maria Garcia, Earnest M. Garcia, Miguel Ojeda, Letty Orozco Gonzalez, Dave Guevara, Margarita Guillen, Jose and Rosa Huerta, David Leal, Pat Longoria,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

*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.



# Stewardship

*sharing the gifts we have been given*

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is “the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.” We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. 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. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus’ name.

**Amen.**

*Oh Señor, dador de vida y fuente de nuestra libertad, se nos recuerda que Tuya es “la tierra en su plenitud; el mundo y los que en él habitan”. Sabemos que de tu mano hemos recibido todo lo que tenemos, somos y seremos. 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. Oramos esto con corazones agradecidos en el nombre de Jesús.*

**Amén.**

Parish offering for November 7 – 12, 2023

| Masses             | Attendance   | Total Offering    |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>    | 92           | \$1,545.00        |
| <b>Sunday</b>      |              |                   |
| 8:30 a.m.          | 217          | \$1,403.00        |
| 11:00 a.m.         | 235          | \$1,728.00        |
| 7:00 p.m.          | 167          | \$1,035.00        |
| <b>Total</b>       | 711          | \$5,711.00        |
|                    | <b>Coins</b> | \$16.04           |
| <b>Online</b>      | 14           | \$691.00          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |              | <b>\$6,418.04</b> |

*Thank You!*

To all the donors that helped the parish the week of November 12, 2023

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

*A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 12 de noviembre de 2023.*

*¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK AT A- GLANCE

Sunday, November 19  
Faith Formation Classes

Monday, November 20  
A.C.T.S. Men's Director Mtg.

Tuesday, November 21  
Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, November 22  
Faith Formation Classes  
Thanksgiving Mass 6:30pm  
Bilingual

Thursday, November 23  
Happy Thanksgiving Day  
Parish office Closed

Friday, November 24  
Parish Office Closed  
NO 8:30am Mass

Saturday, November 25  
No Meetings Scheduled

## Question of the Week

How do I share my gifts?  
What talent have I been told  
I have but am afraid to  
share out in the open?

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¿Cómo comparto mis
dones? ¿Qué talento me
han dicho que tengo, pero
me da miedo compartirlo
abiertamente?



Bulletin Announcements

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

We kindly ask the community to
donate clear/white Christmas
lights to be used for holiday
decorations. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

God has given each of us unique gifts and talents. We encourage you to invest in our parish by using your gifts to serve others. If you have skills and willing to share, please contact the parish office

Church Rummage Sale

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

November 18

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.



Altar Servers Monaguillos

November 26th is the Feast Day of **St. John Berchman**, the Patron Saint of Altar Servers.

On Saturday, November 25th & Sunday, November 26th we will honor and recognize all our Altar Servers at each mass.

Parents, please contact Mr. Herman Sanchez at 210 355-3988 or sancheziiherman@gmail.com by Friday, Nov. 24th to give him the name of your child and which mass they will be attending. Thank you.

*El 26 de noviembre es la fiesta de **San Juan Berchman**, el Santo Patrón de los Monaguillos.*

El sábado 25 y domingo 26 de noviembre honraremos y reconoceremos a todos nuestros monaguillos en cada misa.

Los padres deben comunicarse con el Señor Herman Sanchez al 210 355-3988 o sancheziiherman@gmail.com antes del viernes 24 de noviembre para darle el nombre de su hijo y a qué misa asistirá. Gracias.

BEWARE OF SCAMS / CUIDADO CON LAS ESTAFAS

Stay vigilant against scams! As holidays approach, scammers may impersonate church officials or use Fr. Servando's name to deceive you. Fr. Servando and church representatives will NEVER request money via text or email. If contacted, ask questions and refrain from sharing personal information. Verify or report calls by contacting the parish office. ¡Manténgase alerta contra las estafas! A medida que se acercan los días festivos, los estafadores pueden hacerse pasar por funcionarios de la iglesia o utilizar el nombre de Padre Servando para engañarte. Padre Servando y los representantes de la iglesia NUNCA solicitarán dinero por mensaje de texto o correo electrónico. Si lo contactan, haga preguntas y absténgase de compartir información personal. Verifique o reporte llamadas comunicándose con la oficina parroquial.

UPDATED SEE BELOW

Liturgical Calendar of Events Calendario Litúrgico de Eventos

November	22	Wednesday	6:30pm	Thanksgiving Mass - Bilingual
December	3	Sunday	- - -	1st Day of Advent The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass - Bilingual (Holyday of Obligation)
December	8	Friday	6:30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day - Mariachis @ Placita, refreshments follow
December	12	Tuesday	6:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Mass - Bilingual, reception follows
December	12	Tuesday	6:30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Mass - Bilingual, reception follows
December	17	Sunday	5:00pm	Gran Posada, reception follows NO 7PM MASS
December	24	Sunday	8:30am 11:00am	Regular Sunday Mass - NO 7PM MASS
December	24	Sunday	5:00pm	Children's Christmas Mass & Pageant
December	25	Monday	10:00am	The Nativity of The Lord Mass - Bilingual (Holyday of Obligation)
December	31	Sunday	8:30am 11:00am	Regular Sunday Mass - NO 7PM MASS
January	1	Monday	10:00am	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass - Bilingual (Holyday of Obligation)



SAVE

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH

In Observance of Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Dinner



PILGRIM'S PANTRY
THANKSGIVING 2023
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HELP US CELEBRATE!
HOME COOKED THANKSGIVING DINNER AND DESSERT.
NO COST TO YOU.
THERE WILL BE DRIVE-BY SERVING ON THANKSGIVING DAY.
COME TO PICK UP DINNERS AND DESSERTS FOR YOUR FAMILY.
WE WILL SERVE YOU UNTIL THE FOOD RUNS OUT. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY!
WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
TIME: 11:30 am TO 1:30 pm
WHERE: OUR LADY OF ANGELS, THE HALL PARKING LOT, ENTER FROM STONEWALL ST,
1214 STONEWALL
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78211
OFFICE PHONE NO. 210-924-6591

La comida del

Día de Acción de Gracias



DESPENSA DEL PEREGRINOS
(PILGRIM'S PANTRY)
DIA DE DAR GRACIAS
JUEVES, EL 23 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2023

TODOS INVITADOS A CELEBRAR!
COMIDA Y POSTRE - HECHO EN CASA
SOLAMENTE PARA LLEVAR.
ABSOLUTAMENTE GRATIS.
LLEVANTANDO SUS PLATILLOS.
FAVOR DE LLEGAR TEMPRANO SE SERVIRA HASTA QUE SE ACABE.
TIEMPO DE SERVIR: 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM O HASTA AGOTAR PLATILLOS
DONDE: NUESTRA SENORA DE LOS ANGELES
1214 STONEWALL
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78211
FAVOR DE ENTRAR POR LA CALLE STONEWALL Y ESTACIONESE EN EL ESTACIONAMIENTO DEL SALON.
PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAME TEL. 210-924-6591

*"In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you
in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

**On behalf of Fr. Servando, Sr. Blanca & the
St. Leonard Staff we wish you a safe and
Happy Thanksgiving**

***Padre Servando, Sr. Blanca y el personal de
San Leonardo les deseamos un feliz
Día de Acción de Gracias***



A Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear God, we thank You for this meal and for all the hands that helped prepare it. We give You thanks most of all for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Please bless the food we eat, all who are gathered today to share it, and all our loved ones who can't be with us today. We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Una oración de acción de gracias

Amado Dios, te damos gracias por esta comida y por todas las manos que ayudaron a prepararla. Te damos gracias sobre todo por el regalo de Tu Hijo, Jesús. Por favor, bendice la comida que comemos, a todos los que están reunidos hoy para compartirla y a todos nuestros seres queridos que no pueden estar con nosotros hoy. Pedimos esto como pedimos todas las cosas, por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #7808

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

Today's 11:00am Mass is in memory of the following members:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| †Herman Avila | †Trinidad Orta |
| †Nicholas Barratachea | †Oscar Perez |
| †Edward Brieno | †Joe Quintero |
| †Felix Castillo | †Ray Ramos |
| †John Contreras | †Oscar Reyes |
| †Blas Delgado | †Fernando Rocha |
| †Charlie Gamez | †Raul V. Rodriguez |
| †Homero Garza | †Gilberto Salazar |
| †Humberto Gutierrez | †Arturo Salomon |
| †Juan C. Ibarra | †Bernardo Saucedo |
| †Lucio Leal | †David Sosa, Sr. |
| †Daniel R. Lucio | †Luis A. Tellez |
| †Ernest Maldonado | †Victor Valadez |
| †Simon Marin | †Eugene Villarreal |
| †Joe Martinez | †Demetrio Zamarripa |
| †Pablo Mendoza | |

MAY GOD GRANT PEACE TO THE DEARLY DEPARTED.

FAITH FORMATION

THIS WEEKS THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE



SERVICIO DE ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS DE ESTA SEMANA



Growing in Faith

DARE TO BELIEVE



IN THE TRUE PRESENCE



THANK YOU!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our generous parishioner for the beautiful New Sanctuary Lamp placed by the Tabernacle. Your kindness and dedication to our community are truly inspiring. May God's blessings be with you always.

~ The Sanctuary Lamp burns night and day before the Lord as a testimony of His presence. ~

Gracias!

Extendemos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a nuestra generosa feligresa por la hermosa Nueva Lámpara del Santuario colocada junto al Tabernáculo. Su amabilidad y dedicación a nuestra comunidad son verdaderamente inspiradoras. Que las bendiciones de Dios estén siempre con ustedes.

~ La Lámpara del Santuario arde noche y día ante el Señor como testimonio de Su presencia. ~

SAINT OF THE WEEK ~ November 22

St. Cecilia lived 2nd or 3rd century A.D. She was married against her will to the future St. Valerian, then a pagan. She told Valerian that an angel of God wished her to remain a virgin. He promised to respect this wish if he were allowed to see the angel. She replied that he would if he were baptized. On his return from baptism he found Cecilia talking to the angel. She then converted his brother Tiburtius, who also saw the angel. Both men were martyred before she was.

St. Cecilia distributed her possessions to the poor, which enraged the prefect Almachius, who ordered her to be burned. When the flames did not harm her, she was beheaded. She was highly venerated in the early Roman Church and is the patron saint of musicians.

Santa Cecilia vivió en el siglo II o III d.C. Se casó contra su voluntad con el futuro San Valeriano, entonces pagano. Le dijo a Valeriano que un ángel de Dios deseaba que permaneciera virgen. Prometió respetar este deseo si se le permitía ver al ángel. Ella respondió que lo haría si fuera bautizado. Al regresar del bautismo encontró a Cecilia hablando con el ángel. Luego convirtió a su hermano Tiburcio, quien también vio al ángel. Ambos hombres fueron martirizados antes que ella.

Santa Cecilia distribuyó sus bienes entre los pobres, lo que enfureció al prefecto Almaquio, quien ordenó quemarla. Cuando las llamas no le hicieron daño, fue decapitada. Fue muy venerada en la Iglesia Romana primitiva y es la patrona de los músicos.



St. Cecilia
Pray for us

Gospel

Reflection

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

En el Evangelio de esta semana, Jesús habla de lo que significa estar preparado para recibir el Reino de los Cielos. La lectura de esta semana sigue una serie de advertencias y predicciones de Jesús sobre la venida del Hijo del Hombre. Jesús quiere que sus discípulos entiendan que no se puede predecir el día y la hora exactos. Enseña a los discípulos que deben permanecer vigilantes para que no los pillen desprevenidos.

Al pensar en la parábola de las vírgenes prudentes y las insensatas, es importante considerar las tradiciones nupciales de Palestina del primer siglo. Los eruditos nos dicen que era costumbre de la época que las jóvenes doncellas, amigas y familiares de la novia, recibieran al novio cuando éste venía a llevar a su novia a su nuevo hogar.

Como ocurre con muchas de las parábolas de Jesús, son posibles varios niveles de interpretación. En el Evangelio de la semana pasada, escuchamos a Jesús advertir contra seguir el ejemplo de los fariseos y los escribas. Si se lee en el contexto de la lucha del cristianismo primitivo por definirse contra el judaísmo farisaico, esta parábola es una crítica continua del judaísmo. Sugiere que los líderes judíos eran como las vírgenes insensatas, no preparadas para encontrarse con Jesús, el novio de Israel.

Sin embargo, en el capítulo que precede a esta parábola, Jesús advierte sobre la destrucción de Jerusalén, la tribulación del fin de los tiempos y la venida del Hijo del Hombre. Cuando se lee en este contexto, la parábola de hoy es una advertencia a la comunidad cristiana para que permanezca vigilante y preparada para recibir a Jesús, el Hijo del Hombre que regresará al final de los tiempos. Esta interpretación se apoya en la referencia a la demora del novio. La comunidad cristiana para quien Mateo escribió este Evangelio estaba asumiendo que la promesa del regreso de Jesús no se cumpliría durante sus vidas. La pregunta que nos queda por hacernos es: ¿Estamos listos para recibir a Jesús? ¿Estaremos preparados para recibirlo?

Readings for the week

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 (157) Pss I

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43 (497)

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10 (498)

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28 (499)

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44 (500) or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God" (943-947)

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48 (501)

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40 (502)