

St. Leonard Catholic Church

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**Welcome to Our Parish!**

*¡Bienvenidos a Nuestra Parroquia!*

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH STAFF

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Maintenance - Victor Moreno

November 26, 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**  
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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.

†Gilbert Perusquia

†John A. Longoria, Jr.

†Fernando Medellin

Wilfred & Marilyn Haberman-  
60th Marriage Anniversary

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

†Katy Bustamante

†Abel Esquivel

Azrael Rey Espinoza

In Thanksgiving for Birthday  
of Ofelia Villanueva

7:00 p.m.

†Gilberto Cisneros Delgado

†Salvador Lozano

†Felipe Avelar y †Reyes Gutierrez

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

†Armando S. Cardenas

Friday 8:30 a.m.

†Baby Rogelio Fernandez

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

*Gilbert Perusquia*

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...*

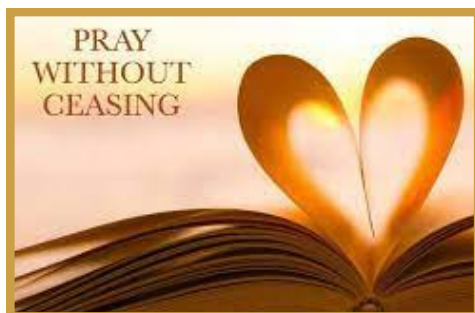
Moyses Aguirre, Bertha & Gabriel Canales, Andrea Cantu, Devyn Casias, Mary Cruz, Rosalie Croom, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, Alice B. Gamez, David & Maria Garcia, Earnest M. Garcia, Miguel Ojeda, Letty Orozco Gonzalez, Dave Guevara, Margarita Guillen, Jose and Rosa Huerta, David Leal, Pat Longoria, Roxanne Longoria, Michael Lopez, Margarita Ortiz, Gloria Perusquia, Luisa Vallejo Robles, Lisa Rubio, Esther Saenz, Paula Segovia, Joe Solis, 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.



PRAY  
WITHOUT  
CEASING

# 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 14 – 19, 2023

| Masses                | Attendance                     | Total Offering   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>       | 92                             | \$3,124.00       |
| <b>Sunday</b>         |                                |                  |
| 8:30 a.m.             | 247                            | \$1361.00        |
| 11:00 a.m.            | 254                            | \$1740.00        |
| 7:00 p.m.             | 276                            | \$1365.00        |
| <b>Total</b>          | 858                            | \$7590.00        |
|                       | <b>Coins</b>                   | \$18.60          |
| <b>Online</b>         | 14                             | \$734.00         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>    |                                | <b>\$8342.60</b> |
| <b>2nd Collection</b> | Campaign for Human Development | <b>\$180.00</b>  |

*Thank You!*

To all the donors that helped the parish the week of November 19, 2023

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

*A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 19 de noviembre de 2023.*

*¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK AT A- GLANCE

Sunday, November 26

No Faith Formation Classes

Monday, November 27

Baptism Prep Class 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 28

Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, November 29

Faith Formation Classes

All Ministries Leaders Mtg.

6:30pm Parish Office

Friday, December 1

Divine Mercy 7pm Chapel

Saturday, December 2

Rummage Sale 8am-2pm

## Question of the Week

Whom do I overlook and in whom do I fail to see Christ?  
How can I force myself to look past surface impressions?

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¿A quién paso por alto y en quién no veo a Cristo?
¿Cómo puedo obligarme a mirar más allá de las impresiones superficiales?



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.

December 2

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.



The Commissioning of St. Leonard's new Guadalupe Society member, Diane Oviedo



Come see
St. Leonard's
new facebook page



ACTS Ministry Breakfast Taco Sale

When: Sunday,
November 26, 2023

Time: 8:00am - 11:00am

Where: Parish Center



- All kinds of breakfast tacos
- Coffee, juice & pastries

All proceeds to benefit the upcoming Men's ACTS Retreat.

Thank you for your support.

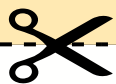


Que Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!

Liturgical Calendar of Events

Calendario Litúrgico de Eventos

December	3	Sunday	- - -	1st Day of Advent
December	8	Friday	6:30pm	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass - Bilingual (Holyday of Obligation)
December	12	Tuesday	6:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day - Mariachis @ Placita, refreshments follow
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



One-Act Musical Production by Gian-Carlo Menotti

Saturday, December 2 at 2 p.m.
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic
Church Event Center
West Campus 1602 Thousand Oaks Dr.;
SA 78232

Wednesday, January 3 at 7 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sanctuary 4201 DeZavala Rd.;
SA 78249

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13). ***Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Pray for Us.***

FAITH FORMATION

Message from Sr. Blanca Hinojosa / Mensaje de Hna. Blanca Hinojosa

Blessed be God for all his love and kindness towards all of us, for all the blessings He has bestowed on each one of us. We thank him for the gift of life, our faith, and our families. May He grant everyone a beautiful Thanksgiving weekend surrounded by those we love and those who love us. Let us remember in our prayers all those who will be spending this day alone and do not have a home or a meal at their table. Many thanks to all our Faith Formation students and families who were very generous in our Thanksgiving food drive by providing groceries to fill classroom boxes to give to families in need in our parish and in our program.

We are also very grateful to our District 4 councilmember, Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, who donated 10 turkeys to add to each box as well as to other parishioners who also contributed with a turkey. We were able to gather 20 turkeys. May God reward your kindness and generosity.

Congratulations to our volunteers of the year recipients from our Faith Formation Program in our deanery: Victor and Elvia Moreno, for their generous and unconditional help and support to our Faith Formation Program. In their quietness they are there when needed and always ready to help in any way they can. Very well done good and faithful servants.



Bendito sea Dios por todo su amor y bondad hacia cada uno de nosotros, por todas las bendiciones recibidas. Agradecemos por el don de la vida, nuestra fe y nuestras familias. Deseamos que les conceda un hermoso día y fin de semana de Acción de Gracias rodeados de aquellos a quienes amamos y nos aman. Recordemos en nuestras oraciones a aquellos que estarán solos, que no tienen un hogar o una comida en sus mesas. Muchas gracias a todos nuestros estudiantes del catecismo y a sus familias por su generosidad al contribuir comida para las despensas para las familias necesitadas de nuestra parroquia.

También estamos muy agradecidos con nuestra concejal del Distrito 4, Dra. Adriana Rocha García, por su contribución de 10 pavos para incluir en las despensas. También a diferentes feligreses que también contribuyeron con un pavo. Pudimos repartir con 20 pavos. Que Dios recompense su bondad y generosidad.

Felicidades al Víctor y Elvia Moreno en su reconocimiento por nuestro programa de catecismo y decanato as ser nombrados voluntarios de este año escolar. Por su ayuda y apoyo generoso e incondicional a nuestro programa de Formación en la Fe. Siempre están dispuestos y listos a ayudarnos. Muy bien hecho buenos y fieles siervos.

Growing in Faith

A big thank you to all of St. Leonard's Altar Servers on this day of the Feast of St. John Berchmans, Patron Saint of Altar Servers

An Altar Server's Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,
thank you for
calling me to
serve You at
Your Holy Altar.

During the celebration of the Eucharist
I know that the priest takes Your place
when, together with your People and in
the name of the Church, he makes present
again Your Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Help me to carry
out my role with
prayerful dignity
and participation
in this memorial of
the Last Supper.
Let me remain close
to you on earth that
one day I may share
in Your glory. Amen



Our Music Ministry attending a Day Retreat
A wonderful experience connecting with other Music Ministries

"I believe that were it not for the
Holy Mass, as of this moment the
world would be in the abyss."

- St. Leonard of Port Maurice

SAINT OF THE WEEK ~ November 26

St Leonard was born in Porto Maurizio in 1676, the son of a master mariner. He was a Franciscan friar of the Strict Observance who lived at the monastery of St. Bonaventure in Rome. He preached on devotions to the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Conception of Mary and the Stations of the Cross, even building almost 600 stations in Italy, including one in the Colosseum. He was ordained in 1703 and became a sought after preacher of parish missions and retreats. The strain of his missionary labors and his mortifications had completely exhausted him when he died in 1751 at his Friary.

San Leonardo nació en Porto Maurizio en 1676, hijo de un maestro marino. Era un fraile franciscano de la Estricta Observancia que vivía en el monasterio de San Buenaventura en Roma. Predicó sobre la devoción al Santísimo Sacramento, el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, la Inmaculada Concepción de María y el Vía Crucis, llegando incluso a construir casi 600 estaciones en Italia, incluida una en el Coliseo. Fue ordenado sacerdote en 1703 y se convirtió en un solicitado predicador de misiones y retiros parroquiales. La tensión de sus trabajos misioneros y sus mortificaciones lo habían agotado por completo cuando murió en 1751 en su convento.



St. Leonard of Port Maurice
Pray for us

Gospel

Reflection

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy es la conclusión del discurso de Jesús con sus discípulos. Se trata del fin de los tiempos, la venida del Hijo del Hombre y el juicio final. Escuchamos esta descripción del juicio final al concluir nuestro año litúrgico, la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo Rey. En el contexto del Evangelio de Mateo, este pasaje también podría leerse como una conclusión del informe de Mateo sobre la vida y el ministerio de Jesús; los capítulos restantes relatan los acontecimientos de la Pasión y Resurrección de Jesús.

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús describe a sus discípulos la escena del juicio del Hijo del Hombre. Todas las naciones se reunirán delante de él, y él las separará como el pastor separa las ovejas y las cabras cuando regresan del pasto. Los juicios del Hijo del Hombre se basarán en los actos de misericordia mostrados hacia los más pequeños: los hambrientos, los sedientos, los desnudos, los enfermos y los encarcelados. En efecto, Jesús, que sufrió en la Cruz, se identifica con los más pequeños.

Recuerde que la parábola de los talentos de la semana pasada nos enseñó que los dones que hemos recibido están destinados a ser utilizados para el servicio de los demás, especialmente de los más pequeños entre nosotros. Nuestro juicio ante Dios se basará no sólo en cómo hemos usado estos dones y talentos, sino también en cómo nos hemos extendido al servicio de los más pequeños. De hecho, Jesús nos dice que siempre que hemos servido a estos más pequeños, hemos servido a Cristo mismo.

Cuando leemos el Evangelio de hoy en el contexto de los capítulos que siguen del Evangelio de Mateo, aprendemos hasta qué punto Jesús se identifica con los más pequeños. Al aceptar la muerte en la cruz, Jesús se muestra como uno de los hambrientos, los desnudos, los enfermos y los encarcelados. Aceptar a Jesús es aceptar a Aquel que sufrió y murió en la Cruz como uno de los más pequeños.

Readings for the week

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46 (160) Pss Prop

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4 (503) Pss II

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11 (504)

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19 (505)

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33 (507)

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36 (508)