

St. Leonard Catholic Church

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



## Welcome to Our Parish!

*¡Bienvenidos a Nuestra  
Parroquia!*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH STAFF

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Maintenance - Victor Moreno

November 5, 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 & Miércoles

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)

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## 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/ Quinceañeras

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

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Saturday 5:30 p.m.

†Chris Alderete

†Trinidad L. Orta

Chester Jordan - Health

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Severiano Mata

†Teodulo Cruz

†Constancia Cruz

Fausto Escamilla - Por Salud

Paulina Alva - Por Salud

11:00 a.m.

†Clara G. Ortiz

†Ray Alfaro

†Erica Mares

†Angelita C. & Johnny J. Martinez

Azrael Rey Espinoza

7:00 p.m.

†Ezekiel Trujillo Garcia,

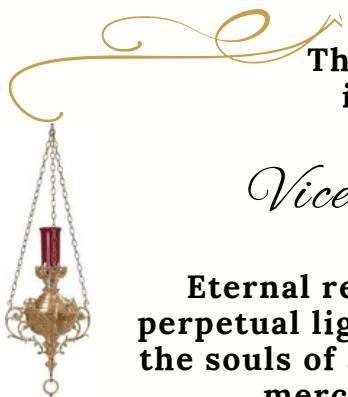
†Jesus Trujillo Vallejo,

†Aurelia Ramirez Gloria,

†Gabriel de Anda Castañon

y en acción de gracias por el  
cumpleaños de Sylvia Stout

PRAY  
WITHOUT  
CEASING



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

*Vicente H. Moreno, Jr.*

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 Aguirre, Bertha & Gabriel Canales, 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

*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 October

| Masses             | Attendance   | Total Offering    |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Saturday           | 123          | \$2,105.00        |
| Sunday             |              |                   |
| 8:30 a.m.          | 237          | \$1,740.00        |
| 11:00 a.m.         | 208          | \$1,338.00        |
| 7:00 p.m.          | 224          | \$1,983.00        |
| <b>Total</b>       | 792          | \$7,166.00        |
|                    | <b>Coins</b> | \$13.29           |
| <b>Online</b>      | 17           | \$854.00          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |              | <b>\$8,033.29</b> |

*Thank You!*

To all the donors that helped the parish the week of October 29, 2023

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

*A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 29 de octubre de 2023.*

*¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK AT A - GLANCE

Sunday, November 5  
Faith Formation Classes  
Turkey Loteria 2pm - Hall

Monday, November 6  
No meetings scheduled

Tuesday, November 7  
Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, November 8  
Faith Formation Classes  
Senior Loteria Event 9am - Hall

Thursday, November 9  
Talleres de Oracion 6:00pm

Friday, November 10  
Lassos de Amor Marianos  
Mtg. 7pm - Hall Rm #1

Saturday, November 11  
No mtg scheduled

## A prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation,  
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:  
Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis.  
Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Amen

## Question of the Week

When do I fail to practice what I preach? What change must I make to do so as effectively as Paul and his fellow disciples?

¿Cuándo dejo de practicar lo que predico? ¿Qué cambios debo hacer para practicar lo que predico de una manera tan efectiva como Pablo y sus compañeros?

Procesión de  
Matlachines VGR  
**2023** XIII DESFILE DE  
MATLACHINES 2023

SAVE THE DATE  
Noviembre 05, 2023 a las  
2:00 pm en el Cordi Marian  
Retreat Center



Mismo día la Misa de Apreciación con el Arzobispo Gustavo García-Siller



## Bulletin Announcements

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

## 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.



## ST. LEONARD GUADALUPE SOCIETY

Sunday, November 5th ~ 2:00pm  
Parish Hall ~ 8510 S. Zarzamora St.

# Turkey Lotería



NO outside food or drinks

2 cards for  
**\$10**

20 games

4 Turkeys ~ 16 Prizes

food ~ drinks ~ snacks sold at extra cost

Tickets available at parish office 210 924-6000



# Altar de los Muertos

DÍA DE  
MUERTOS



# Muertos



**Loteria Senior Event**

**St. Leonards Catholic Church Hall**

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

9:00 - 11:00 am

8510 S. Zarzamora

San Antonio, TX 78224

Win a grand turkey for Thanksgiving!

A licensed insurance agent will be on-site with marketing materials.



**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

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

**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 IN CASA**

**SOLAMENTE PARA LLEVAR.**

**ABSOLUTAMENTE GRATIS.**

**LLEVANTANDO SUS PLATILLOS.**

**FAVOR DE LLEGAR TEMPRANO SE SERVIRA HASTA QUE SE ACABE.**

**TIEMPO DE SERVICIO: 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM O HASTA AGOTAR PLATILLOS**

**DONDE: NUESTRA SEÑORA 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**

# FAITH FORMATION

## All Saints Day - Honoring the Church Triumphant



## Día de Todos los Santos - Honrando a la Iglesia Triunfante



We are in need to catechists (English) for 4th & 5th grade small group, middle school (6th-8th grade), 1st year confirmation and for High School Confirmation. We have some students on a waiting list because these grades have reached their room capacity.

**We ask for your continuous prayers for our religious program. We are blessed to have 265 students enrolled and attending our program.**

don't forget to pray the Rosary



at home with your family



Estamos necesitando catequistas para los grupos de inglés de 4-5 grado, primer año de confirmación de preparatoria y de 2 año de confirmación. Hemos tenido que poner en lista de espera a algunos estudiantes por falta de espacio.

**Les pedimos sus continuas oraciones para nuestro programa religioso. Estamos bendecidos al tener 265 estudiantes inscritos y asistiendo a nuestro programa.**

# Growing in Faith

# WELCOME



We welcome the newest members of our Catholic faith who were baptized at St. Leonard in the month of October. May GOD shower them with an abundance of grace and blessings.



Isabel Espinoza

Sebastian Espinoza

Delilah Pearl Rangel

Damos la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros de nuestra fe católica que fueron bautizados en San Leonardo en el mes de octubre. Que DIOS los llene en abundancia de gracia y bendiciones.



"TAKE MARY HOME"

"LLEVA A MARÍA A CASA"

Consider taking Mary Home. This is a devotional program that The Altar Society offers. It is a traveling statue of Mary, which makes its way from home to home. Please schedule the date with Rachel Sosa 210 332-3848 in English and Elva Martinez 210 922-2509 in Spanish.

**We invite all to participate in our continued pre-mass Rosary at weekends masses.**

Consider la posibilidad de llevar a María a casa. Este es un programa devocional que ofrece la Sociedad del Altar. Es una estatua itinerante de María, que se abre camino de casa en casa. Por favor, programe la cita con Rachel Sosa 210 332-3848 en inglés y Elva Martínez 210 922-2509 en español.

**Invitamos a todos a participar en nuestro Rosario previo a la misa en las misas de los fines de semana.**

## SAINT OF THE WEEK ~ November 10

**St. Leo** descended of a Noble Tuscan family. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. He was the first pope given the title "the Great". During his reign, he tirelessly fought to preserve the unity of the Church and its faith. The whole Church is still indebted to him for defending it from armies which sought to destroy the Church and the Christian influence on the culture. He is known for convincing Attila the Hun to not invade Italy. When he died in 461, he became the first Pope buried in the St Peter's Basilica. His papacy lasted for more than 21 years. In 1754, Pope Benedict XIV proclaimed Leo I a Doctor of the Church.

**San Leo** descendía de una familia noble toscana. Su respuesta al llamado del Señor lo transformó en uno de los más grandes papas de la historia cristiana. Fue el primer Papa al que se le dio el título de "el Grande". Durante su reinado luchó incansablemente por preservar la unidad de la Iglesia y su fe. Toda la Iglesia todavía está en deuda con él por defenderla de los ejércitos que buscaban destruir la Iglesia y la influencia cristiana en la cultura. Es conocido por convencer a Atila el Huno de que no invadiera Italia. Cuando murió en el año 461, se convirtió en el primer Papa enterrado en la Basílica de San Pedro. Su papado duró más de 21 años. En 1754, el Papa Benedicto XIV proclamó a Leo I Doctor de la Iglesia.



**St. Leo the Great  
Pray for us**

# Gospel

# Reflection

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. Phylacteries are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. Tassels refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

El evangelio de hoy continúa profundizando en la tensión entre Jesús y los escribas y fariseos. Nuestra secuencia del Leccionario en este punto, sin embargo, no es una lectura continua de Mateo. Entre la lectura de Mateo de la semana pasada y la de esta semana, encontramos la pregunta de Jesús a los fariseos acerca de que el Mesías era "el hijo de David". Habiendo concluido una serie de diálogos con los fariseos y otros líderes religiosos, Jesús dirige ahora sus palabras a la multitud, advirtiéndoles que no sigan el ejemplo de los escribas y fariseos.

Los escribas y fariseos eran maestros de la ley mosaica. A ellos se les confió su interpretación y, por tanto, influyeron en la determinación de la práctica judía. Para apreciar el conflicto que es evidente en este pasaje, debemos entender que Jesús estaba basando sus enseñanzas en las mismas leyes y tradiciones disponibles para los fariseos. Ambos interpretaban la Ley de Moisés para adaptarla mejor a la vida judía contemporánea. Por lo tanto, Mateo a menudo resalta y amplifica las diferencias entre sus enseñanzas.

Esta parte del Evangelio de Mateo refleja aspectos del conflicto entre su comunidad cristiana y el judaísmo farisaico. Se cree que la Iglesia de Mateo incluía a muchos cristianos judíos que tal vez no creían que era necesaria una ruptura con la sinagoga para ser seguidor de Jesús. Jesús le dice a la multitud que es correcto hacer y observar lo que enseñan los escribas y fariseos; lo que debe evitarse es su ejemplo, es decir, su amor a ser honrados y exaltados. Por tanto, el Evangelio refleja la tensión de un activo debate interno dentro de la Iglesia primitiva.

Jesús hace referencia a dos aspectos de la vida espiritual judía prescritos por la Ley de Moisés. Las filacterias son pequeñas cajas que contienen versículos de las Escrituras que se colocan en el antebrazo y la frente izquierdos. Las borlas se refieren a los flecos que se usan en las esquinas de la ropa de una persona; las borlas ayudan a recordar a quienes las usan que deben guardar los mandamientos.

La advertencia que Jesús da contra la búsqueda de lugares de honor en la comunidad estaba dirigida tanto a la comunidad cristiana como a los líderes judíos nombrados. De hecho, es una advertencia que resuena en nosotros hoy. El liderazgo cristiano es un llamado al servicio para la gloria de Dios; aquellos que quieran ser líderes entre nosotros deben, como Jesús, ser servidores de todos.

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12 (151) Pss III

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14 (485)

**Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24 (486)

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33 (487)

**Thursday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 (671) Pss Prop

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8 (489)

**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15 (490) Pss Prop