

# 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!*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

## PARISH STAFF

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## 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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**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.

For All the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

†Severiano Mata

Fausto Escamilla - Por Salud

Paulina Alva - Por Salud

en acción de gracias por el 106  
cumpleaños de Margaret Alva y en  
acción de gracias por el  
cumpleaños de Alexis Luna-Chavez

11:00 a.m.

†Clara G. Ortiz

†Patrick Perez

†Victor Perez III

Yvonne Perez - Health

Antonio Perez - Health

Azrael Rey Espinoza

7:00 p.m.

†Gilberto Cisneros Delgado

†Rogelio Lopez

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

†Melchor Garcia Ayala

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

*John A. Longoria, Jr.*

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls  
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, William "Buster" Doyle, Baby Azrael Espinoza, Amelia Flores, Alice B. Gamez, David 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, Gloria Perusquia, Lisa Rubio, Esther Saenz, Irma Castro, & Sienna Valadez, Zayne Allen Pierce, Sotero Reyes, Frank Rodriguez, Lauren Valdez, Ruby Madrigal Villarreal, 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.

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 October 10-15, 2023

| Masses  | Attendance   | Total Offering    |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>                               | 74           | \$2,153.00        |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                 |              |                   |
| 8:30 a.m.                                     | 235          | \$1,804.00        |
| 11:00 a.m.                                    | 258          | \$2,913.00        |
| 7:00 p.m.                                     | 280          | \$1,375.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | 847          | \$8,245.00        |
|   | <b>Coins</b> | \$7.80            |
| <b>Online</b>                                 | 13           | \$721.00          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                            |              | <b>\$8,973.80</b> |
| <b>2nd Collection<br/>Hope for the Future</b> | -            | \$145.00          |

*Thank You!*

To all the donors that helped the parish the week of October 15, 2023

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

*A todo los donantes que ayudaron a la parroquia la semana de 15 de octubre de 2023.*

*¡Que el Señor los bendiga abundantemente!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you*

*Gracias*

**Thank you  
to the following individuals  
for their contributions to the  
St. Leonard Kermes - Fiesta Mexicana!!!**

**Music / Musica:**

Sofia Ramon, Lily & Javier Garcia, Alicia & Santiago Chapa, Yolanda & Oziel Vazquez, Elisa & Sergio Soto, Hilda Sanchez, & Blanca & Ismael Martinez

**Raffle Prizes / Premios de la Rifa:**

Hope & Jose Galan, Laura & Sergio Gonzalez, Knights of Columbus #7808, Parish Ushers and Greeters, Lectors - Tony & Anaberta Ybarra, Charlie & Elizabeth Butler, Roland & Marty Salazar, Joe Soliz, Victor & Elvia Moreno & Romeo & Maria Leija

**Dance Contest / Concurso de Baile:**

Sister Blanca E. Hinojosa, Celina & Edgar Velazquez, & Mary Mora

**Food - Game Booths / Puestos de Comida y Juegos:**

Fernando Zamora y Familia, Genoveva & Chris Velazquez, Sister Blanca & Hermanas Catequistas Guadalupanas, Familias Gonzalez y Flores, Micaela Rubio y equipo, Mela Sepulveda y equipo, Arocha Family, Mely Quevedo y Familia, Taller de Oracion - Carmen Mendoza, Veronica Quevedo y Familia, Martita Nino y Familia, Knights of Columbus #7808 & Aracely Gonzalez

**Banners:**

Andrea Castillo & Sacristans

**We are happy to announce that \$20,379.57  
was raised for the parish!!!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Triduum Masses / Próxima Misas De Triduo

Join us as we prepare to celebrate the Triduum of Masses leading to the Feast of All Souls Day starting on Monday, October 30th. We invite all parishioners to bring a framed picture of their departed loved ones. Please drop off at the Parish Center between 10am & 4pm on October 27th & 28th for placement on the "Altar de Los Muertos." Let's honor their memory with prayer, faith and unwavering love.

Únase a nosotros mientras nos preparamos a celebrar el Triduo de Misas guiándonos a el Día de los Fieles Difuntos a partir del lunes 30 de octubre. Invitamos a todos los feligreses a traer una foto de sus seres queridos fallecidos. Por favor, déjelo en el Centro Parroquial entre las 10 a.m. y las 4 p.m. el 27 y 28 de octubre para colocarlo en el "Altar de los Muertos". Honremos sus memorias con oración, fe y amor.

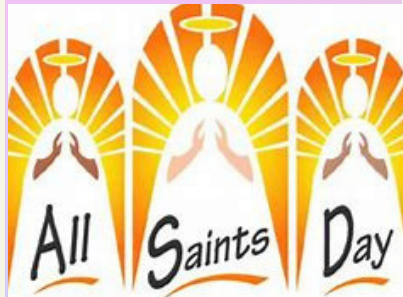
**Triduum Mass**  
**Monday, October 30th**  
**MASS / MISA (Bilingual)**  
6:30 pm - Church  
Blessing of the Altar,  
Lighting of the Candles &  
**ROSARY / ROSARIO**  
7:00 pm Parish Center



**Triduum Mass**  
**Tuesday, October 31st**  
**MASS / MISA (Bilingual)**  
6:30 pm - Church  
**ROSARY / ROSARIO**  
7:00 pm Parish Center



**Triduum Mass**  
**All Saints Day**  
**Wednesday, November 1st**  
Holy Day of Obligation  
*Día de Obligación*  
**MASS / MISA (Bilingual)**  
6:30 pm - Church  
**ROSARY / ROSARIO**  
7:00 pm Parish Center



**ALLSOULSDAY**  
**Thursday, November 2nd**  
**MASS / MISA (Bilingual)**  
6:30 pm - Church



### Remember your loved ones

Triduum Mass dedication envelopes and candles are now available in the church lobby and parish office.

### Recuerda tu seres queridos

Los sobres y velas de dedicación de la Misa del Triduo ahora están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial.

Eternal rest grant  
unto him/her, O  
Lord. And let  
perpetual light shine  
upon him/her. May  
he/she rest in peace.  
Amen.



Concédele el  
descanso eterno,  
oh Señor. Y que la  
luz perpetua brille  
sobre él/ella. Que  
descanse en paz.  
Amén.





## Question of the Week

What can I do concretely to repay to God what belongs to God? How does giving back to God make me feel richer?

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¿Qué cosa concreta puedo hacer para darle a Dios lo que es de Dios? ¿Cómo darle a Dios puede hacerme sentir más rico?

**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.

- WEEK AT A- GLANCE**
- Sunday, October 22  
Faith Formation Classes
  - Monday, October 23  
Baptism Prep Classes  
6:30pm - Hall
  - Tuesday, October 24  
Faith Formation Classes
  - Wednesday, October 25  
Faith Formation Classes
  - Thursday, October 26  
RCIC Parent Meeting  
7pm - Hall Rm #1/3
  - Friday, October 27  
Lassos de Amor Marianos  
Mtg. 7pm - Hall Rm #1
  - Saturday, October 28  
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**

## Church Rummage Sale

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

**November 18**

**Attention Seniors**

*atencion personas mayores*



**Bulletin Announcements**

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

## Halloween Wreath Giveaway

**When: Monday, October 30th**  
**Time: 10am - 12pm**  
**Where: St. Leonard Parking Lot**  
**Sponsored by: Gonzaba**



# ST. LEONARD GUADALUPE SOCIETY

Sunday, November 5th ~ 2:00pm

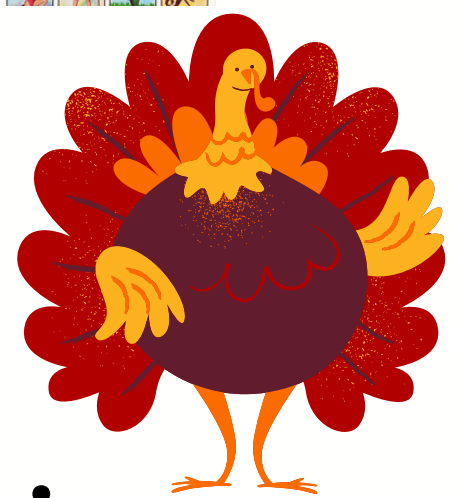
Parish Hall ~ 8510 S. Zarzamora St.



# Turkey Loteria



2 cards for  
**\$10**



NO outside  
food or  
drinks

**20 games**

**4 Turkeys ~ 16 Prizes**

food ~ drinks ~ snacks sold at extra cost

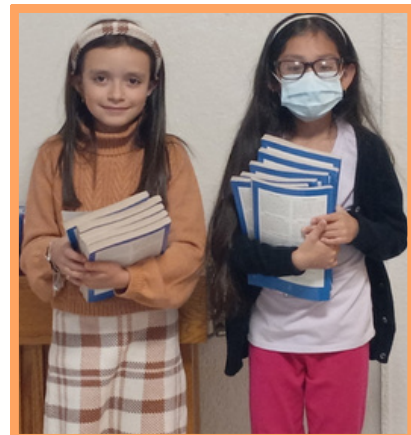
Tickets available at parish office 210 924-6000



# FAITH FORMATION



**A big thank you to all the young Faith Formation participants who took part in our Masses last Sunday. Witnessing their service to both Our Lord and our community is heartwarming.**



*Don't forget to pray the Rosary*



*at home with your family*



# Growing in Faith

## ROSARIO PUBLICO

Gracias a todos los que se unieron al Rosario Público por nuestra nación durante estos tiempos difíciles. Que nuestras oraciones de misericordia sean escuchadas por Dios



## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY:

Consider having a member of the Altar Society pray the Holy Rosary with you and your family at your house. As we give honor to Mother Mary in our home, let us ask Her to intercede for our needs and those of our families. Or perhaps you would like to "TAKE MARY TO

YOUR HOME". This is a devotional program that will run from October 2nd thru October 27th. A member of the Altar Society will come to your home with Mother Mary's statue and pray the Rosary. Mother Mary would then stay at your home for one (1) week. Visits are available Monday thru Friday and will last about thirty minutes. All families who would like to have these devotions in their homes, please schedule the date and time with Rachel Sosa 210 332-3848 in English and Elva Martinez 210 922-2509 in Spanish.

**Also please join us as we pray the Rosary before each Mass on weekend Masses and after Mass on weekdays.**

## SAINT OF THE WEEK ~ October 23

**St. John of Capistrano** was born in Italy in 1385. As a teen, he studied law in Perugia where he received high marks. After graduation, he was made governor of Perugia by King Ladislaus of Naples. When war broke out between Perugia and Sigismondo Malatesta of Rimini, St. John was sent as an ambassador for peace. He was imprisoned; but during this time, he began studying theology. Upon release, St. John of Capistrano gave up politics and entered the Franciscan Order. In 1425, after his ordination, he started preaching and, with his mentor St. Bernardine, gained great renown. Thousands would come to hear him speak and he influenced Christians in Germany, Bohemia, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, and Poland.

**San Juan de Capistrano** nació en Italia en 1385. Cuando era adolescente, estudió derecho en Perugia, donde obtuvo altas calificaciones. Después de graduarse, el rey Ladislao de Nápoles lo nombró gobernador de Perugia. Cuando estalló la guerra entre Perugia y Sigismondo Malatesta de Rimini, San Juan fue enviado como embajador de la paz. Él fue encarcelado; pero durante este tiempo comenzó a estudiar teología. Tras su liberación, San Juan de Capistrano abandonó la política y entró en la Orden Franciscana. En 1425, después de su ordenación, comenzó a predicar y, con su mentor San Bernardino, adquirió gran renombre. Miles vendrían a escucharlo hablar e influyó en los cristianos de Alemania, Bohemia, Austria, Hungría, Croacia y Polonia.



**St. John of Capistrano  
Pray for us**

# Gospel

# Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús y los líderes religiosos de Jerusalén continúan su tenso intercambio de preguntas y desafíos. En este momento los discípulos de los fariseos, junto con los herodianos, intentan atrapar a Jesús con su pregunta sobre el pago de los impuestos.

Mateo establece una asociación inusual entre los fariseos y los herodianos. Los herodianos apoyaban a Herodes Antipas, un líder político judío que colaboraba con los romanos. Tal colaboración habría requerido una observancia comprometida de la Ley Mosaica. Los fariseos, por otra parte, enseñaban la observancia escrupulosa de la Ley Mosaica y se oponían a la ocupación romana. Los herodianos favorecían el pago de impuestos; los fariseos se opusieron. Los herodianos y los fariseos se acercan a Jesús y le piden que tome partido en su disputa. Si Jesús responde con los fariseos, se muestra enemigo de Roma. Si responde con los herodianos, ofende la sensibilidad religiosa judía popular.

La respuesta de Jesús a este intento de atraparlo expone la astucia de quienes lo interrogan. Desde las primeras palabras que les dirige, Jesús demuestra que es muy consciente de lo que intentan hacer. Pide ver una moneda romana, que se le proporciona fácilmente. Puede que haya venido de la mano de un herodiano, pero los fariseos se muestran muy dispuestos a aceptar este compromiso. Jesús ya ha expuesto a los fariseos como hipócritas.

Jesús lleva su respuesta un paso más allá. Pide a sus interlocutores que examinen la moneda. Jesús acepta que es la imagen de César en la moneda y les dice que debe pertenecer a César. Evitando por completo la cuestión de la legalidad, Jesús responde a su pregunta con una lógica sencilla. Luego, yendo aún más lejos, Jesús les dice que su obligación es pagar a Dios lo que es de Dios.

La respuesta de Jesús a los herodianos y fariseos sugiere la ética que los cristianos deberían adoptar. Nos recuerda la importancia de mantener las cosas en su perspectiva adecuada. ¿Nos apegamos a las cosas mundanas a expensas del amor y el honor que le debemos a Dios?

## *Readings for the week*

**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 (145)  
Pss I

**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21 (473)

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38 (474)

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

**(475)Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 (476)

**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59 (477)

**Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16 (666) Pss Prop