

ST LEONARD CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEEKLY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 28, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

Saint Leonard Church

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM (Italian)
	12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri	12:05 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15-5 PM

and upon request

Saint Stephen Church

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM
Thurs-Fri	7:30 AM

Sacred Heart Church

is temporarily closed

*Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.*

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Schedule of Devotions

Mon - Fri	11:30 AM Rosary 12:05 Mass
Monday	12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday	12:30 PM St Anthony Novena
Weds	12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph 1st Wed of every month Queen of Peace Prayer Group 6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
Thursday	11:00 AM Adoration Pure in Heart Young Adults 6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
Friday	12:30-3:30 PM Adoration 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM
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Mon - Thurs 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Fri - Sat 1:00 - 6:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions Nov 28 - Dec 4

November 27 - Saturday

5:00pm - Cindy Colafella; Benny Fuccillo; Freddy & Nicole Parziale; Vincenzo & Lucia DiBeneto; Healing for Joseph Testa ; Cindy Colafella; Mary & Fred Fuccillo; Emmanuel LaCoqnata; Jim Cushman; Freddy Ferullo; Armando Ventola.

November 28 - Sunday

9:00am - John Federico; Angela Federico; Idea Susi
10:30am - Luigi & Ersilia Torra; Rocco & Filomina Pezzano
12:00pm - Pat Capodilupo; Living and Deceased Members of the Mallare Family; Carmela Flynn

November 29 - Monday

12:05pm - Mike Angiulo

November 30 - Tuesday

12:05pm - Lucia Bellia

December 1 - Wednesday

12:05pm - Nancy Whitten Martignetti

6:30pm - Rosary

7:00pm - Mass; Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

December 2 - Thursday

12:05pm - Jack Gannon

December 3 - Friday

12:05pm - Thellma Vincent

December 4 - Saturday

5:00pm - Jean McCawley; DArtista & Iudiciani Families; Anna & Andrew Russo; Sarah & Pasquale Fabiano & Family; Lena & Joseph Troisi; Luise silvestro; Benjamin & Anna Laggiano.

6:30pm - St Joseph Society Mass

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of Nov 28 - Dec 4 at Saint Leonard Church for Teresa Colaruso



St Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning on Mondays 8:00 AM - 11:00AM & Thursdays 8:00 AM - 11:00AM



ST. STEPHENS CHURCH

Mass Intentions Nov 28 - Dec 4

November 28 - Sunday

11:00am - Fr Joe Foley

December 2 - Thursday

7:30am - Kathleen Fitzgibbon

December 4 - Saturday

11:00am - James D'Ámbrosio

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of Nov 28 - Dec 4 at Saint Stephens Church for Camella Flynn



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of Nov 28 - Dec 4 at Saint Stephens Church for Camella Flynn

CALENDAR OF THE ADVENT-URE

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT, NOV 28 - DEC 4, 2021



On the first Sunday in Advent the "Hope" Candle is lit

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT, DEC 5 - DEC 11, 2021



On the Second Sunday in Advent the "Love" Candle is lit.

December 7- 5:00pm Advent with Mary Mass, Rosary and meeting with Ivan

December 8- 7:00 pm Mass Immaculate Conception

***December 10 - 7:30 pm** Christmas Concert: *Testimony of Light*

NOTE: A suggested donation of \$25.00

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7:30 PM
SUGGESTED DONATION \$25

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE CONCERT AT
ST. JOSEPHS HALL - 31 PRINCE ST, BOSTON, MA.

December 11- 6:30 pm -Advent Night of Recollection: An Awakening of Hope with the Holy Family-Fr. Michael MacInnis

Confessions- 6:00pm -7:30pm

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT, DEC 12 - DEC 18, 2021



On the Third Sunday in Advent the "Joy" Candle is lit

December 12, 2021 5:00pm A Christmas Concert: "*In dulci jubilo: A Baroque Christmas*" featuring vocal and instrumental Christmas music from the 17th and 18th centuries. Music by Vivaldi, Scarlatti, Praetorius, and others. Free admission with a suggested donation.

December 14- 5:00pm Advent with Mary: Mass, Rosary and meeting with Ivan

December 18-11:00am Mass The Italian School Di San Leonardo will be having a Christmas celebration. More details to follow in coming weeks.

December 18- 3:00pm In the Peace Garden The Saint Leonard Choral Society (President Mrs. Laurie Warlock) presents a Christmas Carol Concert with Music Director Dr Dan Drzymalski.



FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT, DEC 19 - DEC 24, 2021



*On the Forth Sunday in Advent the "Peace" Candle is lit. The white candle is lit on **Christmas Eve** representing the coming of Christ*

December 20, 21, 22 7:00 pm Fr. Rick Martignetti

The Gift of Jesus: A Christmas Mission

December 21- 5:00pm Advent with Mary: Mass, Rosary and meeting with Ivan

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

December 24, 2021 Midnight Mass

4:00 Confession

5:00pm- Mass



**CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25,
2021**

December 25, 2021 MASS

9:00am

10:30am Italian

12:00pm

NEW YEARS EVE DECEMBER 31, 2021

December 31, 2021 New Years Eve

12:05pm – Mass

5:00pm Mass St. Stephens Church (This year only)

For further information, please go to our St
Leonard website
<https://saintleonardchurchboston.org/>

The Peace Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal

Life.

Amen.

MEDITATION

FATHER MICHAEL DELLA PENNA

The Prayer of St Francis encapsulates the profound simplicity of his spirituality in asking God to make us an instrument of His Peace. I would like to offer a series of short reflections on each line of his prayer as an invitation to prepare our heart for Christ, the Prince of Peace during the season of Advent.

WHERE THERE IS HATRED,
Let me sow
LOVE.
-St. Francis of Assisi

One of the most popular and most beloved stories about St Francis is the wolf of Gubbio. After hearing about a ferocious wolf that was mercilessly terrorizing the people of Gubbio, St Francis asked to be taken to him. Courageously walking directly into his cave, Francis said: "Come here, Brother Wolf. I command you on behalf of Christ that you do no harm to me or to anyone." When the saint made the sign of the Cross over him, the fearsome wolf closed its mouth. It then came meekly as a lamb, and threw itself at the feet of Francis. St Francis then said "Brother Wolf, you do much harm in this area, and you have done terrible deeds, destroying and killing



people made in the image of God. But I, Brother Wolf, want to make peace between you and these people, so you do not offend them any more, and that they may pardon your every past offense so no one will persecute you.” The story relates that St Francis shook the paw of the wolf to guarantee the pact with a promise, so the two could trust each other.

In this remarkable story, St Francis teaches us how to confront the reality of hatred, which is doubly destructive and dangerous as it corrodes the very vessel it is stored in. St Francis, in learning from Jesus, who himself had experienced the contempt and hatred of the world, put into practice the empowering words of St Paul to the Romans (12:21): “Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.”



There are two keys to the reconciling dialogue and peace pact that St Francis effects. The first is that St Francis makes **the sign of the cross and thus puts all his faith and trust in the indestructible power of God’s love, the greatest sign of hope we have.** The cross itself demonstrates how God’s love was able to transform a sign of torture into a sign of salvation. Similarly, the wolf is transformed and undergoes a powerful conversion. This

occurs through the means of a **dialogue**, a real dialogue that distinguishes and separates the behavior of the wolf from his being. This helps him **love the sinner and not the sin.**



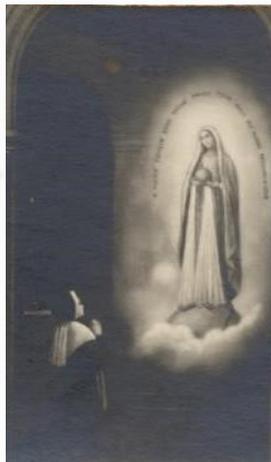
A key to this discourse however is that St Francis chooses to address the wolf as **“brother”** and thus never fails to maintain a bond of familial relationship. In doing so, St Francis reminds him that every creature in creation was made by the same Creator, and thus shares a divinely fraternal bond which unites the wolf and himself and all creation. This is an essential value which allowed St Francis to live in a relationship of universal fraternity with all creation, even calling the sun and moon, brother sun and sister moon, since they too are part of one big family of God. This affirms the truth that **the other is brother and sister.** In this light we can see how hatred is often the result of misunderstanding and fear. It is here that St Francis plants the seed of love which acts like leaven in its capacity to drown evil in an abundance of the love of God. The conversion of the wolf and subsequent reconciliation, not only restores harmony between St Francis and the wolf but with all the townspeople of Gubbio. Let us pray to have the courage to dialogue as brothers and sisters with the goal of reconciliation and peace.

FEAST OF THE MANIFESTATION OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL ON NOVEMBER 27.

MEDAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Blessed Virgin herself designed the Medal of the Immaculate Conception—popularly known as the Miraculous Medal! During several apparitions in 1830, Sister (now Saint) Catherine Labouré, a novice in the community of the Daughters of Charity in Paris, met with the Virgin Mary and spoke with her for several hours. She saw Mary standing on what seemed to be half a globe and holding a golden

globe in her hands as if offering it to heaven. On the globe was the word “France,” and our Lady explained that the globe represented the whole world, but especially France. The times were difficult in France, especially for the poor



who were unemployed and often refugees from the many wars of the time. In another vision, St. Catherine saw many rays of light streaming from gems of the rings on Mary's fingers as she held the globe. Mary explained that the rays symbolized the graces she obtains for those who ask for them. Some of the gems on the rings, however, were dark, and when St Catherine asked about them, Mary explained that although the rays and graces were available, no one had asked for them. Mary asked that the medal have an inscription: *O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

THE MEANING OF THE FRONT SIDE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Mary is standing upon a globe, crushing the head of a serpent beneath her foot. She stands upon the globe, as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. Her feet crush the serpent to proclaim Satan and all his followers are helpless before her (Gn 3:15). The year of 1830 on the Miraculous Medal is the year the Blessed Mother gave the design of the Miraculous Medal to Saint Catherine. The reference to Mary conceived without sin supports the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary—not to be confused with the virgin birth of Jesus, and referring to Mary's sinlessness, “full of grace” and “blessed among women” (Luke 1:28)—that was proclaimed 24 years later in 1854.



On the reverse side of the medal, there are twelve stars encircling a large "M" from which arose a cross. Below are two hearts with flames arising from them. Thorns encircle one heart and a sword pierces the other.



THE MEANING OF THE BACK SIDE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

The twelve stars refer to the Apostles, who represent the entire Church as it surrounds Mary. They also recall the vision of Saint John, writer of the Book of Revelation (12:1), in which “a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12

stars.” The cross symbolizes Christ and our redemption, with the bar under the cross a sign of the earth. The “M” stands for Mary, and the interweaving of her initial and the cross shows Mary’s close involvement with Jesus and our world. In this, we see Mary’s part in our salvation and her role as mother of the Church. The two hearts represent the love of Jesus and Mary for us. (See also Lk 2:35).



Then Mary spoke to St Catherine: “Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck.” St Catherine explained the entire series of apparitions to her confessor, and she worked through him to carry out Mary’s instructions. She did not reveal that she received the Medal until soon before her death 46 years later. With approval of the Church, the first Medals were made in 1832 and were distributed in Paris. Almost immediately the blessings that Mary had promised began to shower down on those who wore her Medal. The devotion spread like wildfire. Marvels of grace and health, peace and prosperity, followed in its wake. Before long people were calling it the “Miraculous” Medal. In 1836, a canonical inquiry undertaken at Paris declared the apparitions to be genuine.

When our Blessed Mother gave the design of the medal to Saint Catherine Labouré she said, “Now it must be given to the whole world and to every person.”

HAPPENINGS

ST. JOHN PARENT AFTERNOON AT ST LEONARD CHURCH

Catholic schools succeed as well as they do because of the strong bond between parents and teachers. On Sunday, November 28, at 3:00pm St John School parents are invited to a conference on "Creating and Maintaining a Catholic Home." Our presenter will be Father Peter Stravinskis, who will also be talking to all of the Catholic teachers in the Archdiocese of Boston this week.

Please RSVP before Thanksgiving November 25 to admin@saintleonardchurchboston.org



ABOUT FR. PETER STRAVINSKAS

Fr. Stravinskis founded The Catholic Answer in 1987 and The Catholic Response in 2004, as well as the Priestly Society of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, a clerical association of the faithful, committed to Catholic education, liturgical renewal and the new evangelization. Father Stravinskis is also the President of the Catholic Education Foundation, an organization providing financial assistance to Catholic high school students and serving as a resource for heightening the Catholic identity of Catholic schools.

In preparation for his special presentation, Father Peter Stravinskis will be celebrating Mass on Saturday, November 27 at 5:00pm and the November 28 Masses.

CHRISTMAS AT MONICA'S KITCHEN

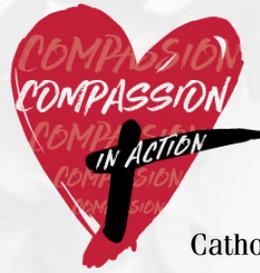
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SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BOSTON AND THE LABOURÉ CENTER

Catholic Charities will embark on its second annual digitally driven **Giving Days: Compassion in Action** fundraising campaign from Nov. 21-24. Giving Days are crucial to raising the vital funds needed to ensure that Catholic Charities programs and services are provided to those in need across South Boston, Dorchester and surrounding communities. Because of the lasting effects of the pandemic, Catholic Charities is unable to host its traditional in-person fundraising



Catholic Charities of Boston

GIVING DAYS

NOVEMBER 21-24, 2021

events, including a beloved South Boston tradition, the **Labouré Center Christmas House Tour**. Please consider making a gift during Catholic Charities' Giving Days campaign to support their core services- Basic Needs, Family & Youth Services, Adult Education & Workforce Development, and Refugee and Immigrant Services- particularly during this holiday season. More information can be found at www.ccab.org/givingdays.

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PURE IN HEART



Each Thursday, the pure in heart young adult group meets at Saint Leonard Church beginning with the rosary at 6:30pm followed by mass at 7:00pm. All young adults 20s & 30s are welcomed.



EVENINGS WITH MARY

Tuesdays & Saturday In person or via Zoom call, join us at St Leonard's Church from 5:00-7:15 PM in celebrating the Eucharist, reciting the rosary and at 6:40 PM a virtual meeting with Ivan, the visionary from Medjugorje. The evening concludes with a benediction after ten minutes of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Because the prayer service will be live streamed internationally, arrive before 5:00PM.



Meeting ID: 792 438 9838

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ST LEONARD PARISH NOVEMBER OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 2,884

Week 2: \$ 2,759

Week 3: \$ 2,641

Weekly Budget: \$ 6,927

ST LEONARD'S CATHOLIC CATECHISM

St Leonard's Catholic catechism instruction will be closing registration for Confirmation Preparation on December 1, 2021.

If you would like your child to participate this year, Please fill out the registration form on our website or contact Melissa or Cindy ASAP at CCD@sleonard.org

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

The parish is looking for a volunteer as an assistant to our sacristan.

Father Michael would like to invite our parishioners to volunteer and help us to clean the peace garden, collect the fallen leaves and in preparation for winter, volunteer snow shovelers will be needed.

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PRAYERS FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

First Week

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

