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WEEKLY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 5, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have
the light of life ”*

JN 8:12



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM (Italian)
	12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri	8:15 AM
	12:05 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 PM
and upon request

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

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

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Deacon: Brother Charles Gingerich, OFM

Student Priest in Residence: Rev. Federico Cinocca

Guest Priest: Rev. Alexander O'Kere

Rev. Robert Caprio, OFM

Rev. Francis Walter, OFM

Deacon: Nick Albin, SJ

Sacristan: Charles Falla, OFS

St Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

Parish Office

Mon - Thu 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday Closed

Starting March 1, 2023 the office hours will change
to 10:00pm - 1:00pm Monday - Thursday

Closed on Fridays

Saint John School

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<https://sjsne.com/>

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Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

Mon - Fri 11:30 AM Rosary

8:15 AM Mass

12:05 PM Mass

Monday 12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 12:30 PM St Anthony Novena

Wednesday 12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph

1st Wed of every month

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

Thursday Pure in Heart Young Adults

6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

Friday 12:30-3:00 PM Adoration

(First Fridays from 12:30pm until 3:00pm)

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions February 05 - February 11

FEBRUARY 05 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale & Varano Families

10:30 am - Rocco Pezzano,

12:00 pm - Michael Giudice, Caroline Repucci, Alfred Repucci & Virginia Repucci; Barbara Tomasone, Joseph Todesco, Roger Mustone, Joseph Cutuelle

FEBRUARY 06 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:05 pm - Sacred Heart of Jesus

FEBRUARY 07 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - In Honor of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm - Souls of Purgatory

FEBRUARY 08 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - For the homeless people around the world

12:05 pm - Fabian Higuita

FEBRUARY 09 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Souls of Purgatory

12:05 pm - In Honor of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

FEBRUARY 10 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - For all the students at St. Johns School

12:05 pm - Healing of Charlie Falla

FEBRUARY 11 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Marcello Di Girolamo



The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of February 05 - February 11 at Saint Leonard Church for This Candle Burns in Honor of The 150th Anniversary

HEADPHONES FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Headphones for hearing impaired are available upon request.

Please let us know before Mass begins

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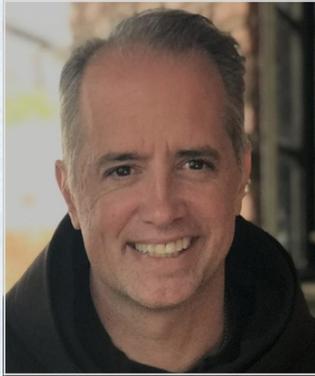
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REFLECTION

First station

by *Father Michael Della Penna*



This is the last reflection we have for this month's focus on the first station of the cross, "Jesus condemned to death" before proceeding to the second station of Jesus carrying his cross which will be our focus for the month of February. We have had an opportunity to think more deeply about Jesus all alone at the trial before the Sanhedrin. We contemplated His pain in being treated like a traitor, like a villain when all he did was preach and practice Love! We His followers should never be surprised by false accusation and never fear the difficulties and injustices we face. Many times however we His followers forget Jesus was heading to the crucifixion and are shocked when we encounter suffering. We like the Apostles, who were confused by His arrest, run away from the cross. Fear defeated them and can defeat us if we do not have faith- the opposite of fear. The brutality of the event had prevailed over the good intentions of the disciples. This often happens to us who although well intentioned, sometimes fold under pressure, especially when we try to rely on our own human effort and fail to call out for help from God. All but one of the Apostles had abandoned Jesus to face his trial alone. Sometimes it is our inner circle of closest companions, our best friends who leave us in the most difficult moments of our life. Let us never forget, Jesus was not alone however when He was surrounded by a hostile crowd who sought His death. God the Father was

there. Mary His mother was there. St. John, Mary Magdalen and the other Mary stood strong. Who are the St. John's and the Mary's in our life. Let us thank God for them.

How did you Jesus ignore the venom that was spit in your face and turn the other cheek? Teach me to imitate you. How could you remain silent? I am so sensitive to words and quickly want to answer back, when someone says the slightest thing against me. I often do not take any regard as to whether it's God's will that I should speak. A silent soul however is strong: no adversities will harm it if it perseveres in silence. The silent soul is capable of attaining the closest union with God.

JESUS SPOKE THESE WORDS TO ST FAUSTINA. "Do not be surprised that you are sometimes unjustly accused. I myself first drank this cup of undeserved suffering for love of you. When I was before Herod, I obtained a grace for you, that you would be able to rise above human scorn and follow faithfully in my footsteps."

A final consideration: Pontius Pilot. Washing his hands of innocent blood, Pilate condemns Jesus to death. World leaders can wash their hands of innocent blood: collateral damage – unfortunate victims of friendly fire. Have I washed my hands and turned away from intervening to help others? Have I been afraid to speak up? The only thing necessary for evil to thrive is for good men to say nothing. Let us pray for the courage to stand up to injustice, hatred and sin. This month we will reflect on Jesus carrying His cross. Join us especially on February 26th, the fourth Sunday, which is the first Sunday of Lent, as Pure in heart invites us to a social in the hall at 1:00-2:00, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00-3:00 before leading us in the way of the cross.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

All masses are transmitted on our Facebook page "St Leonard's Parish, North End, Boston"



Adoration on Fridays will be held during first Fridays from 12:30pm until 3:00pm ending with the benediction

Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them. If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100. We are happy to keep you in our prayers.



All intentions and holy cards found near the Saints will be offered up once a month at the Sunday mass

St Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning on Mondays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM & Thursdays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM
Schedule subject to change

ST LEONARD PARISH JANUARY OFFERTORY

Week 1:	\$ 3,767
Week 2:	\$ 4,297
Week 3:	\$ 2,717
Week 4:	\$ 2,389
Week 5:	\$ 2,459
January Monthly Budget:	\$ 8,745

ONLINE DONATIONS

For the convenience of our parishioners online donations are encouraged.

Use the following QR code for our website donations



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Also Venmo is available for online donations

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The offertory envelopes will be arriving at the parish office within the next couple of weeks. You will be notified once we have received the envelopes.



SUGGESTION BOX

We have a suggestion box in the back of the church for all parishioners and visitors



Need a meal, or a place to donate clothes?

St. Leonard will be partnering with **Haley House**, a soup kitchen and donation center in South Boston.

Currently, they are most in need of men's clothing. Please check the link haleyhouse.org/goods for list of accepted items.

Donations can be brought to our parish office.



HALEY HOUSE



Lenten Mission

Love & the Cross

In honor of the 150th anniversary of our parish, you are invited to a special three night Lenten mission led by the North End's own Fr. Rick Martignetti.

Fr. Rick will share stories from his new book, *Perfect Love*, to help us hear the call to greater self-knowledge, humility, and self-giving love. The Mission will begin in the church each evening at 7pm with light refreshments afterwards in the hall. Feb. 28-March 2, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings.



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 24- August 1, 2023

Fr Michael Della Penna will be leading a Pilgrimage for St Leonard's Parish this year to the Youth Festival in Medjugorje 2023 from July 24 to August 1.

All the information and link to sign up is posted on our website.

It is currently listed as waiting list and is on a first come first serve basis.

To register click on Waiting List and register under the dates of the pilgrimage. You will be confirmed as soon as you sign

ASH WEDNESDAY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:15 AM - MASS

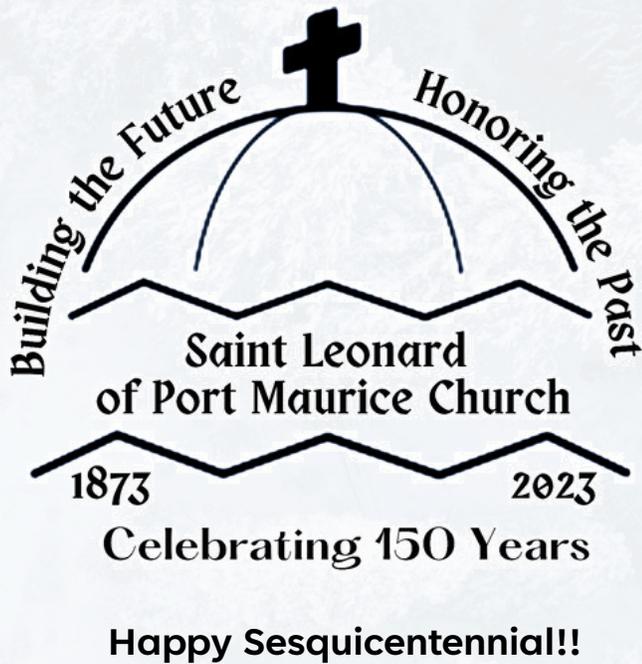
12:05 PM - MASS

2:00 PM - PRAYER SERVICE

4:00 PM - PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 PM - MASS
WITH PENITENTIAL PROCESSION





**This is our Sesquicentennial Prayer;
we hope you will join us in praying it
during this year:**

Almighty and merciful God, who made Saint Leonard an outstanding herald of the mystery of the Cross, grant, by his intercession, that, acknowledging on earth the riches of the same cross, we may be worthy to attain the fruit of redemption in Heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Let us pray that this 150th celebration be an opportunity for us to be transformed by the Cross and more intimately united with Christ.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are the centerpiece of our 150th celebration and we will be offering, as an insert each week in the bulletin, the Station of the month along with meditations for your prayer and reflection.

We encourage you to spend some time each day allowing Jesus to speak to you through His Passion.

This week, for the month of February, is the second station:
Jesus Takes Up His Cross.

Next Meeting

The next 150th Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. Please join us, everyone is welcome!



CALENDAR ————— ◆
OF EVENTS
February 2023

February 8th -- Discover Artist Donatus Buongiorno Murals in St. Leonards and Sacred Heart
Time: 7:00pm via Zoom
Registration required at: celebrating150Years@sleonard.org

February 19th — North End Trivia
Time: 3-5pm in St. Joseph's Hall
Bring a team or join one at the event! Food, Fun and Prizes!!

February 26th — 4th Sunday Stations of the Cross hosted by Pure in Heart
Social 1 pm – 2 pm
Adoration 2 pm – 3 pm
Stations 3pm

Please Join Us!

For more information:
www.saintleonardchurchboston.org or
celebrating150years@sleonard.org

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE
SESQUICENTENNIAL STATIONS
OF THE CROSS

AS A SPECIAL WAY OF HONORING THE PAST, WE ARE RESURRECTING THE TRADITION OF ST. LEONARD'S IN THE LATE 1800'S OF OFFERING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,

EACH MONTH WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A PROGRAM HOSTED BY DIFFERENT GROUPS AFFILIATED WITH THE CHURCH AFTER THE NOON MASS.

Sunday, February 26, 2023

SCHEDULE:

1-2 PM - SOCIAL HOUR

2-3 PM ADORATION IN THE CHURCH

3 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOSTED BY:

Pure in Heart



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT
CELEBRATING150YEARS@SLEONARD.ORG OR
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PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

SAINT LEONARD'S CHURCH PRESENTS



NORTH END
TRIVIA
EVENT

DO YOU KNOW HISTORY? WHAT ABOUT FAMOUS NORTH END PERSONALITIES? SAINT LEONARD'S CHURCH FUN FACTS?...

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND PRIZES!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023
3 TO 5 PM - SAINT JOSEPH'S HALL
31 PRINCE STREET, BOSTON MA 02113

BRING A FRIEND OR A WHOLE TEAM

LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING:
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150TH CELEBRATION EVENT

Donatus Buongiorno Murals in St. Leonard's Church, Sacred Heart, and other Boston Churches

Please join us as we learn about this immigrant painter's artwork in our Parish.

Presented by Janice Carapellucci
Genealogist, Historian, Descendant

Wednesday, February 8 at 7pm via Zoom*

*We may live stream the presentation in the Parish Hall if there is enough interest, please RSVP.

Please RSVP to celebrating150years@sleonard.org to:

- register
- obtain the Zoom link
- RSVP for the live streaming.



Born Solofra, Avellino, Campania, Italy: 1865
Graduated from Accademia Di Belle Arti, Naples, Italy: 1886.
Artist in New York City: 1892-1920s
Died, Italy: 1935

Our speaker:
Janice Carapellucci,
great-grandniece of artist
Artist tribute website:
donatusbuongiorno.com
Genealogy website:
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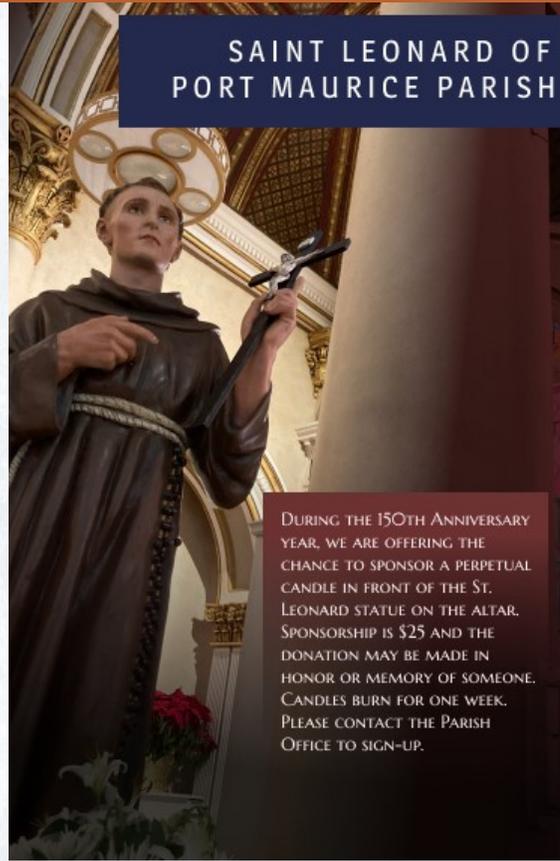


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SAINT LEONARD OF
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DURING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE ARE OFFERING THE CHANCE TO SPONSOR A PERPETUAL CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE ST. LEONARD STATUE ON THE ALTAR. SPONSORSHIP IS \$25 AND THE DONATION MAY BE MADE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE. CANDLES BURN FOR ONE WEEK. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP.



A LITTLE HISTORY ... CONTINUED

(Written by Dr. Jessica Dello Russo)

In the meantime, the Franciscans Friars went head to address the need for a larger church hall and other parish facilities by purchasing additional land on Prince Street in 1885. The Irish American architect William Holmes received the commission to create a completely new building of worship. A one-story hall was first raised next to the old chapel and dedicated in 1891 to Saint Anthony. This basement structure would support in turn the construction of an even more spacious upper church which would be rededicated to St. Leonard on his feast day of 27 November 1899, together with a new resident for the friars adjacent to the church. The upper church hall was built of brick with granite trimmings in a mix of Italianate styles, from the Romanesque to the Baroque. Its basilican form terminates in a semi-circular apse with a great dome over the nave in the area in front of the sanctuary. The side aisles are cut off at this point to give the impression of a transept. This voluminous interior is in stunning contrast to the earlier building and despite its construction in a dense urban area, limiting window placement in some parts, the sensation is one of space and light. All this came at considerable cost to the St. Leonard Saint community, who nonetheless gave generously to the project of their beloved pastor, Fr. Ubaldo Pandolfi, OFM., to have a church “second to



none” in the archdiocese. The lower church remained in and of itself an important cultural center, New England’s first Saint Anthony healing shrine, with a privileged altar containing an actual relic of the Saint from which a plenary indulgence could be obtained, as well as side altars with simulacra of Jesus Christ in the Holy Sepulcher and the tomb of St. Leonard in Rome, also focal points of supplication and prayer... To be continued

To be continued next week...



Reflections from the Tannoury Family after hosting the Travelling San Damiano Cross

“I mean how can he act so calm—there are literal holes in his hands!” Alexander, our 9-year-old, says this as we hang the cross at home. Lucia, our 5-year-old, when asked if she wants to say a prayer to Jesus while looking at the cross always has a prayer of gratitude no matter the day, “Thank you Jesus for my brothers, my mom, my daddy, and me!”



Throughout this week, we have sat in the “Cross room.” We read our bedtime books, I nurse the baby, we sing at nap time. We say our simple night prayers. I listen to daily podcasts (listening to Bible in a year and catechism in a year by Fr Mike Schmitz, highly recommend!).

Reflecting on our children’s comments, I realize gratitude leads to calmness or in another word, rest. When we are full of gratitude for God, we can rest at the foot of the cross united to Christ, no matter what our “crosses” are in life.

Please consider signing up to bring the Cross into your home; and as this reflection shows, it can be especially powerful for children to participate in. Sign-up by contacting celebrating150Years@seleonard.org

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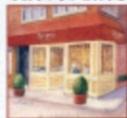
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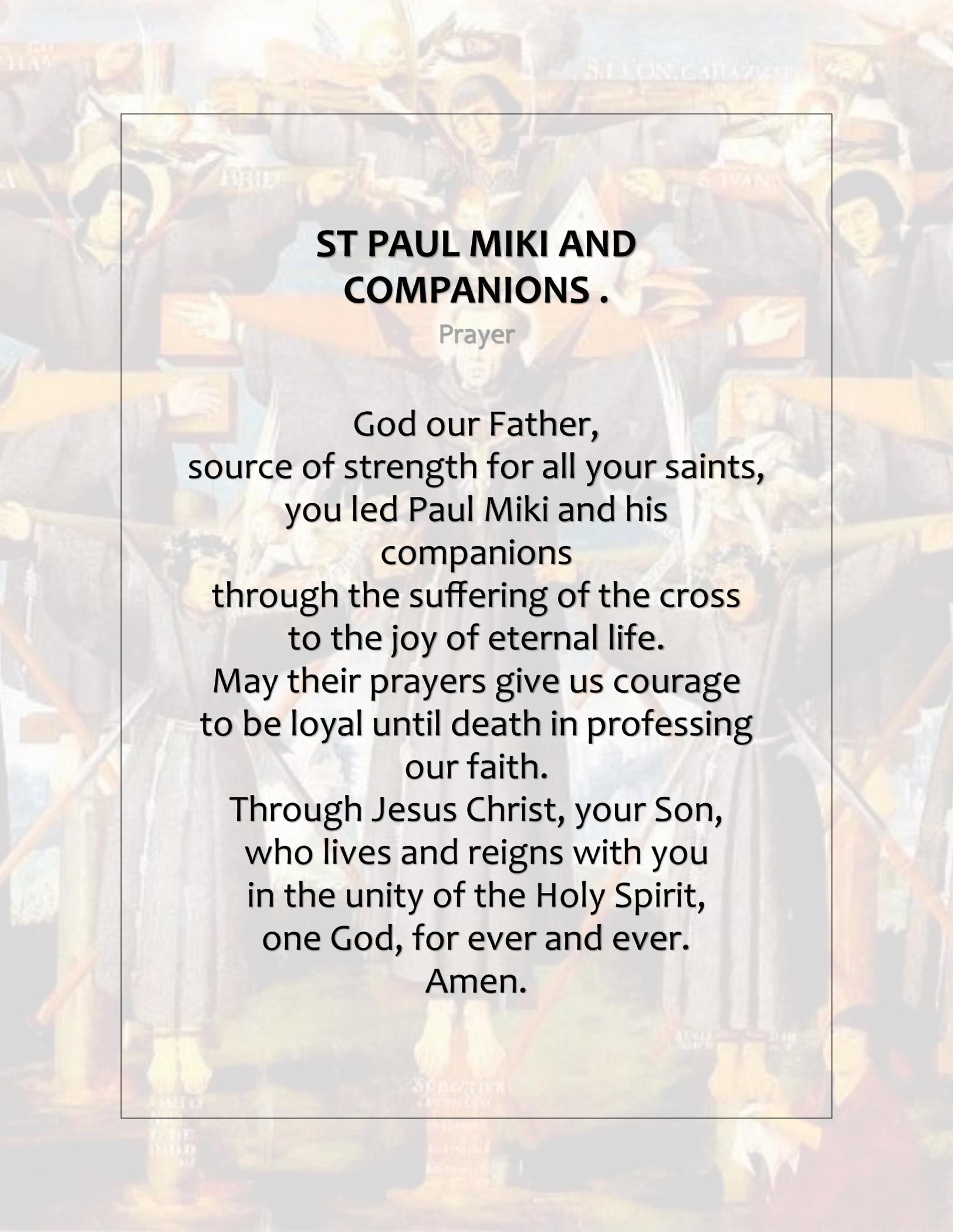
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Prayer

God our Father,
source of strength for all your saints,
you led Paul Miki and his
companions
through the suffering of the cross
to the joy of eternal life.

May their prayers give us courage
to be loyal until death in professing
our faith.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.