

ST. LEONARD PARISH

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Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*"The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the
Gospel."*

Mk 1:15



The Calling of Saints Peter and Andrew by Caravaggio



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes by Jacopo Bassano

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
	10:30 am (Italian)
	12:00 pm
Monday - Friday	8:15 am
	12:05 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 pm and upon request.

SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

Monday - Friday	8:15 am Mass
	11:30 am Rosary
	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 Wednesday of every month
	Queen of Peace Prayer Group
	6:30 pm Rosary, 7:00 pm Mass
First Fridays	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Adoration
	3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

All Masses are transmitted on
our Facebook page

**"St Leonard's Parish,
North End, Boston"**



Headphones for the hearing impaired are
available upon request.

Gluten-free host are also available upon request.

Celebrant Schedule **subject to change*

- **Fr. Michael:** 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, 9:00 am & 12:00 pm
- **Fr. Alexander:** 2nd Sunday, 9:00 am & 12:00 pm
- **Fr. Francis:** 4th Sunday, 9:00 am & 12:00 pm
- **Fr. Robert:** Saturday Confessions at 4:15 pm & Mass at 5:00 pm
- **Fr. Federico:** Sunday 10:30 am (Italian)

**St. Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning
on Mondays 9:00 am - 11:00 am &
Thursdays 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM

Student Priest in Residence: Rev. Federico Cinocca

Guest Priest: Rev. Alexander O'Kere
Rev. Robert Caprio, OFM
Rev. Francis Walter, OFM
Rev. William Schmidt
Rev. Angelo Nisengwe

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Parish Office

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Friday Closed

Saint John School

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Website: <https://sjsne.com/>

Saint Francis Gift and Book Store

Monday - Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday - Saturday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm &
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

401 Hanover St, Boston, MA 02109

P: 617-742-4715

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

*We will NOT celebrate Thursday or Friday
7:30am Masses here during the months of January
and February. These Masses are now on hold until
Thursday, February 29th.*

Parcel 7 (Haymarket) Garage Parking

136 Blackstone Street, Boston
(Enter on New Sudbury Street)

There is validated* parking for visitors to the North End at the Parcel 7 parking garage, located on the corner of New Sudbury Street and Congress Street. Enter on New Sudbury Street next to the Haymarket "T" entrance.

Validated parking tickets are good for \$1 for up to 2 hours of parking, and \$3 for up to 3 hours of parking. If you park for longer than 3 hours, the validation is void and regular rates apply.

* For the discount, parking ticket must be validated by a North End store, church, attraction, restaurant, business or organization.



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions January 20 - January 26

January 20 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Nancy Whitten Martignetti; Patricia Tracey;
Francis Clifford; Josephine Buscemi

January 21 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family
and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Paula Gonzalez;
Anna Ariniello

10:30 am - Sacred Heart of Jesus;
Anna & Christine Ariniello

12:00 pm - Joseph and Josephine Trodella;
Healing prayers for Karen Crompton;
Mary and Fred Fuccillo; Fred Ferullo;
Josephine and Joseph Gaeta; Marilyn and George Reppucci;
Anna & Christine Ariniello

January 22 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:05 pm - Antonio Guarino

January 23 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Marleny Aponte

12:05 pm - Mariano Taborda

January 24 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - David Posada

12:05 pm - Lilly Capodilupo

January 25 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Ellen Adams

12:05 pm - Elizabeth Carroll

January 26 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - For the healing and renewal of families

12:05 pm - Gregory Austin

CASA MARIA

Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 pm
January 20 - Celebrated by Fr. Alexander

On January 21st, we will be hosting a special
collection to support a family that has
tragically lost their home.



All intentions, holy cards, and spirituals
found near the Saints will be offered up
once a month at the Sunday Mass.

Are you in need of Prayers?

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.



Part Two: Waking Up the Woke

**This is a two-part series on Wokeness*



Charity by William Adolphe Bouguereau

I remember reading a critique of liberation theology which both at the same time affirmed the endeavor but questioned the method, saying it was of course good to work towards better political solutions, improving the poverty and plight of the marginalized and opposing unjust governments but cautioned that the key was in how it was to be done. The critique was revealing in pointing out that we must not be content to merely treat the symptom without addressing the root cause of the problem, and perhaps most importantly, we must do so in a spirit of love.

The first insight therefore of the critique which is analogous to the critique of wokeness was recognizing the limitations inherent in liberation theology: that its ultimate goal would never be fully realized through mere legislation. One cannot achieve true liberation or permanently right all wrongs of social injustice without first identifying and addressing the root cause of the problem which is sin. The solution, therefore, resides not in merely changing any external unjust law (or shaming a person) but rather in interiorly changing hearts. The reality is that our human nature is a fallen nature and so our hearts are subject to the concupiscence inherited from our original sin.

This means that it is not a white problem, or a male problem but is a much deeper problem; it is in the end the result of the problem of original sin. The truth is we are all inclined away from God and in need of redemption from the slavery of sin. Ultimately therefore it is only through grace that our hearts can be converted and freed. This basic truth recognizes our universal need of redemption, and reveals God's love as the only means which can fully reform individual hearts and society at large. The way forward therefore must include God's grace, which is love, for love alone can transform hearts.

Awakening the Spirit of Love and Mercy

Before taking up our righteous effort to eradicate systemic evil, and exposing all forms of oppression, racism and prejudice, we must wake up the spirit of love which may be dormant. Jesus calls us to love the sinner but hate the sin; to never fail to meter our passion for justice with mercy, which triumphs over justice. This is precisely what can be omitted in a society bent on vengeance and entrenched in the frenzy of a cancel culture. With no room for redemption, mercy, forgiveness or reconciliation, a sense of revenge, retribution and vigilance prevails.

Without a spirit of love, the rigid letter of the law becomes a weapon used to punish and beat people over the head with. A recent article written by Eddie Ejibair has suggested that at the very heart of wokeness is a bitter spirit of reckoning called resentment. He contends this is what explains the disproportionate anger that is



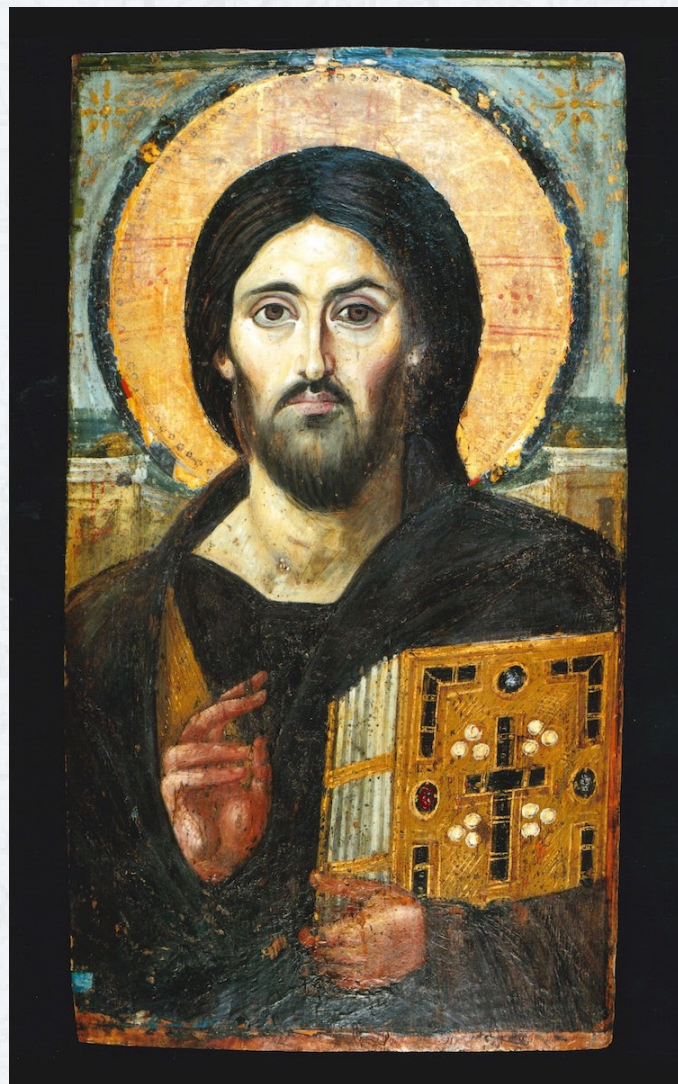
The Expulsion of the Money-changers from the Temple
by Giandomenico Tiepolo

sometimes characteristic of cancel culture. Our Lord himself showed us how being angry at injustice is warranted and not always sinful when he turned the tables of the money changers over at the temple. This righteous anger was clearly motivated out of love for the gentiles. Note that Jesus sought to destroy the system but not the person. Sinful anger however seeks to destroy and cancel the person rather than eradicating the problem.

Virtue signaling functions in much the same way. The focus is on pointing to and blaming others with a judgmental outrage which accuses others of sin, saying, “that’s the bad guy!” In truth this is projection which by default presents the accuser as the “good guy.” There is nothing Christian nor anything from the Holy Spirit about publicly standing up and shouting loudly against another person in order to shame or blame them by calling out their sins. Pointing disapprovingly at others in the name of certain beliefs, values, or virtues is in reality not only a futile, judgmental and self-righteous attempt to define yourself against others but an example of finding the splinter in our neighbor's eye while missing the plank in ours. He who is without sin should cast the first stone.

In some ways wokeness can reflect humanities' very first temptation itself. In her new book, *Awake, Not Woke: A Christian Response to the Cult of Progressive Ideology*, Noelle Mering argues that “wokeness” is, in fact, nothing other than the age-old temptation to take the place of God. She believes the cancel cultures propensity to make their own meaning and morality is just another attempt to be our own gods. The passage of Judges 21:25, speaks of the dangers of a people who take the basis of morality, right and wrong, upon themselves.

In conclusion we can say that authentic Christian love calls us to work towards justice and confront injustices. The way we do so however distinguishes the Christian as we are called to follow the example of Christ who always encourages us to enter into a constructive dialogue which does not seek to create a distance between ourselves and others but rather has as its goal, loving communion. We are not here to judge or condemn others but rather to bring our brothers and sisters back into a loving communion with God and others



Jesus Christ "Pantocrator" icon

which we do best by following the prescripts of the Bible which states how in Galatians 6:1, “If we see a brother or sister who is caught in a sin, we should restore him or her ‘gently.’” Restoration starts with loving confrontation. We need to be willing to go to this person and show him his fault. Mathew 18:15-17 outlines the process thus:

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

EVENTS

January Events

- **January 21st: 150th Bingo**
1:30 pm at Saint Joseph's Hall
- **January 23rd: 150th Committee Meeting**
6:30 pm at Saint Joseph's Hall
- **January 24th: "Follow Me" Bible Study**
7:00 pm at Sacred Heart
- **January 28th: Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross**
1:00pm Social
2:00pm Adoration
3:00pm Stations of the Cross

Every First Friday Adoration is Exposed from
12:30pm to 3:00pm.

Every Sunday at 4:00pm praise and worship
takes place at Saint Leonard's Church.

Every Sunday

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY DINNER

Sundays, Dodici Social Club (12 N Square)*
Following Praise & Adoration (4-5:30 pm,
St. Leonard's Church)



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*Starting Jan. 14th, 2024



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SUNDAY - January 21st



150TH

BINGO



JANUARY 21, 2024

St. Joseph Hall

Join us for an afternoon of Bingo games.

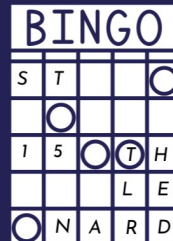
Doors open at 12:45pm

Bingo begins at 1:30pm

\$20.00 for 3 BINGO cards

One extra card to anyone who registers by January 15th.

Please register by contacting
celebrating150years@sleonard.org



LET THE BINGO
GAMES BEGIN!

SUNDAY - January 28th

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, January 28th at Saint Leonard's Church following the Noon Mass.

1:00pm: Social

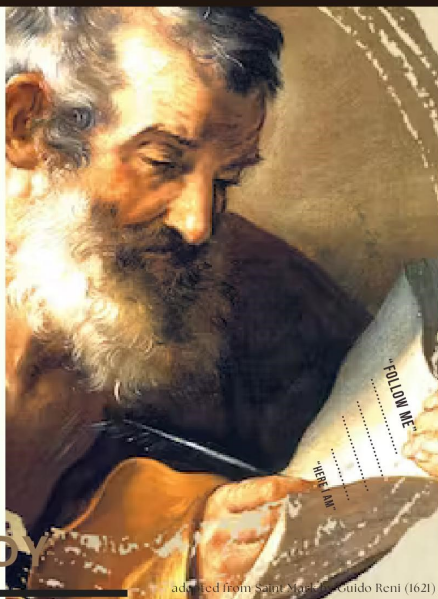
2:00pm: Adoration

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross



WEDNESDAY - January 24th

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MARK



BIBLE STUDY

"FOLLOW ME"

MARK 1:17

Wednesdays | 7-8:30PM
Starting January 17, 2024

Sacred Heart Church
12 North Square | Boston, MA 02113

CONTACT: CELEBRATING150YEARS@SLEONARD.ORG



PLEASE NOTE:

We will be using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The Gospel of Mark, which is available in the St. Leonard Gift Shop.

Every Sunday

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*Excluding Dec. 24th & 31st

FRIDAY - February 2nd

ADORATION



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

March 3rd to 9th

Mission Trip

**MARCH 3-9
DENVER, CO**

Join Encounter Boston on our mission trip to serve the homeless alongside Christ in the City!

Learn more and register at
tinyurl.com/EncounterDenver

From March 3rd-9th we will lead a mission trip to Christ in the City's missionary house in Denver, CO. Again, young adults are welcome! "Mission troopers" (i.e., volunteers) will experience street ministry, the joy of community life, and workshops from the missionaries and formators at CIC. This is our most popular and beloved event each year!



150TH ANNIVERSARY



Next meeting of the 150th
Committee is Tuesday, January 23rd
at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.

All are welcome.

150th Building the Future Fund

Thank you to all the Angels that have contributed to our 150th Building the Future Fund thus far.

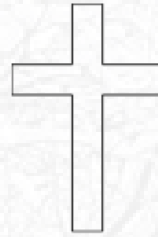
We still need to raise \$100,000 to repair the facade of Sacred Heart, and \$100,000 to fix the Roof at the Rectory. Please consider donating to our Angelic Choir:

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Donations can be made with a check to
St. Leonard's 150th and sent to the Parish office at
320 Hanover Street, Boston MA 02113;
or by donating online at
www.saintleonardchurchboston.org.

Thank you so much!

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 January we are focused on the Thirteen Station:
Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross



CONCLUDING OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Please join us as we conclude
the celebration of

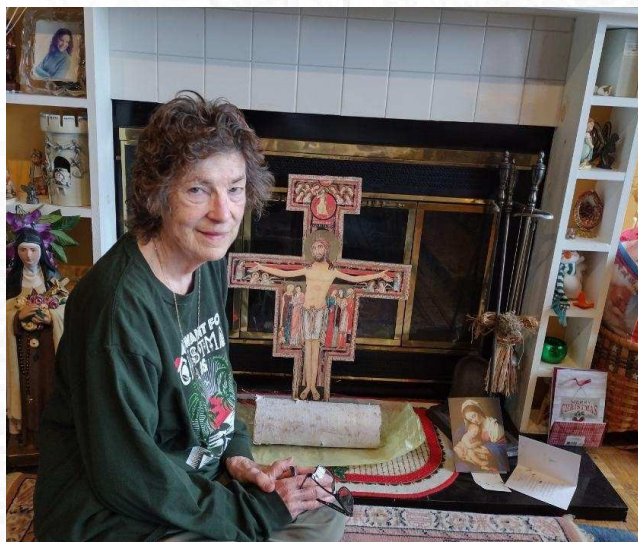
*The 150th Anniversary of
St. Leonard's Church*

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Twelve o'clock Mass
St. Leonard's Church

refreshments to follow in St. Joseph's Hall



Recent Recipients of the Traveling San Damiano Cross



As we come toward the end of the 150th Anniversary celebration, we are also winding down the Traveling San Damiano Cross.

If anyone is interested in hosting the Cross, we have a few more openings. It has been an amazing journey and the blessings and graces received by those who hosted the Cross are many.

If you would like to host the San Damiano Cross in your home for a week please contact:
celebrating150years@sleonard.org

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 20TH

Franciscan Secular Order



The next meeting of the Secular Franciscans at St. Leonard's will be on Tuesday, February 20th, at 7pm in the Church Hall. We will be discussing Chapter 1 of Richard Rohr's "Eager To Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi." Copies of the book are available in the church book store, and online via Amazon. (Please come for engaging conversation, whether or not you have read the book!)

The Secular Franciscans are a lay order of the Roman Catholic Church — for men and women, young and old, married and unmarried. We are one of the three orders founded by St. Francis of Assisi.

If you have any questions, please email:
stleonardsecularfranciscans@gmail.com.



The Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Spiritual Care Department is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to administer Holy Communion to patients and families in the hospital.

This is a wonderful volunteer ministry, and there is a great need.

Requirements: One-year commitment to serve at least one day a week for 2-3 hours, and a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing.

If you are interested, please email
Br. Jeff Shackleton, OFM, at
jshackleton@mgh.harvard.edu or call
the MGH Spiritual Care Department
at (617) 726-2220. Many blessings for
considering this important ministry!



PLENARY INDULGENCE CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY SCENE 800 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

This year, Catholics will be able to receive a plenary indulgence from Dec. 8 the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to Feb. 2, 2024, the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by praying before a nativity scene in a Franciscan church.

As part of the celebration of this Franciscan Centenary, the Conference of the Franciscan Family asked Pope Francis for the approval of this plenary indulgence.

The conference wrote: "In order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, we ask that the faithful receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions from 8 December 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2 February 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of our Lord Jesus Christ, by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families throughout the world and stopping in prayer in front of the nativity scenes set up there."

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church that removes the temporal punishment due to sin. When one receives an indulgence, it always washes away all temporal punishment, but it must be accompanied by a detachment from sin.



In order to receive a plenary indulgence, one must have a detachment from sin, including venial; receive the Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of confession within 20 days of praying in front of a nativity scene. In addition, those attempting to receive the indulgence must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Those who are sick or unable to participate physically can obtain the indulgence by offering their suffering up to the Lord or by "carrying out practices of piety."

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL

Open House



St. John School North End invites you to celebrate Catholic Schools Week at our Open House on Wednesday, January 31, from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Nestled in the heart of Boston's historic North End, St. John School, PreK thru Grade 8, educates students in an atmosphere that fosters a spirit of community, faith and academic excellence. We are now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year! Kindly reach out to Amy Fitzgerald at afitzgerald@sjzne.com or call 617-227-3143 to schedule a tour if unable to attend.

Wine Dinner



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Week 1: \$ 1,644

Week 2: \$ 5,160

January Monthly Budget: \$ 20,933

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Thank you for your support!

This year we have on the cover of our missal the prayer of St. Michael the Archangel and a special note to our guest of St. Leonard of Port Maurice.

Welcome to St Leonard's

For those of you who are not Catholic, or if you are Catholic and not prepared to receive Holy Communion today, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest instead.

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, **by the power of God**, cast into
hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

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Prayer for Life and Dignity

*Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life,
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from conception to natural death.*

*Bless us with the strength to respect all
peoples
from east to west, from north to south,
so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to
be neighbor.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit.*

Amen

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22