

ST. LEONARD PARISH

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Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN JANUARY 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The people who sit in darkness have
seen a great light;
on those dwelling in a land
overshadowed by death,
light has arisen."*

Mk 1:21-28



From the Phillip Medhurst Collection of Bible Prints



Jesus Preaching on the Mount by Gustave Dore

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

St. Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

Parish Office

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

Saint John School

Telephone: 617-227-3143

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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 27 - February 02

January 27 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Lucy Scapicchio

January 28 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Domenico and Sestilia Federico

10:30 am - Pia Trotta; Healing for Maria and Rico

12:00 pm - Lucia Bellia; Barbara Anzalone; Healing prayers for Karen Crompton

January 29 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Jerry & Ann McCormick

12:05 pm - David Posada

January 30 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Elizabeth Carroll

12:05 pm - For young people struggling with addictions

January 31 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Mark Kutch

12:05 pm - Filomina "Minnie" Scanga

February 01 - THURSDAY

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

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

February 02 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - Rosso Pezzano



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.

The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of January 28 - February 03 at Saint Leonard Church in Memory of Emanuella Solimine



CASA MARIA

Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 pm
January 27 - Celebrated by Fr. Alexander



***Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit
and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.***



Jesus Tempted by Carl Heinrich Bloch

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Reflection taken from Loyola Press

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.



EVENTS

January Events

- **January 28th: Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross**
 - 1:00pm Social
 - 2:00pm Adoration
 - 3:00pm Stations of the Cross
- **January 31st: "Follow Me" Bible Study**
 - 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart

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

Every Sunday at 4:00pm, Adoration with
music by NER Praise happens at St Leonard's

Every Sunday at 5:30pm (after Adoration),
young adult dinner takes place
at Dodici (12 North Square)

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



Every Sunday

LIVE WORSHIP MUSIC

Sundays @ 4 PM*
St. Leonard's in Boston's North End



f St. Leonard's

*Excluding Dec. 24th & 31st



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WEDNESDAY - January 31st

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.



FRIDAY - February 2nd

ADORATION



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

SATURDAY - February 3rd

ST. BLAISE

BISHOP AND MARTYR

February 3rd



In commemoration of St Blaise on February 3rd and 4th we will celebrate the traditional blessing of the throats on:

Saturday after 5:00pm Mass, and on Sunday after the 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00pm Masses.

Every Sunday

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY DINNER

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



St. Leonard's

*Starting Jan. 14th, 2024



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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

A square QR code located in the bottom right corner of the Mission Trip poster.

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



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:

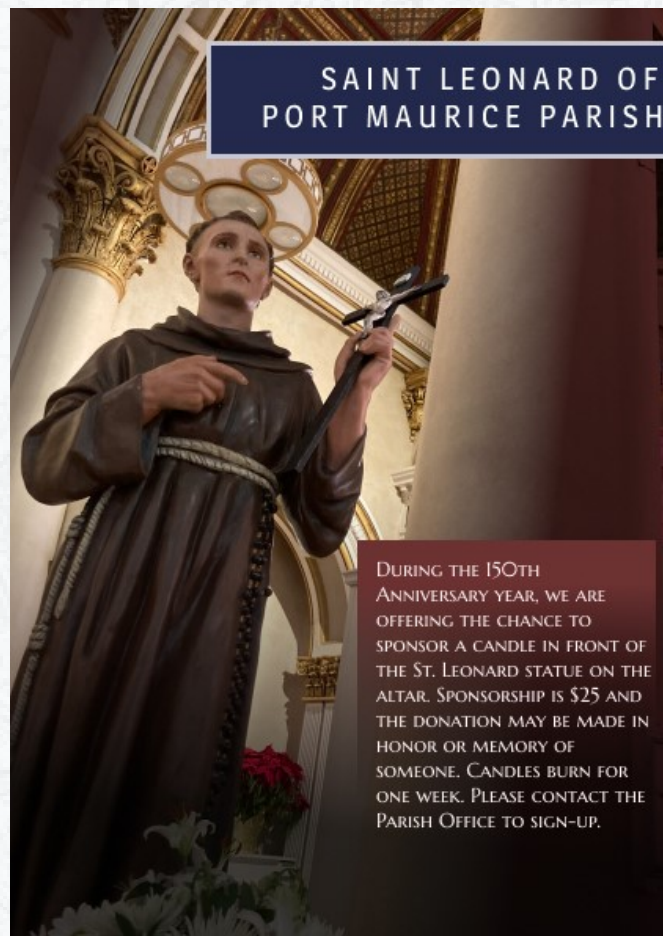
- \$150 Sesquicentennial Club
- \$500 Angels
- \$1,500 Archangels
- \$5,000 Principalities
- \$15,000 Powers
- \$30,000 Virtues
- \$50,000 Dominions
- \$75,000 Thrones
- \$100,000 Cherubim
- \$150,000+ Seraphim

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!



DURING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE ARE OFFERING THE CHANCE TO SPONSOR A 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.

Sesquicentennial Prayer

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



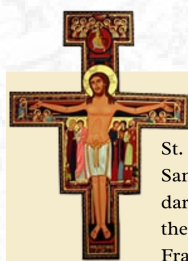
The Stations of the Cross are the centerpiece of our 150th celebration and we will be offering, as an insert each week in the bulletin, the Station of the month along with meditations for your prayer and reflection.



We encourage you to spend some time each day allowing Jesus to speak to you through His Passion. This week for the month of January we are focused on the Thirteen Station:



Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross



Travelling San Damiano Cross

St. Francis' vocation began at the foot of the Cross at San Damiano where he prayed to God to "enlighten the darkness of his heart..." Later he heard Jesus say from the Cross, "Go, repair my Church" and as a result the Franciscan order was born. Since that time all Franciscans have a longstanding devotion to the Cross.

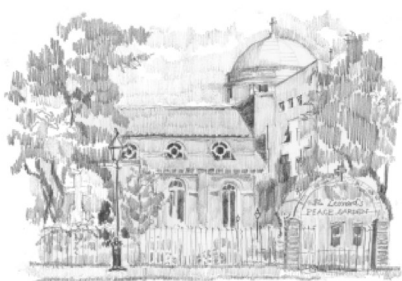
St. Leonard, coming out of this tradition, refined the devotion of the Cross by popularizing the Stations of the Cross and preached that we can be transformed in and through the Cross.

Thus, as part of the 150th Anniversary, we would like to invite parishioners to welcome the San Damiano Cross into their homes and allow themselves to be transformed by the Cross.

Parishioners can have the Cross in their home for one week. Let us know if you are interested. We will fill weeks consecutively beginning on January 29, 2023. The Cross will be blessed and handed over at the noon Mass each week. We hope you will invite family, friends and neighbors into your home to pray before the Cross.

To sign-up for the travelling San Damiano Cross, please contact celebrating150Years@sleonard.org or by calling the Parish office at 617-523-2110 and asking for Claudia.

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

Building the Future by Honoring the Past



ST. LEONARD'S YOUNG ADULT DINNERS

Here are pictures from the first week of St. Leonard's Young Adult Dinners at Dodici Social Club!



The dinners will be every Sunday at 5:30pm, following the 4:00pm Praise and Worship in St. Leonard's. All are welcome!

A special thank you to St. Joseph's resident, Megan Angell, for making this possible!

Our online Gift and Book Store
is now open

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\$27.95



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@sjsne.com or call 617-227-3143 to schedule a tour if unable to attend.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights are welcoming everyone to come and join them as they host our January 28th Social (12:00-1:00pm), adoration (1:00-2:00pm) and Stations of the cross (3:00pm). They will also be prominent in our upcoming Closing Mass of the 150th year celebration on February 18th.

The Knights of Columbus in the North End at one of the oldest in the country and is responsible for many charitable activities. Most recently they will be sponsoring the North End Baseball team named the Padres and the Lacrosse team for 1st & 2nd graders as well as 3rd & 4th graders.



Stephen Scapichio, Grand Knight John Pagluica, and Fr. Michael Della Penna.

Ausonia Council #1513 Knights of Columbus Sponsors Youth Sports Programs in the North End

by PGK John Romano

Growing up in the North End I looked forward to the day that I was old enough to play in the North End Athletic Association's (N.E.A.A.) Little League program. I was a Bat Boy at 5 years old in the Minor League Program on a team coached by Mikey "FUD" Giannasoli. At age 9 I played for Tony's Fruit in the Little League. I can always remember the best team being the Knights of Columbus team - affectionately known to us then as K of C. That was over 50 years ago! Fast forward to today and the Ausonia Council #1513 is still sponsoring teams in the N.E.A.A.'s youth sports leagues. The Knights have always valued the importance of helping to provide youth sports to boys and girls in the North End. Most recently we have sponsored teams in the N.E.A.A.'s youth soccer program and the Minor League Baseball program. This year we will also sponsor a youth Lacrosse team. Many current members of the Ausonia Council played baseball in the N.E.A.A.'s programs and we understand the need for athletic activities for our youth. Youth sports teach many of life's lessons like teamwork and sportsmanship. It is important to teach young children how to win and how to lose gracefully. Friendships that are made last a lifetime, so are the memories. My friends and I still talk about games and players and plays like they happened yesterday. Many members of the Ausonia Council have coached or volunteered to help out in the N.E.A.A. The Knights also donate to opening day, allstar and end of year events for the various programs as well. Under the prayerful guidance of St. Leonard's Pastor and Ausonia Council Chaplain, Fr. Michael Della Penna (a former NEAA player himself), the Knights continue to grow and support youth activities and sports of all kinds in our neighborhood. The Ausonia Council #1513 is proud to be involved in youth sports and looks forward to a continued partnership with the N.E.A.A. - whose youth sports programs are second to none! Baseball begins in April - weather permitting - with practices and Opening Day is scheduled for Sat, April 27th. Registration is now open for boys and girls ages 4 to 18. Go to: <https://neaa sports boston.sportngin.com/neaa-baseball> to register. We hope to see you all down the park routing on all of the young children and their coaches.

Fr. Mike blesses the teams at Opening Day 2023:



Fr. Mike talks to the players about teamwork and being kind to each other.





Footsteps of St. Leonard Pilgrimage

150th Anniversary of St. Leonard's Church

Fr. Michael Della Penna, OFM
Your Chaplain

Itinerary (subject to change) **October 8 – 17, 2024**

Day 1 | October 8th, 2024 | *Departure*

Our pilgrimage begins with an overnight flight from Boston to Milan. Meals and refreshments are served on the plane.

Day 2 | October 9th, 2024 | *Arrival in Milan*

Upon arrival in Milan, we'll transfer to Porto Maurizio, the birthplace of St. Leonard. Hotel Check-in, and afternoon at leisure before we gather for mass and our welcome dinner. *Overnight in Porto Maurizio*

Day 3 | October 10th, 2024 | *Footsteps of St. Leonard*

After breakfast we start the day by visiting St. Leonard's native home, now an oratory for private worship. We'll then walk the streets of Porto Maurizio where St. Leonard would preach. St. Leonard would preach in the streets to many thousands, the churches were too small to contain the multitudes who would flock to hear his sermons. After lunch, we'll visit the Cathedral of Imperia Porto Maurizio where we will celebrate Mass and pray over the body of St. Leonard. *Overnight in Porto Maurizio*

Day 4 | October 11th, 2024 | *Tuscany & Florence*

After breakfast we'll depart for Assisi, in route we stop in Tuscany for lunch, a beautiful place to admire the countryside, relax and enjoy some local wine tasting. Next, we'll visit the Convento Dell'Incontro, a Franciscan Monastery atop the hills just outside of Florence. Convento Dell'Incontro was founded by St. Leonard in 1710 and where he would retire to from time to time after his missions. Here we will celebrate Mass and pray for the intercession of St. Leonard. Finally, we'll arrive in Assisi for Dinner. *Overnight in Assisi*

Day 5 | October 12th, 2024 | *Assisi*

Following breakfast, we will proceed to the basilica of St. Francis where we will celebrate Mass, pray over his tomb. Next, we will visit Chiesa Nuova, built in 1615 on the site of the birthplace of St. Francis. Then onto the Church of St. Clare to see the Saint's body and pray for her intercession. St. Clare was the foundress of the Order of Poor Clare's. We'll visit St. Mary Major, the Shrine of the Renunciation, where Blessed Carlo's body is interred. Finally, we visit San Damiano the site of St. Francis's conversion, where he obeyed the orders given to him by the Crucifix, which told him "Go forth Francis, and rebuild my crumbling house". *Overnight in Assisi*

Day 6 | October 13th, 2024 | *Greccio*

After breakfast we visit St. Mary of the Angels where St. Francis spent most of his life. Here we'll visit the Chapel Portiuncola and celebrate Mass near the rose bush and cave where St. Francis retired for prayer. Next, we'll depart Assisi and begin our journey to Rome, in route we will make a stop in Rivotorto where St. Francis of Assisi

started his life of austerity. We then continue onto the medieval town of Greccio. Greccio itself, set on a beautiful mountaintop, is famous for its cool summer climate and its mineral springs. However, it is even more renowned for its connections with St. Francis of Assisi and as the birthplace of the Christmas crèche. On Christmas Night 1223, St. Francis led shepherds to the top of a nearby hill where they gathered together in a stable sheltering an ox and a donkey. According to legend, the Baby Jesus miraculously appeared in the manger. On this spot the Franciscan convent of Greccio was built, and the Chapel of The Crib was erected in 1228, the year St. Francis was canonized. Finally, we board our bus and continue to Rome for dinner. *Overnight in Rome*

Day 7 | October 14th, 2024 | *Rome Basilicas*

After breakfast, we will visit the church of San Bonaventura al Palatino, here we will have to opportunity to pray before the relics of St. Leonard and celebrate Mass. San Bonaventura al Palatino is where St. Leonard studied and later taught as a professor. Next, before our entrance at Colosseum, we will visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains and then we will embark on a historic tour of Ancient Rome starting with a visit to the Colosseum, a grand amphitheater of the ancient world. St. Leonard set up the Stations of the Cross in over 500 different places, including the Colosseum. Passing by the Roman Forum, we will witness the ruins of ancient government buildings. After the Roman Forum we'll visit Collegio Romano, a school established by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1551, just 11 years after he founded the Society of Jesus, where St. Leonard studied with the Jesuits before receiving his habit. *Overnight in Rome*

Day 8 | October 15th, 2024 | *St. Leonard & Ancient Rome*

Today, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, as well as the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. It is here (the Basilica of St. John Lateran) that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. We will celebrate mass at one of the basilicas. At the end of the visit, transfer back to your hotel in Rome and rest of the day at leisure. *Overnight in Rome*

Day 9 | October 16th, 2024 | *Vatican City & Papal Audience*

Following breakfast, we have an early departure for St. Peter's Square to participate in the Papal Audience (subject to the Pope's schedule). After lunch, we have a guided tour of the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica where we will celebrate mass in one of the Chapels. *Overnight in Rome*

Day 10 | October 17th, 2024 | *Return home*

With a renewed sense of pilgrimage, and an invigorated love of our Catholic faith, we transfer to the Rome Fiumicino Airport and board our return flight home.



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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.

FINANCIAL & GIVING

ST. LEONARD PARISH JANUARY OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 1,644

Week 2: \$ 5,160

Week 3: \$ 2,777

January Monthly Budget: \$ 20,933

If you would prefer you can donate online with the following QR code:



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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