

ST. LEONARD PARISH

320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113 | P: 617-523-2110

Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 04, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*"Christ took away our infirmities
and bore our diseases."*

Mk 8:17



Man of Sorrows, by William Dyce



Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law, by John Bridge

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 February 03 - February 09

February 03 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - In Honor of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

February 04 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Fishermen's Feast

10:30 am - Madonna Delle Grazie

12:00 pm - Deceased Members of the Picardo Family; Ann Marie Fahey

February 05 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Manoel B. Sousa

12:05 pm - Michael Giudice

February 06 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Marleny Aponte

12:05 pm - Gregory Mendis

February 07 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Elizabeth Carroll

12:05 pm - Ellen Adams

February 08 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - David Posada

12:05 pm - Mark Kutch

February 09 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - Souls of Purgatory



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 Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of February 04 - February 10 at Saint Leonard Church in Memory of Rocco Pezzano.

CASA MARIA

Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 pm
February 03 - Celebrated by Fr. Alexander



RAISED TO SERVE.

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus Heals at Peter's House Icon by Unknown Artist

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

Reflection taken from St. Paul Center

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17–19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41–42). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1–2).



EVENTS

February Events

- **February 13th: Meet Saint Therese**
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Sacred Heart
- **February 21: "Follow Me" Bible Study**
7:00 pm at Sacred Heart
- **February 25th: 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, 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).**

Every Sunday

LIVE WORSHIP MUSIC

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



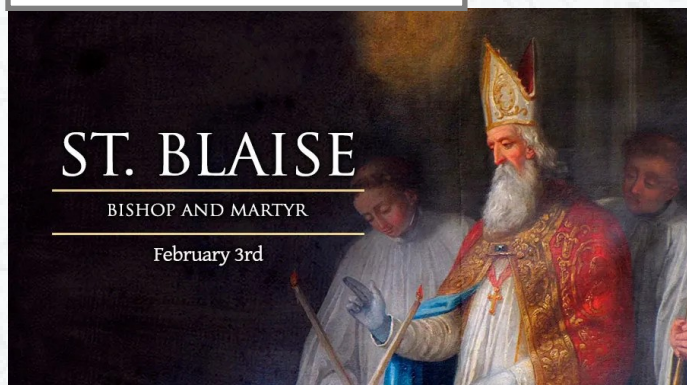
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*Excluding Dec. 24th & 31st



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SATURDAY - 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.

TUESDAY - February 13th

Meet St. Therese

Coffee and
Cookies



6 - 8 pm

Get To Know
St. Therese of
Lisieux

FAT TUESDAY

Feb 13th



SACRED HEART CHURCH

Conference Room

12 North Square, Boston, MA 02113

Featuring Special Guest Speaker: Br. Jonathan Maria

Sponsored by
St. Theresa Society of Boston

For More Information: Contact
Sainttheresaboston@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY - February 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:15 AM - MASS

12:05 PM - MASS

3:00 PM - PRAYER SERVICE
& DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

6:00 PM - CONFESSION

7:00 PM - MASS
WITH PENITENTIAL PROCESSION



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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WEDNESDAY - February 21st

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MARK



adapted from Saint Mark by Guido Reni (1621)

BIBLE STUDY

"FOLLOW ME"

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

MARK 1:17

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.

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



150th Building the Future Fund

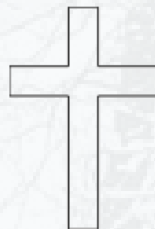
Thank you to all the Angels that have contributed to our 150th Building the Future Fund thus far. We still need to raise \$100,000 to repair the facade of Sacred Heart, and \$100,000 to fix the Roof at the Rectory. Please consider donating to our Angelic Choir:

- \$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!

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 we are focused on the Fourteen Station:
Jesus is laid in the tomb



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



LENTEN AND EASTER CALENDAR

SUN, FEBRUARY 11 - SUN, APRIL 7, 2024



Confessions

- *every Wednesday during Lent @6:30PM
- *every Sunday during Lent @4-5:30PM

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUN 11 FEBRUARY
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM
Burning of the palms to create ashes @1:00PM (Peace Garden)

WED 14 FEBRUARY
Ash Wednesday
Mass with Ash Distribution @8:15AM, @12:05PM, and @7:00PM
Prayer Service with Ash Distribution @3:00PM
Confessions @6:00PM

FRI 16 FEBRUARY
Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

SUN 18 FEBRUARY
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian)
Conclusion of the Sesquicentennial Mass @12:00PM
Confessions @4:00-5:30PM

WED 21 FEBRUARY
Confessions @6:30PM

FRI 23 FEBRUARY
Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

SUN 25 FEBRUARY
150th Anniversary: Sesquicentennial Stations of the Cross
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM
Social @1:00PM, Adoration @2:00PM, Stations of the Cross @3:00PM
Confessions @4:00-5:30PM

WED 28 FEBRUARY
Confessions @6:30PM

FRI 01 MARCH
Stations of the Cross @6:30PM
The Role of Christians in the Holy Land: a Franciscan Perspective @7:00PM (Sacred Heart)

SUN 03 MARCH
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM
Confessions @4:00-5:30PM

MON 04 MARCH
Confessions @6:30PM
"Rebuild my Church" Mission Talk with Fr. Bill Schmidt @7:00PM

TUE 05 MARCH
Confessions @6:30PM
"Rebuild my Church" Mission Talk with Fr. Bill Schmidt @7:00PM

WED 06 MARCH
Confessions @6:30PM
"Rebuild my Church" Mission Talk with Fr. Bill Schmidt @7:00PM

FRI 08 MARCH
Soup St. Joseph Hall @5:30PM
Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

4TH WEEK

SUN 10 MARCH
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM
Confessions @4:00-5:30PM

WED 13 MARCH
Confessions @6:30PM

FRI 15 MARCH
Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

SUN 17 MARCH
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM
Confessions @4:00-5:30PM

WED 20 MARCH
Confessions @6:30PM

FRI 22 MARCH
Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

SAT 23 MARCH
Palm Sunday (Vigil)
Vigil Mass @5:00PM

SUN 24 MARCH
Palm Sunday
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM
Confessions @4:00-5:30PM
Reed's School Concert @5:00PM (Sacred Heart)

WED 27 MARCH
Confessions @6:30PM

THU 28 MARCH
Holy Thursday
Mass @8:00PM, Procession to North End Churches @9:30PM

FRI 29 MARCH
Good Friday
Stations of the Cross @12:00PM and 7:00PM
Passion of our Lord @3:00PM and Confession @4:30PM

SAT 30 MARCH
Easter Vigil
Mass @8:00PM

SUN 31 MARCH
Easter Sunday
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM

SAT 06 APRIL
Divine Mercy Vigil
Mass @5:00PM

SUN 07 APRIL
Divine Mercy Sunday
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM
Adoration and Confession @1:00PM
Chaplet of Divine Mercy @3:00PM

5TH WEEK

HOLY WEEK

EASTER

DIVINE MERCY

1ST WEEK

2ND WEEK

3RD WEEK OF LENT

“During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.”
—Pope Francis

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a preparation for the new life offered to us in Easter. In these 40 days, we prepare our hearts, purifying them through penance, acts of sacrifice, almsgiving, and prayer so that we may fully share in the joys of Easter.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. During Lent we are obligated to fast and abstain from meat:

- **ABSTINENCE:**

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to complete abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

- **FASTING:**

Catholics over 18, and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year, are bound to fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

2. This is a graced time to fulfill our yearly obligation to cleanse our heart through the sacrament of reconciliation and receive the Eucharist during the Easter season.

SOME WAYS TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

- Read the Bible
- Say the Rosary as a Family
- Go to Confession
- Spend time in silent prayer
- Go to Weekday Mass
- Fast from bad language
- Try not to gossip
- Say the Litany of Trust
- Attend Stations of the Cross
- Visit a new church
- Clean your room
- Start the Bible in a Year
- Give up coffee
- Learn about a saint
- Give up electronics
- Pray for vocations
- Give up a favorite snack
- Visit someone in a nursing home
- Do a Random Act of Kindness
- Donate to your favorite charity
- Pray for mother's going through unplanned pregnancies
- Offer up your struggles of the week
- Do one of the Corporal Works of Mercy
- Write a thank you note to someone
- Pray for discerning religious
- Pray for those who have passed
- Invite a friend to attend Mass with you
- Join Bible Study, Wednesdays @7pm at Sacred Heart Church
- Fast from social media for a day or longer
- Spend 30 minutes reading something spiritual
- Read mass readings before to Mass
- Forgive someone that is hard to forgive
- Meditate on one of the Stations

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

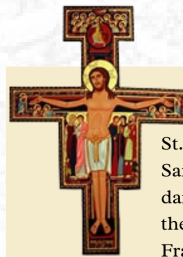
DURING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE ARE OFFERING THE CHANCE TO SPONSOR A CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE ST. LEONARD STATUE ON THE ALTAR. SPONSORSHIP IS \$25 AND THE DONATION MAY BE MADE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE. CANDLES BURN FOR ONE WEEK. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP.

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.



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.

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

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877 - 558 - 0333

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888-550-1588

My Choice Network.org
Love Line.com



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FACTS**

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PAIN**

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CHEMICAL
ABORTION**



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WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

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St Leonard's Church, North End Boston

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North End Boston

Access the store with
the following QR code

All products

8 products



Italian Glass Bead Rosary
\$10.50



Book - The Big Hustle
\$27.95



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!



SUNDAY - February 11th

**Burning
of the
Palms**

February 11, 2024

@1:00PM

Join us after Mass in the Peace Garden as we burn the palms to create ashes.

The poster has a purple background. On the left is a large wooden cross. On the right are green palm fronds. The text is in white and yellow.

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.



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 the 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

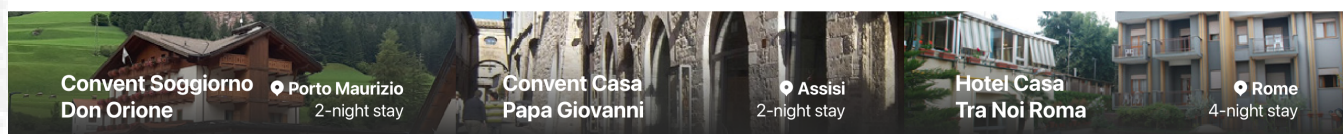
Today, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, as well as the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. It is here (the Basilica of St. John Lateran) that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. We will celebrate 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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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
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Prayer

O glorious Saint Agatha, through whose intercession in Christ I hope for the restored health of body and soul, hasten to lead me to the true Good, God alone. By your intercession, O blessed Agatha, may I ever enjoy your protection by faithfully witnessing to Christ.
Amen

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

February 5