



## ST. MARY'S

ENGLISH-SPEAKING ROMAN CATHOLIC  
PARISH RHEIN-MAIN-AREA

Church location:

Wachenheimer Str. 58  
65835 Liederbach / Taunus

**Sunday Mass: 5:00 pm**

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February 10<sup>th</sup> 2019  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Jesus said to Simeon,  
"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**  
**UNIVERSAL: Victims** – For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

## **THE BIGGER PICTURE** – (a reflection by Catholic Digital Resources)

Very often, the Lord gives us help even when we do not ask for it. We see this in what he did for Simon Peter, James and John in the Gospel reading, when he provided a great catch of fish for them.

What was his motive? Was he rewarding these fishermen for lending him one of their boats? Do you think he does good things for you as a reward? Well, it is NOT a reward. There is definitely a bigger picture. Note the pattern of Christ's interaction with us as illustrated by today's Gospel story:

First, the fishermen already know Jesus; they call him "Master" because he is a master teacher and they are his students. (2) Jesus helps them in an unexpected way. (3) Jesus turns the gift into a calling and (4) the disciples give up everything that could interfere with answering that call.

Whenever God intervenes in our lives, he does it to benefit us AND others. We belong to a community, God's family; we are not in a relationship with God as isolated individuals. By connecting ourselves to God in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in worship, we are connecting ourselves to everyone else and to his concerns for them.

Our prayers for help are never answered only for our sake. God ALWAYS sees the bigger picture. And he ALWAYS cares about everyone who is affected.

God cares very much about your personal needs and desires, but he cares about everyone else, too, whether they ask for his help or not. And he is turning your needs into a calling, a ministry designed specifically for you. This means that the moment you begin asking for help, you are called by God to share his help with others.

By thinking beyond ourselves while waiting for our troubles to end, we find peace and hope and value in the hardships we endure. This is the vocation of daily life.

For reflection: Recall a time when God answered one of your prayers. Identify the four stages of divine intervention that are mentioned above in this reflection.

## ***PERSONNEL, OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT DETAILS***

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### **Public office hours for inquiries and appointments:**

Tuesday: 09:00 – 14:00  
Wednesday: 09:00 – 14:00  
Friday: 09:00 – 13:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice

Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice

Confession available on request

Spiritual Direction as arranged with the Parish Priest

### **PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

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### **St. Leonhard's / Holy Cross in Frankfurt**

Holy Cross Center for Christian Meditation and Spirituality  
Kettelerallee 45, 60385 Frankfurt am Main  
Mass times: Saturdays 7:30 pm // Sundays 9:30 am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**“GIVING SUNDAY”** – Last Sunday at Mass (Feb. 3) we collected a total of **404 Euros** at the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for our Parish charity Mary’s Meals. Thank you again to everyone for your generosity!

**MINISTRY SIGN-UPS** – We are always looking for new people to serve in the various Lay Ministries – **Altar Servers, Lectors, Social Committee, Music Ministry.** If you are interested, please speak with either Father Steve or Lori Bomb. Training is available if necessary.

**And ...** for all of our existing Lay Ministers – there is a **sign-up sheet** located in the back of the church each Sunday. Please stop by on your way out and put down your availability. Thank you!

**HOFHEIMER TAFEL** - Please note that in addition to Giving Sundays, it is also possible to bring your donations for the Hofheimer Tafel on ANY Sunday of the year. Simply place your non-perishable foods and toiletries in the green baskets located in the back of the church.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – The next meeting of St. Mary’s Parish Council will be held on **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 pm.** Any parishioners who would wish to observe the workings of our Parish Council are welcome to attend.

### St. Mary’s Ministry Schedule

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Feb 10</b>	Alec Aspinwall M. Lohscheller	Lori Bomb VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER
<b>Feb 17</b>	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER

**WELCOME NEWCOMERS** – We warmly welcome any new parishioners to St. Mary’s and ask that you kindly register with our church. You can fill out a GREEN registration form which you will find at the back of the church (or ask the Sacristan for one). Or you can send your contact info directly to the parish office (email on back page) ... You will then automatically receive the weekly copy of our bulletin directly to your email, as well as any updates concerning parish activities, schedule changes, etc. **Please note that all information is kept confidential and is for internal parish purposes only.**



## FORECAST OF EVENTS

### MARCH 2019

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30-15.30	Lenten Day of Reflection at St. Leonhard’s/Holy Cross in Frankfurt
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:00pm	Confirmation Class
	3:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
	At Mass	“Giving Sunday”
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Leonhard’s/Holy Cross in Frankfurt
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	First Communion Class
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	all day	Retreat for Confirmation Class in Schönstatt and Limburg
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	First Communion Class
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Lenten Mass at St. Leonhard’s/Holy Cross
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Lenten Mass at St. Leonhard’s/Holy Cross

### **First Reading – Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

**Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

### **Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. ... I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the

apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### **GOSPEL – Luke 5: 1-11**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.