

**April 23, 2017**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Celebrant:** Fr. Leo Schneider  
**Lectors:** Steve Roth/Pat Berg  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dorie Woolsey/Kathleen Brogan/John Howard  
**Music Coordinator:** Zara Turner

**Order of Mass**

Gathering	Let Heraven Rejoice	# 561 MI
Gloria		# 864 MI
Responsorial Psalm	This is the Day	# 800 MI
Gospel Acclamation		# 431 LMG
Preparation of gifts	In The Breaking	# 325 MI
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 432 MI
Memorial Acclamation		# 433 MI
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 434 MI
Communion (2)	To Be Your Bread	# 323 MI
Parting	Alleluia Sing to Jesus	# 727 MI

**Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events**

Regular Sunday Mass	Sundays	10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes		May 9
Next Council Meeting		June 14

<b>Readings for April 23-29</b>			<b>Collection: April 9</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	4/23	Acts 2:42-47/ Jn 20:19-31	Envelopes	\$ 1912.00
<b>Monday</b>	4/24	Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8	Plate	\$ 208.00
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/25	1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20	Coffee	\$ 0.00
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/26	Acts 5:17-28/ Jn 3:16-21	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2120.00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	4/27	Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36	Weekly Need	\$ 2000.00
<b>Friday</b>	4/28	Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15	Loan balance	\$ 58,570.44
<b>Saturday</b>	4/29	Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6: 16-21	Street Assessment YTD	\$ 2390.00

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**Keep in your prayers parish members who are ill:** Josephine Candalisa, Anne Schaak, Mary Ann Nash, Gladys Turner, Irene Donohue, MaryAnn LaCann

**Seeking housework:** A parishioner of St. Leonard is seeking work cleaning houses. Her name is Irma Arfista and you may reach her at 651-354-4360

**Seder thanks:** Thank you! To Merle Davis for donating the wine, Mike Howard the cupcakes, Kathleen Varner flowers and Lei Spencer napkins for the Seder Meal this year. Many thanks to the Clubb Family and all others who prepared, cleaned-up and orchestrated the 2017 Seder Meal.

**Loaves & Fishes:** We still need committed people to show up once a month to physically help prepare and serve at Loaves & Fishes. The next scheduled date is May 9. The leaders who have been keeping this ministry alive over the last two years have asked that the current participating parishes partner with one another and share the cost of competently planning, preparing and serving on our one day a month ministry. St Francis Cabrini is willing to share the expense with us and will pay \$250/month for their part. You will find envelopes for Loaves and Fishes in the back of church. Please think about what you can donate *over and above your weekly contribution* over the next year and watch for our fundraising plan. Donations should be paid to the order of St. Leonard, with "L&F" in the memo field. We will put up the poster each month before the second Tuesday. Thank you.

### **TRUST opportunities:**

**Homebuilding:** Work on homebuilding with TRUST Builders! Choose your Saturdays on which begin at 8:30 am: April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, October 14, November 11, December 19. We also need church crews to provide food support. Lunch will be provided. Just bring some work gloves and a great attitude. You don't have to be a carpenter. We will be working with job supervisors, and each week we have a TRUST Builder site coordinator who will assist in organizing and deploying volunteers on various projects at the jobsite. All levels of experience are needed. To sign up, email John Corlett, TRUST Builders Coordinator at jrcorlett@comcast.net or call him at 612-839-6566 (only in the evening)

**Aliveness Project benefit:** On Thursday, April 27, participating residents will donate a minimum of 20 percent of sales from participating meals to The Aliveness Project, a community center with supportive services for people living with HIV in Minnesota. For more information, contact 612-824-LIFE (5433) or [www.aliveness.org](http://www.aliveness.org) or DiningOutForLifeMN.org

**Marriage Encounter weekend:** The next available Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 5-7, 2017 in Buffalo, MN and Jul 14-16, 2017 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at 612-756-8720 or at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org)

**Parishioners in Need:** St Leonard's has a ministry that sends get well or sympathy cards in the name of the St. Leonard community to people who are experiencing health issues, loss or other difficulties in their lives. Please send the names of people in need of prayers and support to Maryellen: [slpm3949@msn.org](mailto:slpm3949@msn.org) or leave a message on the parish phone: 612-825-5811. Also, Father Leo has requested that you let him know anytime a parishioner is hospitalized.

**Eucharistic Ministry to our Homebound:** Many members of the Eucharistic Ministry Committee have expressed a willingness and desire to serve communion to the SLPM homebound parishioners. To make this happen, we need to have an accurate list of who wants to be part of this ministry. So, if you are currently part of the Eucharistic Committee, or if you want to participate in the homebound piece, please send a message to Katie McBride at: 612-825-7569 or at: [kmcb2006@comcast.net](mailto:kmcb2006@comcast.net) so she can make out a schedule. The council will provide the training. Once we have the list, we will have a commissioning ceremony after Mass for all

Eucharistic Ministers. Fr. Leo has also said that he would like to do an **Anointing of the Sick** for anyone who is sick or preparing for surgery after Mass whenever it is requested.

**Thank You TRUST Meals on Wheels Volunteers** TRUST wants to extend a special "Thank you!" to the TRUST congregations and especially to their Meals on Wheels volunteers who make our program possible. Thank you, volunteers, for your caring and commitment! To join us as a volunteer, please contact TRUST Meals on Wheels at 612-822-6040 or [trustmow@yahoo.com](mailto:trustmow@yahoo.com)

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## **Pastor's Reflections**

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

**Father Leo**

This Sunday is becoming known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It may seem odd that, after we have just finished a penitential season asking God for mercy and ending in the celebration of the gift of resurrection, we would return to the theme of Mercy. What can help make sense of this pattern is to realize that for God, Mercy isn't a momentary act like a judge granting mercy to a criminal in giving him or her life in prison rather than death, God's mercy is constant. Mercy is who God is!

If God is Mercy, we can rely on God's mercy, not as permission to act against God's will, but permission to live in awe of God and not in fear of God. God is merciful with us as we strive to unite our will with God's will. What matters to God is who we become in God, not our mistakes. In the end our mistakes gives the guidance we need to move in the right direction.

Look at Thomas in today's gospel. He is being his total honest self! There is no sin in that, but God draws him to himself and brings him to live in his Spirit. God is doing the same this very moment with you and all peoples, even our enemies. It is God's desire to make us one; one in him and one with all peoples. This is the world God is in the process of creating in every moment through the power of the Holy Spirit. God's mercy is actively inviting us every second to live in God.

In our prayer this week, let us ask God to help us know God's presence in ourselves, in our neighbor, in all people, and all creation. May we come to have that same experience of God's presence that will move us to say with Thomas, "My Lord, and my God!"

**Birthdays:** April 23 – Brandon Howard; April 29 – Dale Hanson. **To add your birthday, e-mail the parish at [slpm3949@msn.com](mailto:slpm3949@msn.com)**

**Bulletin:** The April editor is Steve Brandt. Send notices by noon on Wednesday to: [slpm3949@msn.com](mailto:slpm3949@msn.com)

**NOTE:** The bulletin is now being posted on our website!

St. Leonard of Port Maurice is a Black National Parish, and we welcome you wherever you are on your journey! We are a diverse parish with big hearts and great action for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please come and join us in the great work of this faith community!

*San Leonardo de Port Maurice es una parroquia Nacional Negro, y le damos la bienvenida a usted dondequiera que estés en tu viaje! Somos una parroquia diversa con grandes corazones y gran acción para el Evangelio de Jesucristo. Por favor, Venga y únase a nosotros en la gran obra de esta comunidad de fe*

