



Church of SAINT LEONARD of PORT MAURICE

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February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Schneider

Lectors: Paul Kelly/Trudy Monette

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Howard/Mary Leoni/Jane Peterson

Music Coordinator: Zara Turner

Order of Mass

Gathering	Praise My Soul the King of Heaven	# 546 MI
Gloria		
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord is Kind and Merciful	# 535 LMG
Gospel Acclamation		# 865 MI
Preparation of gifts	I Am The Bread of Life	# 364 MI
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 867 MI
Memorial Acclamation		# 869 MI
Amen		# 871 MI
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 872 MI
Communion	One Bread, One Body	# 339 MI
Parting	Holy God We Praise Thy Name	# 193 LMG

Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events

Regular Sunday Mass	Sundays	10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes		Mar. 14th
Next Council Meeting		March

Readings for February 19 through February 25

Sunday	2/19	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Mt 5:38-48
Monday	2/20	Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	2/21	Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday	2/23	Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
Friday	2/24	Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	2/25	Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

Collection: Feb.12

Cash Plate	\$	36.00
Envelopes	\$	1382.00
Coffee	\$	39.00
Total	\$	1457.00
Weekly Need	\$	2,000.00
Loan balance	\$	59,938.13
Assessment	\$	2,040.00
raised to date		

See us online at www.stleonardmn.org or Facebook

Council Chair: Ed Howard edfhoward@gmail.com, 612-532-9159

Mission Statement

The Church of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice believes that,
with our worship and fellowship experience and faith as our base, we can achieve social justice
through education and outreach that guides us on our Christian journey in the community.

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

Congratulations to Grace Howard who will be confirmed TODAY, February 19 at the Cathedral. Thank you to her parents Mike and Sarah Howard and her sponsor Colleen Wood who have supported Grace and shared their faith with her.

SLPM Adult Lenten Program

Lent is just around the corner. No Soup Supper this year, but adults can gather Sunday mornings before Mass for some reading, discussion, and time for quiet meditation or prayers. We will meet upstairs at 9am. (The first Sunday will be the easiest to attend since the sun will be up at 6:45.)

Please sign up by the bulletins if you think you may come, or let Jeanette Sullivan know (612-729-1292).

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 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.

St. Joan of Arc: St. Patrick's Day Mass and Senior Luncheon, Wednesday, March 15, 11:30am-2 pm. St. Joan of Arc invites seniors from St. Leonards to celebrate with prayer, food and song. 11:30 Mass in the Church followed by lunch in Hospitality Hall. Space is limited; reservations are required (by individual name) by Friday, March 10th. Free will donation. 4537 3rd Ave. So 612.823.8205

TRUST News

Celebrate Fat Tuesday with St. John's Episcopal!! Tuesday, February 28 5:00 – 7:30 pm Pancakes and jambalaya, Entertainment! \$5 per person or \$15 per family. 4201 Sheridan Ave So, Minneapolis.

The Metropolitan Boys Choir Mid-Winter Concert, Sunday, February 26, 2017 3:00 pm Free will offering St. John's Lutheran Church 4842 Nicollet Ave So Minneapolis, MN 55419

Holy Name Church: Please join us! Holy Name is partnering with community members on topics of interest in our local area! Any adult is welcome to attend. Join us and bring a friend. We hope to get to know our neighbors better and help provide a chance for learning and conversation in a relaxed atmosphere.

Upcoming Session/Topic: February 28 Understanding Immigration Issues. Our presenter, Megan Gallaso, will be sharing her experiences and current issues related to immigrant justice in our local area. Includes time for discussion.

Church of the Holy Cross: Annual Sauerkraut supper, Tuesday, February 28, 4-7pm; school auditorium 17th Avenue and 4th St. N.E., Mpls. Menu includes Homemade Sauerkraut, Loin of Pork, Polish Sausage, Potatoes, Rye Bread, Paczki and coffee or milk. \$14.00 Adults, \$6.00 under 12y.o. Also featured will be music for dancing by Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo from 4-8pm in Kolbe Center. Info: 612-789-7238

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

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As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

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What wonderful uplifting praise we have in our psalm today, “The Lord is Kind and merciful.” Note, the psalmist uses the verb is. That means now, in this very moment, God is active and merciful!

So the praise that is being offered to the Lord is because he is pardoning our iniquities, healing our ills and crowning us with compassion now. God is in this moment merciful and gracious, putting our transgressions far from us. Like a parent, God has compassion on us now. In this moment we can live new lives in healed relationship with God and all creation.

It is hard for us to take in this psalm in its fullness. We are so used to thinking there is something we must do to be forgiven. One of the culprits in this is our misunderstanding and misuse of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are not forgiven in the sacrament as much as we remember God’s love for us, and claim for ourselves through God’s mercy, God’s forgiveness achieved once and for all in Christ. We celebrate God’s love for us as he helps us love ourselves for who we are in God. What is restored and brought forward, not made, is our relationship with God, ourselves and all things in love. This is the work of the Spirit and is not confined to a sacramental celebration.

The beauty of today’s psalm is that there is no intermediary. God directly shares his love, his divinity with us, that we may be one in God and one with all creation.

Pray this psalm over and over this week until it becomes a part of your soul in the experience of God’s love. This experience will make you more fully one in God and in all things by the working of the Holy Spirit.

The natural flow from the experience of the psalm, the work of the Spirit in us, is that we become all that this psalm embodies for us to others. This is how we come to love even our enemies. Removing their transgression far from them and loving them as God loves us. This we do to make real the oneness we have received through God for/with others. This is what Jesus models for us; the love we are to be for all

Birthdays: Feb.20: Karen Kunkel; 21: Bill Gray; 22: Pablo Gomez Tapia, Harley Karlsen and Aniela Howard.

To add your birthday, e-mail the parish at slpm3949@msn.com

Bulletin: The February editor is Pat Berg. Send notices by noon on Wednesday to: 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