



Church of
SAINT LEONARD
of **PORT MAURICE**

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February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Schneider

Lectors: Pat Berg/Lei Spencer

Eucharistic Ministers: Dorie Woolsey/Kathleen Brogan/John Howard

Music Coordinator: Zara Turner

Order of Mass

Gathering	Only In God	# 432 MI
Gloria		
Responsorial Psalm	Blest Are They	# 627 MI
Gospel Acclamation		# 865 MI
Preparation of gifts	How Great Thou Art	# 423 MI
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 867 MI
Memorial Acclamation		# 869 MI
Amen		# 871 MI
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 872 MI
Communion	I Have Loved You	# 608 MI
Parting	Lead Me Guide Me	# 391 MI

Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events

Regular Sunday Mass	Sundays	10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes		Feb. 14
Next Council Meeting		Feb. 15 6:30 p.m.

Readings for February 12 through February 19

Sunday	2/12	Sir 15:15-20/ Mt 5:17-37
Monday	2/13	Gn 4:1-15, 25/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	2/14	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	2/15	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/ Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	2/16	Gn 9:1-13/ Mk 8:27-33
Friday	2/17	Gn 11:1-9/ Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday	2/18	Heb 11:1-7/ Mk 9:2-13

Collection: Feb.5

Cash Plate	\$	53.00
Envelopes	\$	1422.00
Coffee	\$	50.00
Total	\$	1525.00
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

Black History Month

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

Parish Council: St Leonard of Port Maurice Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Feb. 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Any items to be considered for the agenda must be sent to Ed Howard at edfhoward@gmail.com by Feb. 1st to be added to the agenda.

Loaves and Fishes: Bring your valentine to Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, February 14. Come at 2:00 to help prepare the meal, 5:15 to serve. They especially need help cleaning up which starts around 6:15. Thanks

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. 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 10^h. 612.823.8205 Free will donation. 4537 3rd Ave.

TRUST News

Lake Nokomis Presbyterian offers it's annual Ham and Cherry Pie Dinner to the community Wednesday, February 15 5:00 – 6:30 pm. A south Minneapolis tradition of Church Basement Yumminess since 1935ish. This is a not to be missed meal. Serving family style, eat your fill of ham, Swedish meatballs, scalloped potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls and cherry pie! Adults: \$12, kids 5-12: \$7, under 5: free. Join us – bring a friend! More information at www.lakenokomispc.org or 612-721-4463 1620 E. 46th Street, Minneapolis

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 will be sharing her experiences and current issues related to immigrant justice in our local area. Includes time for discussion.

About our February Presenter: Megan Gallaso is a member of Holy Name and a lawyer practicing immigration law since 2007. She regularly represents individuals and families in removal proceedings, family-based visa petitions, and in humanitarian applications for people who fear persecution and for certain victims of crimes. She frequently advises criminal attorneys and their clients about the immigration consequences of criminal charges. Megan speaks Spanish, but serves clients from countries around the world.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Fr. Leo

Matthew's gospel begins with Jesus affirming that he is not against Judaism. Jesus understands the place of "Law." in the spiritual life. However, Jesus' understanding of law is quite different than that which was practiced by his fellow Jews in Jerusalem.

For Jesus, the law is a guide but not an end in itself. We know that Jesus broke the law when appropriate, as David did in eating the bread of the temple with his men. Jesus also saw how limited and limiting the legalism of the law could be. He not only taught that murder is wrong, but he went further to say that if you are angry with someone, you need to reconcile with your fellow man or woman to live in the fullness of the Spirit. This is the meaning of the sign of peace in the liturgy. We make peace, we reconcile so that our participation in the oneness of God in the Eucharist will be real.

Anger is a very important feeling and reconciliation seeks to resolve the anger. Sometimes it may be a sign of an injustice done against us, but often it is more complicated. In the end, the reconciliation needs to take place in us so that we can live in peace with others in Christ's love.

Our first two readings and psalm response today locate the law in our hearts. Law is not defined as a written set of rules for behavior, but a way of relating to God and creation that is instinctive to the spirit that lives within us. Thus, for us to be faithful, we need to be true to our deepest sense of self created in the image of God. The guide to that truest inner self is Christ. When we love as he loved, loving God, ourselves and others, we are on our way.

Prayer and the gift of the Holy Spirit is our only guide. May God, bless our prayer and open our minds, bodies and souls to the work of God's Spirit within us. This, as the scriptures make clear today, is our choice. Let us choose wisely then, and ask God to help us be faithful to our choice.

Birthdays: Feb.12: Bill Berg; 14: Michael Diaz 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