



PELICAN VALLEY

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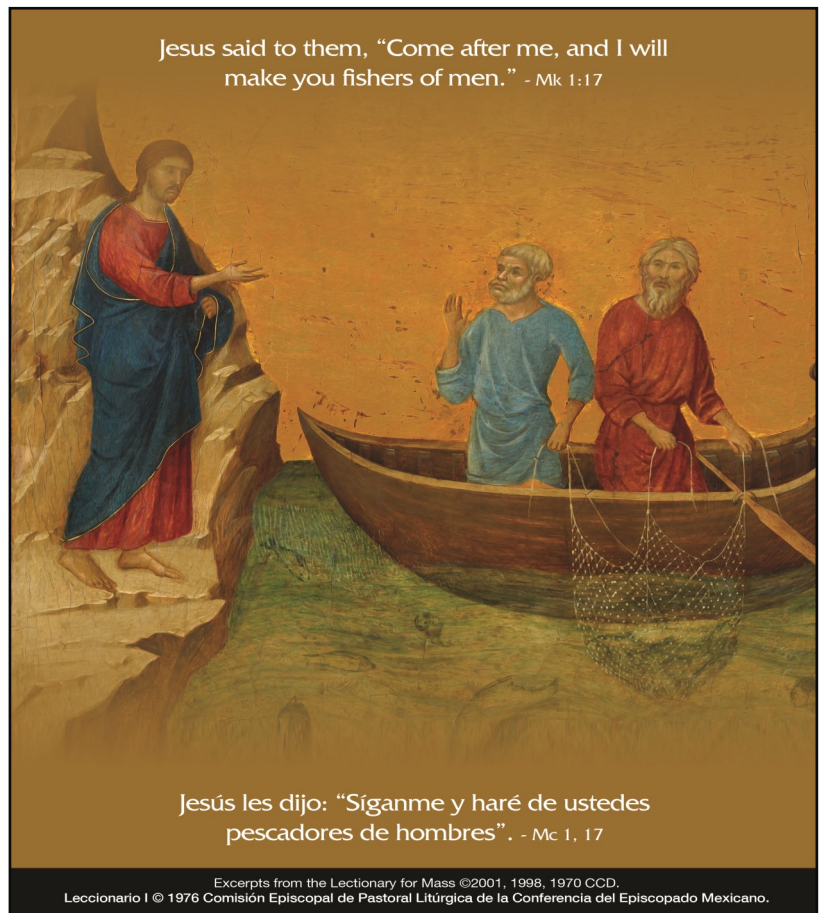
St. Leonard: After 6:30 p.m. Mass (Wed)
Our Lady of Victory: 8:30 a.m. *Thursday*
if there is a 9:00 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Saturday

OLV Adoration

7:00–7:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday
12:30–5:00 p.m. Tuesday after Mass
7:00–8:45 a.m. Thursday

OLV Rosary

8:30 a.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday
8:00 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday



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Church Hours: 7:45 to 4:00 (Mon-Fri)
Office Hours: 9:00 to Noon
and 1:00 to 4:00 (Mon-Thu), 9:00 to noon (Fri)

PASTORAL COLUMN

This weekend at St. Leonard we are honoring **Mary Bongers** for her many years of faithful service as Parish Office Manager. All are invited for fellowship and refreshments in between the 10:30 and noon Masses! We say THANK YOU to Mary for the hours she put in, the miles she put on, and the sacrifices she often made to serve the many and varied needs that arose during her time of service!

This Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is also known as **Word of God Sunday** and **Ecumenical Sunday**. Our thoughts turn towards both the holy bible, which is the depository of God's Holy Word, and Christian Unity. A good principle to keep in mind: if our efforts, our words and actions (as either individuals or communities) are truly inspired by God's Word, then they will always lead towards harmony and unity, not to separation, division or rivalry. The only thing we will be separated from is sin! Let us keep this in mind as we pray for unity among Christians, peace in our world, healing within families, and a united mind and heart within our own Catholic Church and Area Catholic Community!

May God let His face shine upon us!

Fr. Alan



Este fin de semana en St. Leonard estamos honrando a **Mary Bongers** por sus muchos años de fiel servicio como Gerente de la Oficina Parroquial. Todos están invitados a confraternizar y tomar un refrigerio entre las 10:30 y las 10:30 p.m. ¡Misas al mediodía! Le decimos GRACIAS a María por las horas que invirtió, las millas que acumuló y el ¡Sacrificios que a menudo hacía para servir a las muchas y variadas necesidades que surgían durante su tiempo de servicio!

Este Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario también es conocido como **Domingo de la Palabra de Dios** y **Domingo Ecuménico**. Nuestros pensamientos se dirigen hacia la Santa Biblia, que es la depositaria de la Santa Palabra de Dios, y la Unidad de los Cristianos. Un buen principio a tener en cuenta: si nuestros esfuerzos, nuestras palabras y acciones (ya sea individuos o comunidades) están verdaderamente inspirados por la Palabra de Dios, entonces siempre conducirán a la armonía y a la unidad, no a la separación, la división o la rivalidad. ¡De lo único que seremos separados es del pecado! ¡Tengamos esto en mente mientras oramos por la unidad entre los cristianos, la paz en nuestro mundo, la sanación dentro de las familias y una mente y un corazón unidos dentro de nuestra propia Iglesia Católica y Comunidad Católica del Área!

¡Que Dios haga brillar su rostro sobre nosotros!

P. Alan

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 20

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** †Marge Weiland

Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** Mary Jo Robish

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Joan Forstner

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español** Rita Guzman

Monday, January 22

9:00 a.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

Tuesday, January 23

12:05 p.m. **OLV Word and Communion**

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 a.m. **Mill St Mass** †George Dummer

6:30 p.m. **SL Word and Communion**

Thursday, January 25

9:00 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Ethel Gramm

Friday, January 26

9:00 a.m. **OLV School Mass** †Bradley Botner

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 27

4:30 p.m. **OLV Mass** Dillon Tischer

Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. **SE Mass** †Inez Harles

9:30 a.m. **OLV Mass** †Linda Rheault

10:30 a.m. **SL Mass** †Orville Shannon

12:00 p.m. **SL Misa en Español**

Adoration schedule is on the front page of this bulletin

TEXT MESSAGE AND EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Father Alan will never request gift cards via text or email. If you have received a text or email that appears to be an urgent message from Father Alan (or other clergy or ACC staff), it is likely an attempt to confuse, manipulate, and steal. You can avoid falling for these scams by educating yourself and other potential recipients. Here are two simple guidelines to help avoid being scammed:

Verify the "From" email / text

The malicious actors are counting on people springing into action as soon as they see an important name on an email. You can avoid their attempt to scam by looking beyond the name and checking the address / number to see if it matches what you know the alleged sender's to be. For an email, you can view the "From" email address by hovering the cursor over the name.

Confirm requests with a conversation

Even if the email or text seems legitimate, if a request seems even remotely "off," don't act on it until you confirm it with a phone call or face-to-face conversation. **DO NOT REPLY** to suspicious emails or texts.

ST. ELIZABETH

OF HUNGARY

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING

January 21 after Mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Swiontek, Jack Quackenbush (grandson of Darrell and Sandy Hanneman), Jennifer Kolstad, John Schauff, Charlotte Schmitz (granddaughter of Mary Marquardt), Kandace Love, Marlys Holubok, Darrell and Sandy Hanneman, Kathleen Grise, Walt Paler's sister Barbara, Hudson Hendrickx, Kay Henkes, Jerry Schauff, Pat Baker, Kayla Pask and Joan Brusven, Jim Wedll, Tyler Kurtz, Jean Lehn, and Deacon Pete and his family, those that suffer from effects of drugs and alcohol, and those with cancer.

ST. LEONARD

OF PORT MAURITIUS

APPRECIATION PARTY AND RECEPTION FOR MARY BONGERS!

LET'S COME TOGETHER IN BETWEEN MASSES ABOUT 11:20 ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 FOR COFFEE, ROLLS, AND FELLOWSHIP AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO MARY!

ST. LEONARD APPRECIATION.

We would like to thank all the people that donated flowers in honor of a loved one this Christmas season.

Thanks to our Liturgical Ministries for all the extra time spent to help during Advent and Christmas seasons.

PICK UP CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Our 2024 contribution envelopes are on tables by entrances. If you do not find your box or would like to have a box, please contact the office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Austin Lee, Claudia Cruz, Laura Saavedra, Rosalva Martínez, Judy Marko, Ardean Erickson, Ross Olson, Joyce Valley, Rudy Butenas, Jerry Stokka, Tom Johnson, Tony Vigen, Denice Smischny, Jack Geske, Marilyn Jentz, Marilyn Gilbertson, Marilyn Schwartz, and LeAnn Ishaug.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLV

Adult Bible Study sessions will be held Mondays at 1:00 pm in the OLV Fellowship Hall beginning January 22. This winter we will be offering the 10-week study from Ascension Press titled *Epic: The Early Church*. The cost is \$25 for just the workbook or \$32 for the workbook and online access to the videos. Please call or stop in the parish office this week to sign up.

FACILITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Wednesday morning January 17th, the Facility Campaign is at **\$125,608! Thank you, thank you!**

We are well on the road towards our new roof—badly needed especially over the school—and an upgrade of lighting for our beautiful church (better to see you!). This lighting will also be better economically in the long run.

May God's face shine brightly upon all who have given to the campaign, and all who are prayerfully considering a gift!

LENTEN FISH FRY MEETING—HELP WANTED!

There will be a informational meeting for the Lenten Fish Fries on Monday January 22nd at 6PM in the fellowship hall. Anyone that is interested in helping with this event is welcome to attend.

The fish fries will start on Friday February 23 and will go till March 22nd. Sign up sheets will be online and in the gathering area. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION GRANT SUCCESS!

Faith Formation sends our gratitude to Danielle Jensen who wrote a successful grant to St. Mary's Press for 24 Catholic Youth Bibles. Thanks, Danielle, for your initiative and skills.

SHOULD YOU BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS?

We meet every 2nd Tuesday, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Join us for a quick bite and socializing. If interested, contact Jeff Jennen 218-770-4345 or just show up!

KC BREAKFAST

There will be a Knights of Columbus Breakfast on January 28th from 9:30 To 11:30 am. They will be accepting free-will donations. Proceeds to go to the OLV School Teachers Fund.

UPDATE YOUR MINISTRY AVAILABILITY

Please update your availability on Ministry Scheduler Pro for the February through April 2024 schedule of ministries. This will include Lent and Easter. Thank you!

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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ACC DIRECTORY UPDATE

We expect to have the directories in hand by mid-February. Thank you to everyone who had their picture taken. We look forward to this great resource!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."
Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



PASTORAL LETTER ON THE EUCHARIST

In light of the National Eucharistic Revival, an initiative of the U.S. bishops aiming to inspire, educate and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, Bishop Neary was moved by the Holy Spirit to write his very first pastoral letter, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." His hope is that everyone will read the letter during this Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival and that the people of God deepen their love and understanding of the Eucharist. There are some suggestions inside the letter about how to host small groups to learn and study together. For more information and to download the PDF of the pastoral letter, visit www.stcdio.org/2023-pastoral-letter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

While we realize that summer can get filled up with many activities and plans, if there is anyone (an individual or team of people) who would like to organize and run a "Vacation Bible School" type experience for preschoolers and / or elementary students, please contact Deb at deb@ffolvchurch.org or 218-736-2429, ext 47. The parish owns VBS kits from the past that could be used again, or new kits could be reviewed and purchased for this purpose. Thanks for your consideration!

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 13TH @ 5:30 PELICAN VALLEY ACC MARDI GRAS

This will be the last night to celebrate before Lent begins! Music by Rick Fiedler and a featured performance by St. Leonard's Group. At OLV Fellowship Hall. Vibrant festive attire encouraged. Fun, Friends, Music, Food, and More!

CHILDREN OF ST. PETER GALA—FEB 9

Children of St. Peter is selling tickets after Mass this weekend for their annual Gala on Friday, February 9. This year's gala is celebrating its five-year anniversary. Proceeds assist children in Guatemala to attend school and create a better future for themselves and their families. To purchase tickets, please see the table in the Gathering Space or stop by the Parish Office.

OLV SCHOOL SPRING GALA APRIL 6TH!

If you are interested in donating to the Silent or Live Auction or giving a monetary contribution (100% of proceeds going to OLV School), please contact Krystal Crance at 701-640-9805.

OLV PRAYER CHAIN

Please call: Jo Weatherly 218-736-4938, Louise Wentworth 218-770-0473, Alice Neuleib 218-205-9007 to become involved with or to add your intentions to the prayer chain

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Web Sites:

OLV..... www.ffolvchurch.org
School..... www.ffolvschool.org
St. Leonard. www.stleonardpr.org
Diocese www.stcdio.org

Facebook Pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardPR>
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