

December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

St. Leonard's Port of Mauritius Catholic Church

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<u>Sunday, December 2nd:</u> Coffee @ 11:30am	8:30AM Mass at St. Elizabeth 10:30AM Mass at St. Leonard's 12:30pm Misa en San Leonardo Confessions after Masses on Sunday	+Jim Albrecht
<u>Monday, December 3rd:</u> <u>Tuesday, December 4th:</u>	No Mass No Mass	Volunteer at the Food Shelf
<u>Wednesday, December 5th:</u>	2pm Mass at the High Rise	+Gene Marty
<u>Thursday December 6th:</u>	<u>7:30AM</u> Mass at St. Elizabeth	
<u>Friday, December 7th:</u>	8:30AM Mass at St. Leonard's	
<u>Saturday, December 8th:</u>	8:30AM Mass at St Leonards 4pm Mass at St Elizabeth	Women's Retreat 9-1pm
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Lay Ministry Schedule today:

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Collection Counters (2)</u>
	M Stokka	G Kowalski L Treinen D Burnham G Gugel	A Starkey B Weis M Stokka J Holt	A Peterson C Stotesbery

Lay Ministry Schedule December 9th:

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Collection Counters (2)</u>
	C Krekelberg	P Waller S Maresh S Larson P Stotesbery	K Schermerhorn C Krekelberg sub sub	P Krekelberg J Holt

****Women's Prayer Retreat, Saturday December 8th:** St. Leonard's parish is hosting a prayer retreat for women of all ages December 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 9 a.m. Then settle in for a morning of fun, fellowship, prayer and sharing. The retreat includes rosary, benediction and adoration plus other activities. Lunch will be served and there will be an opportunity for reconciliation following lunch. Please register by Sunday, November 25 so we can plan food and supplies. To register, email Bev at terhurne@loretel.net or Alejandra at alejandrigo2000@yahoo.com. Free will donations will be accepted for the retreat.

The annual Parish report, financial portion, is posted in the back of church on both sides for your review.

Coffee for sale in the back of church, north side, directly from Guatemalan growers, \$10/bag.

Please remember the family of Becky Schierman in your thoughts and prayers Becky passed away on Saturday November 24. Visitation will be Friday, December 7, 2018 from 4-6 p.m. with memorial service at 6 p.m. at Larson Funeral Home, Pelican Rapids. Father Stan Wieser officiating. Becky was an active member of St Leonard's and the community.

St Leonards Youth Group 11:30 am, December 9: will have a presentation of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe The presentation will be in English. All are welcome to stay and enjoy.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration is on December 12th, mass at 6pm – bilingual.

December 16th the Hispanic Community will start the 9 day Christmas Novena (las posadas - Mary and Joseph asking for a place to stay) until Dec. 23th. 6:30pm every night . All are welcome to come and participate in the activities (praying the Rosary, sing songs, and food afterwards).

2 volunteers are needed to help staff the food shelf on **Tuesdays** through December. The hours are 9:45am to about 1pm. Food shelf hours will be on Thursday (instead of Tuesday), December 27th that week only. Help is also needed to unload the Food truck on Friday December 21st at 8:45am. Please let Orville know if able to help out.

Fr. Henrys contact information: email: homeike@fordham.edu cell phone: 347-279-4411 mail: 2380 Belmont Ave Bronx, NY 10458. Please keep him in your prayers. Fr. Henry welcomes cards and emails!!

OAKS: Organizing Acts of Kindness for Seniors: OAKS has opportunities for service for senior citizens in our community. Volunteers provide such things as rides to doctor and other appointments, assisting at events such as Lefsa days, root beer float day, and so on. You will have fun and meet new people!!! For more information contact OAKS at 863-1515

Confirmation/Religious Education schedule: December 9th and December 16th, 8:30AM.

It is not too late to register your child for religious education: Student registration forms are in the back of church.

Please join other parishioners this Sunday for coffee and food between Masses!! And thank those serving!! This is a great opportunity to meet and greet other members—there is usually a good crowd! All are welcome.

Please pray for those who are ill: Julie Severson, Valerie Smischny, Nancy Laird (sister of Gordon Gugel), Allyssa Klinger (Niece of Steve Petersen), Rosemary Johnson (mother of Ann Petersen & Tom Johnson), Cindy Becker, Manuel Godina (brother of Alejandra Mancilla), Ron Benson (spouse of Shirley Benson), Ginny Weis (mother of Bill Weis), Tony Vigen (brother of Rosemary Wiese). Denice Smischny (please contact me with updates)

Chapel--- Apply for an access card by filling out the half page form found in the back of each side of church and placing it in the collection basket or turn in at the office. Allow 2-3 weeks to have the card authorized.

Beginning Experience (BE) support group for divorced, widowed or separated. This is a 10 week session in Fergus Falls "Coping with Life Alone" and begins 1/7/19 at Zion church in Fergus Falls. For more information call 218-998-4300

Christmas Holiday Mass schedule is posted in the back of church. Christmas Eve Mass (Monday December 24th) will be 4pm at St Elizabeth, 6pm bilingual Mass St Leonards, and 8pm English Mass at St Leonards. Christmas Day Mass (Tuesday December 25th) will be at 8:30am at St Elizabeth and 10:30am bilingual Mass at St Leonards.

Notice: the Otter Tail Business and Community Association (OTBCA) has started a new community project called "Bikes for Tykes and Teens" The purpose of the project is to collect bikes, refurbish them, and give them free to needy children of families in our area that can't afford to buy them for their children and/or teens. If you know of any children or teens that need a free bike you can contact the project coordinator Gordon Bradbury, PH: 218-367-6907, or 701-770-6793, or email gbradbury@arvig.net. Please do not give childrens names, only what size bike is needed and if it is for a girl or boy. The project is ongoing so contact Gordon any time.

OTBCA needs children or teens to give bikes to – please help with this!! They have a lot of bikes to give away!