

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

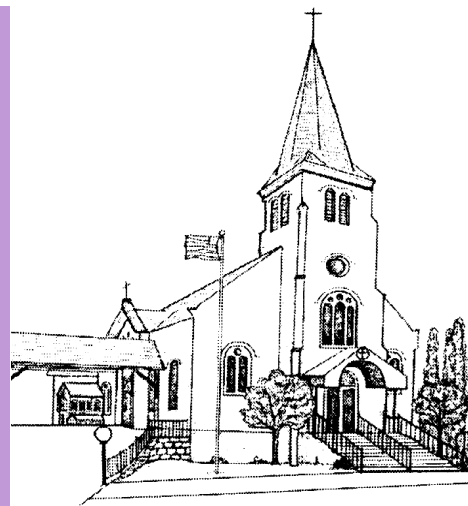
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Weekend & Weekday Masses

Saturday-Temporarily Suspended
Sunday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am

Private Prayers:

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays-
8:30-Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
until Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions will be heard by request
after mass on Wednesdays or
by appointment.

Clergy

Pastor:

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8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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Second Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2021

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE



Paul Jerome Casanova was born on December 20, 1676 in Porto Maurizio (Port Maurice) near Genoa, Italy. His father Domenico Casanova a ship captain was a man of faith and five of his six children went on to become religious. When the boy was 13 he went to study at the Roman College in Rome where his uncle lived. He thought of entering the medical profession but God had other plans for him, wanting to make him a doctor of souls.

One day he happened to visit the church connected with the Franciscan convent of Saint Bonaventure on the Palatine hill. Here the young man was converted from his worldly aspirations to supernatural ones. Listening to God's call, he entered the reform branch of the Franciscan Order.

After making his novitiate at Ponticelli in the Sabine mountains, he completed his studies at Saint Bonaventura on the Palatine in Rome. After his ordination in 1703 he remained there as professor and expected to be sent on the Chinese missions. After ordination Leonard contracted a bleeding ulcer and was sent to his hometown in 1704 where there was a

monastery of the Franciscan Observants. After four years he was restored to health and began to preach in Port Maurice and the surrounding towns.

Saint Leonard attributed his restoration to health to Our Lady's intercession. During his illness he had promised that should his prayers for recovery be granted he would devote his life to the conversion of sinners. And he kept his promise spending 44 years preaching popular missions covering every section of Italy and the island of Corsica. Saint Leonard preached in open squares in every town where he went as the churches could not contain the thousands who came to listen. It was not uncommon to see crowds of 15 to 20 thousand gathering to listen to him. Miraculous conversions followed his preaching everywhere.

It is to Saint Leonard we owe the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. Wherever he went he promoted the Via Crucis. Not a mission went by without him leading the people in this pious meditation on the Passion of our Lord. Saint Leonard erected 571 Stations of the Cross throughout Italy including the famous Stations at the Colosseum in Rome.

While Saint Leonard's great life-work were the missions, he also preached many retreats both to religious and lay people. The theme was most often the Passion of Christ. He wrote that one of the cures for the ills of men and of society was a daily meditation on the Passion.

The strains of his missionary labors and severe mortifications completely exhausted Saint Leonard's body. After his missions in Lucca and Bologna he was stricken by fever but nevertheless journeyed back to Rome in obedience to the wishes of Pope Benedict XIV who made him promise he would not die in any other city but Rome.

On Nov 26, 1751 Saint Leonard arrived at his beloved monastery of Saint Bonaventure in Rome, dying that same evening at 11pm at the age of 75. Great crowds came to see and venerate his body. God glorified him in life but still more after his death by numerous miracles. His still partially incorrupt can be seen, in a glass urn at the cathedral of Imperia Porto Maurizio.

Saint Leonard was beatified by Pius VI in 1796. Blessed Pius IX a Franciscan tertiary canonized him in 1867. He was named the patron saint of parish missionaries by Pius XI. His feast day is November 26.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Lenten reflection and devotional materials are available in the back of church. Please take one home with you today!

2020 Contribution Statements

Statements for your record of contributions to Sacred Heart Church for the past year will be mailed out this week. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Communion for the homebound

Dave Prickett is available to bring Communion to those who would like it on Sunday's after mass. Call the office at least 2-3 days prior to the Sunday if you would like communion brought to your home.

The Turtle Priest Book

A benefactor has purchased 200 copies of Fr. Shane's book, "The Turtle Priest." They are available in the back of the church. If you would like to make a donation to the church, you may put a check in the drop box by the ramp entry door made out to Sacred Heart Church or brought to the office during business hours. All proceeds will go to Sacred Heart Church.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

March 18th will be the next drive up food distribution from 10:00 am until 11:30 am here at Sacred Heart for 60 and older. Further questions please contact the Parish office.

Catholic Service Appeal

The Kick off for CSA is on the 28th of February.

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included on the Prayer Chain, the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful and/or the bulletin contact the Parish office. Permission from the individual must be given before we can list their name in the Prayers of the Faithful or the bulletin.

Prayer, at its heart, is an act of faith, asking God to step in and believing that He is both willing and able to listen to us. There is no prayer intention too large or too small — you can ask for God's help with every need.

Almighty God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen.

Continued prayers for:

Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Jim Thorn,
Judy Strandmark, Shirley Kirchberg Traci Bartz,
Joseph Schwaab, Grace Schwaab, David Gamache,
Erin Hestbeck Mielke, Cecilia Shinler, Bret Van Tassel,
Rick Steltz, Ron Schleicher, Janet Yurick



February 27 & 28 Celebrants

Fr. Shane	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

March 6 & 7 Celebrants

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane/Deacon Kevin	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

Jesus Calling...Enjoying Peace in His Presence

STOP JUDGING AND EVALUATING YOURSELF, for this is not your role. Above all, stop comparing yourself with other people. This produces feelings of pride or inferiority, sometimes a mixture of both. I lead each of My children along a path that is uniquely tailor-made for him or her. Comparing is not only wrong; it is also meaningless.

Don't look for affirmation in the wrong places: your own evaluations or those of other people. The only source of real affirmation is My unconditional Love. Many believers perceive Me as an unpleasable Judge, angrily searching out their faults and failures. Nothing could be farther from the truth! I died for your sins so that I might *clothe you in My garments of salvation*. This is how I see you: *radiant in My robe of righteousness*. When I discipline you, it is never in anger or disgust; it is to prepare you for face-to-Face fellowship with Me throughout all eternity. Immerse yourself in My loving Presence. Be receptive to My affirmation, which flows continually from the throne of grace.

LUKE 6:37; John 3:16-17;

ISAIAH 61:10 NASB; PROVERBS 3:11-12

