St. Laurence CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — *Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am,
11:00am, 12:45pm, 5:00pm

DAILY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
7:30am, 12:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am, 6:30pm
Friday 8:15am, 12:00pm
Saturday 8:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday after morning Mass
Saturday 4:00pm–4:45pm
Wednesday 5:30pm–6:20pm
Monday–Thursday after
morning Mass

ROSARY

Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

October 7 — *In the Chapel*
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

October 1 — *In the Church*
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Septiembre 24 — *En la Capilla*
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones"
Luke 16:10

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OUR MISSION:

"We the people of St. Laurence Catholic Church are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do."

PARISH OFFICE & COURTYARD

The parish office provides services including pastoral care, liturgical planning, business, communications, & administrative support, and social concerns & social justice support. The parish hall and meeting rooms are available through reservation by calling Nia Sepe at 281-980-9812. Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm; Friday 8:00am-6:00pm; and Saturday 8:30am-12:00noon.

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. The Weekday Children's Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, WCP hours Monday-Friday are 8:00am-3:00pm.

PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL

St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 720 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8. Office Hours: Monday-Friday are 8:00am-4:00pm.

Adjacent to the school is the Chapel of the Divine Mercy which offers Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and serves as the site for smaller liturgies.

Good News Reflection

Sunday, September 18, 2016
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's economics

Poverty, as exampled by many Saints, is not the only path of holiness. This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us how a person can be affluent and holy at the same time -- as exampled by other Saints.

If we recognize that our possessions are gifts from God that are meant to enhance his kingdom, we are holy. But if we cling to money and material wealth as if they are meant only for our own benefit, we've divided ourselves from God, because God's Word emphasizes the importance of distributing to others a generous portion of everything we've received.

When acquiring wealth is a higher priority than distributing what we already have, God is not our master. This is true not only with material goods, but with everything else that is good, too.

We are all richly blessed one way or another: How readily to do use your riches for the benefit of others?

The "dishonest wealth" of which Jesus speaks is anything that "belongs to another". When we use other people's money (for example, taking out a loan from the bank) to our own advantage, we are not being trustworthy stewards unless it also glorifies the kingdom of God (for example, a bank loan for a house mortgage is good because it serves the family, but only as long as it doesn't require so much income that a bigger house means little time for the children.)

Likewise, if we misuse time by catering to selfish desires at the expense of those who need our attention, we are untrustworthy in the kingdom of God. Jesus wants to bless people through you. He has called you to be a distributor of his gifts. If we ignore this primary principle of God's economy, Jesus says, "Who will give you what is yours?"

What is ours, if we're trustworthy enough to be good stewards, are riches that will remain with us for all of eternity: the wealth of the spirit, the approval and praise of God, the fullness of love, etc.

To be holy with affluence, we have to first be trustworthy with the love that belongs to others -- the love that God feels for them. Our trust-ability is found in the sharing of our temporal (earthly) goods as well as eternal goods (faith, wisdom, hope, etc.).

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you reluctant to share? What do you fear will happen if you surrender it to God for his use and his purposes? What do you need to do with this fear so that you can become a good steward of God's riches?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Name any material possession that seems to be used only for worldly or selfish purposes. Can it be converted into a gift for others and used for the glory of God? If so, how?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 18	**(#1166 in your Gather book)**	
	First Reading	AM 8:4-7
	Second Reading	1 TM 2:1-8
	Gospel	LK 16:1-13
MONDAY 19	First Reading	PRV 3:27-34
	Gospel	LK 8:16-18
TUESDAY 20	First Reading	PRV 21:1-6, 10-13
	Gospel	LK 8:19-21
WEDNESDAY 21	First Reading	EPH 4:1-7, 11-13
	Gospel	MT 9:9-13
THURSDAY 22	First Reading	ECCL 1:2-11
	Gospel	LK 9:7-9
FRIDAY 23	First Reading	ECCL 3:1-11
	Gospel	LK 9:18-22
SATURDAY 24	First Reading	ECCL 11:9—12:8
	Gospel	LK 9:43B-45
SUNDAY 25	First Reading	AM 6:1A, 4-7
	Second Reading	1 TM 6:11-16
	Gospel	LK 16:19-31

PRAYING THE NEWS | SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Never will I forget a thing they have done! **Amos 8:7**

O God, we know you forgive when we admit our sin and regret what we have done. Still, it is sometimes important that we remember in order to change our ways and love more. This comes to mind with Georgetown University and the acknowledgement of its history with slavery. Dear Lord, you know all my ways and my heart. Help me honestly examine my conscience. Give me the wisdom and courage to repent and make amends. Jesus, I trust in You. **Amen.** †

In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for these members of our parish family and all our loved ones listed in the Book of the Sick:

Elia Acuna, Stephanie Alford, Linda Ambeaux, Zade Ambeaux, John Argue, Linda Babin, Eden Bantigue, Deborah Beck, Deacon Al Bothe, Bob Brenner, Eduardo Caballero, Jun Castro, Joe Celestain, Michelle Collins, Lupita de la Rosa, Brittany Dodson, Julie Donati, Terri Donovan, Joyce Dunham, Judith Dupre, Agnes Fagnant, Amelia Flores, Enrique Flores, Maggie Flores, Maxima Flores, Robb Flynn, Connie Forbes, Lupe Fraga, Jerry Gabino, Alicia Garcia, Patricia Garmon, Delia Genova, Beth Gloff, Kathy Gonzalez, Jordan Hancock, Martha Harbin, Claire Harmon, Angelina Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, James Hrebenar, Rosa Janik, Shanthy Jayaprakash, Jeff Johnson, Paul Joseph, Brian Judice, John Judice, Carole Kanusky, Sylvia Kauffman, Christine Kingerski, Cindy Kral, Charles Kramer, Kelley Lamendola, Chris Larkins, Catherine Latz, Lisa Lauve, Mary Lavine, Mike Lojo, Beverly Marcellus, Russ Marcellus, Lavonne McFarland, Barbara McNees, Elsa Mendiola, Ernest Meyer, Marina Monroy, Jim Murray, Patrick Navidad, Paul Vung Nguyen, Fr. Roy Oggero, Sandra Ortiz, Meena Outlaw, Catalina Padora, Fay Parker, Charles Pierson, Lauren Popeney, Lily Belle Pyle, Angela Rankin, Frances Revelt, Melanie Robb, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Provi Sabido, Gil Saenz, Ed Sabrsula, Kathleen Schroeder, Joan Sherman, June Sherman, Sandra Smith, Steve Spaulding, Justin Stout, Adrianne Sturgis, Marianne Szalay, Jackie Tanner, Brian Teykl, Todd Triggs, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Kylie Ward, Loretta Wehmeier, Monica Williams

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Pray for:

Shane Tuttle family, Debbie Green family, Liz Trevino, Jessica Ayala, Adrian Zaldivar, Isabella Flores, Carlos Ortiz, Steven Garner, Antonio Lopez, Christal G, David Martinez, Anna & Leanne Pounds & family, my brothers, Parole Board, FACRS Rodriguez, Arnoldo, Manuel, Blanca, Lucio, Brother Metcalf, Enis Alegria, Marina & Matthew, Tatiana & Thomas Sobey, Teresa Ruiz, Rita Gonzalez, Norma Espino, Stephen Reed & family, Jesus Robles Ronald Bussey, Diego Granja, Patricia LaFleur, Paul Ramirez, Angelic Marie Ramirez, Jocelin Ramirez, Roland Bergara, Robert Crenshaw, Chaplain Tom Lowe, Deacon Al Bothe, the Society of St John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3.

PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, *US Army, AV*
Spc David Ambrocik, *US Army*
Pvt Michael Baird, *US Army*
SA Matthew Baird, *US Navy*
P.O. 5 Debra Barnette, *US Navy*
LCpl Trevor Bello, *USMC*
PFC John Blair, *US Army*
Maj. Michael Carroll, *USMC*
Staff Sgt. Jason Chacon, *USMC*
Lt Matthew Chesney, *US Navy*
Maj. Christopher Coffman, *US Air Force*
Capt. Patrick Coffman, *USMC*
LTJG Colin Day, *US Navy*
1stLt Andrew DeSplinter, *US Army*
Sgt. Nicholas Dockum, *US Army*
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, *USMC*
Maj. James Dunphy, *USMC*
2ndLt Michael Eberhardt, *US Army*
Capt. Stacey Eberhardt, *US Army*
Derek Farias, *US Navy*
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, *USMC*
Pvt Jahneil Xavier George, *US Army*
SSgt. Philip Graham, *US Army*
1stLT Spencer Henry, *US Army*
PVT Liam Hill, *US Army*
Daniel Hines, *US Navy*
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, *US Army Reserve*
1LT Michelle Horstman, *US Army*
SPC Joshua Keenan, *US Army*
Joseph Kingerski, *US Navy*
EM4 James Locus, *US Navy*
PFC Philip Loera, *US Army*
PFC John Lundgren, *US Army*
Amn Joseph Marcellus, *USAF*
LCpl William Marcellus, *USMC*
Capt. Brendan McPartland, *USMC*
1stLt Todd Miller, *US Army*
Capt. Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
CB, Richard Pinard, *US Navy*
QMSN Bryce Prochazka, *USNavy*
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, *USMC*
Sgt. Santiago Ramirez, *US Army*
1stLt Taylor Rammrath, *US Army*
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, *USMC*
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, *US Air Force*
LTJG Kevin Stransky, *US Navy*
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, *US Navy*
Cpl Daniel Thesing, *USMC*
Maj. Michael Thesing, *USMC*
1stLt Kevin Wheeler, *US Army*
Sgt. Bryce Whitley, *US Army*
AM Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*
PVT Adrian Zaldivar, *USMC*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPT 17
5:00pm – Carol Siwierka (D)

SUNDAY, SEPT 18
7:30am – Salvador Rosario (D)
9:00am – Doan Demonia Daniel (D)
11:00am – Tu & San Nguyen (D)
12:45pm – Thomas Ward (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPT 19
7:30am – Donald Cox (D)
12:00pm – Yoly De Lopez (D)

TUESDAY, SEPT 20
7:30am – Kevin Hinguillo (D)
12:00pm – Alexia Hinguillo (I)

WEDS, SEPT 21
7:30am – Agrifina Magat (D)
6:30pm – Altar Linen Care Ministry

THURSDAY, SEPT 22
7:30am – Shiney Lukose (I)
12:00pm – Oscar Moncada, Sr. (D)

FRIDAY, SEPT 23
8:15am – Edmie Rosalino (D)
12:00pm – Rosita de la Cruz (D)

SATURDAY, SEPT 24
8:30pm – Joseph & Anna Stefans (D)
5:00pm – Dyrk Burcie (D)

SUNDAY, SEPT 25
7:30am – Frank DeMario (D)
9:00am – Rafael Verduzco (D)
11:00am – Genedine Ladera-Andres (D)
12:45pm – Tim Chow (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Marc Fryer, Brother Peter Francis (Brian Kelsch), Chad Henry, Bryan Williams, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Collin Brown, Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

SEPT 25: ST. BASIL COFFEE IS BACK!

Make a Social Justice commitment to drink coffee that provides Catholic education to orphan children in Kenya. St. Basil Coffee is great tasting Fair Trade Coffee that donates $5 of every bag sold to the orphans at Our Lady of Grace School in Kenya. Switch to St. Basil Coffee this year, and make your every cup of coffee a BLESSING CUP for children who need your help! The Dominican Sisters and students from St. Agnes Academy will be selling St. Basil Coffee at Sunday Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall following the 3 morning Masses on Sunday, September 25.

REGISTER NOW: 2ND ANNUAL CRIMSON & GOLD RUN

Registration is open now for the 2nd Annual Crimson and Gold 10K, 5K, and Kids K! Visit **www.runcrimsonandgold.com** to register for the race on Saturday, November 5. Runners, walkers, and strollers are all welcome! All proceeds benefit St. John XXIII College Preparatory tuition assistance program.

OCT 3-9: PILGRIMAGE ACROSS SOUTHWEST U.S.

You are invited to go on pilgrimage to the tallest cross in the U.S., located in Groom, TX, plus the Shrine of St. Frances Cabrini in Colorado, Santo Cristo De Equipulas in Chimayo, Miracle Staircase in Santa Fe and the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque! This trip will be made in a comfortable motor coach from October 3-9. For pricing and more details, contact Margie Calo at 281-980-4711 or diomargo77@gmail.com.

SEPT 23: SEE THE MOVIE "THE VESSEL" AT AMC THEATER

The Vessel is a new movie **starring Martin Sheen as a Catholic priest** who is trying to restore the faith of his small community. The movie is **directed by Julio Quintana**, who grew up at St. Laurence and whose parents, Julio & Lisette, are still active members of our parish. The movie is scheduled to be at the AMC First Colony Theater **beginning Friday, September 23**. Make a point of seeing the movie that weekend, since AMC will use attendance as a factor in continuing to run it. For more information and to see the trailer and meet the cast/crew, please visit **www.thevesselmovie.com**.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

September 11 Collection	$ 53,750
Registered Households	7,275
Envelopes Used	718
Loose Checks	221
2nd Collection: Catholic University	$ 11,122

AUTOMATED GIVING

Monthly Offertory	$ 177,706
Participants	887

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

2016 Parish Goal	$ 495,000
Amount Paid	$ 383,012
Amount Pledged	$ 433,164
Participants	1,013

Diocesan Services Fund

His Mercy Endures Forever

Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. Your gift to the DSF enables us to reach out to people across the arch-diocese through more than 60 programs. Help us reach our parish goal of **$495,000** with a pledge today. Donate online at **www.archgh.org/dsf** or pick up a donation envelope at the Hospitality Desk.

THANK YOU!

KINGDOM CARE

Childcare is provided through Kingdom Care, a loving, Christian, and safe environment for young children while their parents attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance at the parish office with Christy Delamora at 281-980-9812.

WEDDING PREPARATION

Next class: OCTOBER 10

The standard preparation time for weddings is 9-12 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session, usually offered every other month. Register with Theresa Rawls at 281-980-9812.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next classes: OCT 8 and NOV 12

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. To schedule a baptism call Rose Davis at 281-980-9812. The parent prep class is offered monthly.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMS

Neso Iloanya, Oliver Hawk, Isabella Tapp, Lucinda Salazar, Alexander Liu, Caroline Liu, Hudson Feit

WEDDINGS

Morgan Ray & Lewis Gray
Nini Rajan & Amith Ellankiyil

FUNERALS

Colleen Eugene, *sister of Pat Jones*
Ardis Super, *mother of Renee Hanks*
Ollie Pritchett, *sister of Mary Garcia Torres*
Marva Adams, *mother of Bobby English*

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL CCE

Preschool CCE (3's & 4's) through Kindergarten resumes TODAY in the Ave Maria Center for all registered and placed children.

ELEMENTARY CCE

The Bible: The Word of God

We are off to a great start with our Catechist Meet & Greet this past week. It was great to meet all of the parents and to see the children back. Welcome to our new families! We pray that you find this year a beautiful journey for your families as we partner together in the formation of your children. This coming week, we will learn about how God reveals Himself to us through his Word, the Bible, which inspired by the Holy Spirit was written by God's people. This is one way in which God speaks to us. Be sure to get out your family Bible this week. Open it together and as a family read a favorite Scripture passage together. Discuss why the passage has special meaning for your family.

HOME STUDY CCE

Parents, please make arrangements to attend the CCE Home Study Kickoff tomorrow, **Monday, September 19, from 7:00-8:00pm** in Marian Hall. Registered Home Study students and their parents will have an opportunity to pick up their materials, hear about our program, and meet other Home Study families.

CALLING ALL PARENTS

Want to help out during CCE class times? We can use adult volunteers to monitor hallways. All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org.

ST. LAURENCE WCP WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER IN WCP

SEPT 23: **Fort Bend County Fair Holiday**

Weekday Children's Program still has a few openings in the program for Academic Year 2016-17. Contact Peggy Finch at 281-313-0329 to find out what is currently available.

Find the **WCP Calendar** for 2016-17 school year on the parish website:
www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

St. Laurence Catholic School

HE MAKES ALL THINGS NEW SLCS 2016-2017

www.stlaurence.org/school

SLCS ANNUAL FUND

The monies raised by the Annual Fund benefit every student and immediately provides funds for curriculum resources, faculty compensation, professional development, and maintenance of our facilities. Please prayerfully consider supporting this campaign to help us continue our daily commitment to educating all of God's children. We also welcome company matching gifts. If you wish to contribute, please contact the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500 or visit stlaurenceschool.org to contribute through Paypal.

NOV 11: SPICE LUNCHEON

All are invited to the annual Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) Luncheon and Silent Auction on Friday, November 11, at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. We welcome Charlene Katra, Associate Director from the Archdiocese, as speaker, with catering by Pappas BBQ and auction items featuring Disneyland and our very own Houston Texans. Tickets are $60 and reservations may be made through the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500.

WE LOVE OUR GRANDPARENTS!

St. Laurence Catholic School is celebrating Grandparents' Day on Friday, September 23, from 8:15 - 11:00am. We are always excited to share with grandparents and special friends the wonderful things our students are doing.

READY, SET, GOLF!

The Annual St. Laurence Golf Tournament is set for **Monday, October 31**, at Sweetwater Country Club! Sponsorships are available and registration is open for this popular event, open to the community. Contact us at the Advancement Office at advancement@stlaurence.org or 281-980-0500 to register or for sponsorship opportunities.

EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years. Edge Nights take place Wednesday evenings, September through April at the Ave Maria Center. All 6th-8th graders are invited and encouraged to attend. Interested in helping out? **Contact Eric Painter at epainter@stlaurence.org.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS EDGE NIGHT

700-815pm at the Ave Maria Center

All middle school youth are invited and encouraged to join us. If you haven't registered yet, you can find the forms online or at the Ave Maria Center.

HELP NEEDED

If you're able or interested in helping in any of the following ways, please contact Eric at 281-265-5774.

Edge Core Team: ***(greatest need!)*** Adults who lead middle school youth into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

HS Teen Assistant: Sophomores or older who help to lead small groups and disciple just as our Core Team does.

Carpool Volunteer: Rather than sitting in your car, help to keep our carpool line moving quickly and safely.

Hallway Monitor: Help direct youth to their small group locations, keeping the area safe and controlled.

Life Teen is for any teen currently in high school. This ministry is St. Laurence's main outreach to 9-12th graders. Through teaching and social events we hope to build up the kingdom of God one teen at a time. For info and to help, please **contact Kris Frank at kfrank@stlaurence.org.**

LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF TONIGHT!

SUN, 9/18 630-815pm Ave Maria Center

The fall semester is "I Am", a series on Jesus, where we will take a look at the character, motives and interactions of Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

TUESDAYS, 600-730pm Youth Hall

Discipleship Groups offer teens an opportunity to dig even deeper. Open to all high school students.

LEGACY

2ND/4TH TUESDAYS, 800-900pm Youth Hall

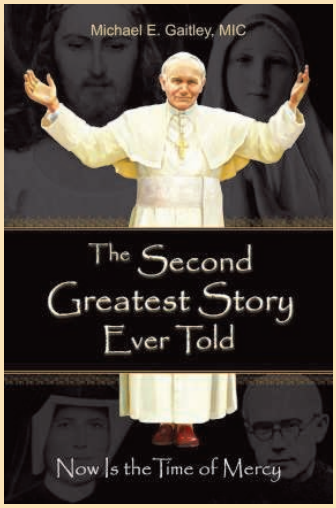
Open to Juniors and Seniors.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation at St. Laurence is part of Youth Ministry and Religious Education. We bring teens closer to Christ through this Sacrament of the Church. Contact Sara Sahlezghi at **ssahlezghi@stlaurence.org**. Confirmation is open to sophomores and juniors in high school. Teens who do not attend Catholic School should attend Life Nights (HS religious education) for at least a year prior to beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to ensure they have been catechized and are prepared for the journey to Confirmation.

DIVINE MERCY FILMS

SEPTEMBER 24
10AM—4PM
Marian Hall



The Second Greatest Story Ever Told Movie & Discussion

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told is an historical account of the Great Mercy Pope that expounds on the profound connection between Divine Mercy and Marian Consecration. By revealing the prophetic voices of Margaret Mary Alacoque, Therese of Lisieux, Maximilian Kolbe, and Faustina Kowalska, it serves as an inspiration for all those who desire to bear witness to the mercy of God, focused on Christ and formed by Mary. Sponsored by the Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy and Spirit of Divine Mercy Ministries. There is no charge; a light lunch & snacks will be provided. For more info, contact Sally Flowers at sallyjoflowers@comcast.net and 281-265-8360.

ORIGINAL IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

WEDS, SEPT 28 (12-2pm) Marian Hall
THURS, SEPT 29 (7-9pm) Marian Hall
TUES, OCT 4 (6-8pm) Youth Room (Teens Only)

Come celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy by watching the documentary ***The Original Image of Divine Mercy***, which features commentary by Bishop Robert Barron, George Weigel, Christoph Cardinal Schonborn, Christopher West, Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz, Fr. Dwight Longenecker and a special appearance by Pope Francis. St. Laurence will offer two showings for people of all ages—once during the daytime and once in the evening. Plus a special showing for teens only. There is no admission fee, though free will donations are accepted. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring the whole family to learn about the great gift of Divine Mercy. For more info, contact Laura Stephens at lstephens@stlaurence.org.

For Adults

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

MONDAY

Men's Bible Study (Weekly)
7:30-9:00pm, St Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Lay Apostle Prayer Group (2nd Monday, October 3)
10:30am-12:00pm **OR** 7:00-8:30pm, St. Anne Room
Contact: Kay Quenan | 281-265-3238 | kquenan@icloud.com

Spanish Divine Will Formation
9:30-11:30 am St Joseph Meeting Room
Contact: Kati Sotillo | 281-299-7922 | katisotillo@hotmail.com

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (Weekly)
6:15-7:15am, St Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Weekly)
9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084
Sept 20: Prelude to Power

WEDNESDAY

That Man Is You
5:30-7:00am Marian Hall
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-980-5575 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer
9:30am-12:00 pm Corpus Christi Room
Contact: Elaine Smith |281-499-6660 | emchabert@comcast.net

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7:30-9:00pm, Corpus Christi Room
Contact: Patti Kallemeyn | 281-438-0696

THURSDAY

Catholic Men Called to be Saints (Weekly)
6:00-7:30am, Guardian Angels Hall
Contact: Jim Kij | 713-855-0108 | jimkij@comcast.net

Thursday Bible Study
1:00-2:00pm St Anne Room or 7:15-8:30pm AMC Room 205
Contact: Julie Evett | jevett@comcast.net

WWW.STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF
facebook.com/groups/stlaurenceadultfaith

Holy Happy Hour

Tues/Thu: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 18, 25, Nov 8, 29, Dec 6, 13
4:30-5:30 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm, Marian Hall B
Wed: Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 19, 26, Nov 9, 30, Dec 7, 14
5:30-6:30 pm, St Clare Meeting Room

After you drop off your child for Elementary CCE, why not spend some time growing in your faith? Join us during any Elementary CCE session this year for these special sessions to help you learn the Catholic Faith so you can effectively pass it on to your children. For more information, contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurence.org.

Discovering Christ

Mon: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 3, Nov 7
7:00-9:00pm, Ave Maria Center, Guardian Angel Hall

Are you a fan or follower of Jesus Christ? We will meet each week for a potluck meal, followed by a video presentation, and a small group discussion. **The deadline to register is September 21**. For more information and to register, go to stlaurence.org/discoveringchrist. See flyer on opposite page!

STILL TIME TO JOIN...

Moms GIFT Group

WED: Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 2016
9:30-11:30 am, Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall B
Facilitated by Rachelle Dooley OR
7:30-9:00 pm, St Anne Meeting Room
Facilitated by Erin Linton

GIFT (**G**rowing **I**n **F**aith **T**ogether) is a small group book study for moms seeking a deeper faith, a holier family, and the support of other moms. This semester we will read, "Beautiful Mercy" by Matthew Kelly. The book focuses on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy inspiring readers to realize that extraordinary acts of love are possible for all, no matter where we are in life. Babysitting (AM session only) provided by Kingdom Care, contact Christy de la Mora at 281-980-9812 to register your child by Sept 1.
INFO: Rachelle Dooley, ra1dooley@windstream.net

Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy

THU: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, Dec 1, 15
9:00am-12:00 pm, Ave Maria Center, St Francis Room

Join us in our ongoing morning study of the Diary of St. Maria Faustina. Then we will study Bishop Robert Barron's **"Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues"** concerning the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the "seven lively virtues." For more information: Sally Flowers at sallyjoflowers@comcast.net.

Are you a Fan ...

or a Follower of Jesus Christ

Discovering Christ

Mondays, Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 3, Nov 7, 2016
7-9 pm, Ave Maria Center, Guardian Angel Hall

In **Discovering Christ,** you will have an opportunity to spend time understanding the difference between admiring Jesus as a great historical figure and the founder of the Catholic Church and entering into a personal relationship with him. Join others in this seven-week journey as we unpack the basic questions of life. We will meet each week for a pot luck meal, followed by a video presentation, and a small group discussion. A one day, life-changing retreat on Saturday, October 29 will also be part of the experience. The deadline to register is September 21.

For more information and to register go to stlaurence.org/discoveringchrist

Living as Disciples

LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!

Stewardship Reflection for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Jesus' parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master's wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God-given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God's favor.

www.catholicstewardship.org

STEWARDS AMONG US

ELAINE SMITH

In 1988, it was a joy to settle down in Sugar Land and become a member of such a welcoming parish. Our two sons were still young, so it was natural to join ministries that included and nurtured them. Teaching CCE and working with Children's Liturgy of the Word soon become an important part of my life and a way to contribute in a small way. My husband Leslie and I share an interest in gardening, so we grow and donate plants each year for the Bazaar Plant Booth. Since retiring from a rewarding teaching career, I am able to happily devote more time to parish ministries. My love of sewing led me to join Women of the Cloth and be with other women who express themselves creatively. I am also a member of Contemplative Prayer which is described as the prayer of the heart. Our meetings consist of praying for others, reading Sacred Scripture and being still with God as we listen to His whispers. We are all called to extend to others the graces and blessings we've been given. If you're looking for a way to get involved, select a ministry that complements your unique talents, ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and get started making a difference. Someone is available and willing to help.

You cannot be on both sides.

The Church — all of us —

must strip herself of

the worldliness that leads

to vanity, to pride,

that is idolatry.

Pope Francis
October 4, 2013

Ask Paula

Q.

Is this where I sign up for _____?

A.

I don't know how many people come to the church office every day wanting to sign their kids up for CCE, and we have to send them over to the Ave Maria Center. Their response is *"I came here last year for CCE registration."* Yeah, but that was when the AMC was under construction! (I refer to these people as one of the *regulars*, get it?) I know I mentioned this before, but the Ave Maria Center is now OPEN! If you want to join bible studies, That Man is You, Edge, Life Teen, etc... all that is at the Ave Maria Center. *Before you ask, the Bazaar will be on that side, too.* If you haven't been in this building you really need to check it out. It's the BEST, *just saying*. Since I'm talking about the AMC, let me give you that phone number. It's 281-265-5774, 'cause everyone calls me. *Just in case you need it, right?*

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for almost 20 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2016

On September 18, the US Bishops celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the theme, ***Prayer: The Faith Prayed***. The dedication of this Sunday allows us to honor the work of sharing the faith that is done by each parish in a formalized way and by each family in an organic way.

This year's theme is such a beautiful reminder of how central our prayer life is to those who try to live out their faith. Scripture and the saints throughout the ages speak of the power of prayer. For St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *"…prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."* And St. Francis de Sales, who says, *"every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day except when we're busy –then we need an hour."* So let's commit anew to make prayer a daily part of our faith journey so that we draw closer to Christ who loves us more then we can ever imagine.

Please pray for all those who have answered the call to become a catechist across the world, and especially here at St. Laurence, that they might be blessed in their gift of sharing Christ with others:

Father of life and Creator of our hearts,
Please bless those who have answered the call to serve as catechists.
May they know you more closely through their preparation and
allow them to shine forth the light of faith to those they teach.
Give them courage and dedication to be faithful to the time
and energy that is this sharing requires of them.
Most importantly, Heavenly Father, may they
take a step closer to Eternal Heaven with each day they share of You to others. Amen.

If you are interested in being a catechist at St. Laurence, please call 281-265-5774 to learn more!

What are you waiting for?

Remember: Your Catholic faith is a gift. Literally. All wrapped up and sitting there with your name on it. Already purchased and paid for by our savior Jesus Christ. He **REALLY** wants you to open it!

Check your mail at home for the most recent *Adult Faith Formation* fall calendar, mailed a couple weeks ago to all registered parishioners. It is chock full of programs, classes, studies, retreats and presentations, all designed to help us to **LEARN & GROW** in our faith.

Visit the parish website at **www.stlaurence.org** for more information on everything that is offered at St. Laurence for parishioners of all ages. Stop by the Ave Maria Center or call 281-265-5774, to speak with someone who will be happy to assist you!

- CCE
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Weekday Children's Program
- St. Laurence Catholic School
- Life Nights
- Edge
- Retreats
- Discipleship Groups
- Adult Faith Speaker Series
- Small Christian Communities
- Bible Studies
- Prayer Groups
- Book Studies
- RCIA
- Parish Library
- That Man Is You
- Family Faith
- Family Nights

OCT 15-16: ST. LAURENCE PARISH BAZAAR

SAT, Oct 15 (5:00pm-10:00pm)
SUN, Oct 16 (10:00am-5:00pm)
www.stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar

SIGN UP
It takes hundreds of people to make this bazaar happen and there are lots of ways to get involved. Click on the VOLUNTEER NOW link at www.stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar to see the complete list of opportunities and sign up via Sign Up Genius.

BUY A RAFFLE TICKET
This year, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a new Mini Cooper Convertible, from Momentum Mini of Houston! Raffle tickets are just $2/each or $20/book of 12 tickets.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE ART GALLERY
Do you like to paint, draw, design or photograph? Submit your original artwork that depicts Fr. Drew's theme for the year, ***Behold, I Make All Things New***, and yours may be selected to be displayed in the Bazaar Art Gallery inside the Ave Maria Center. Artwork must be submitted to the parish office by September 30.

INFORMATION
Contact Bazaar Chairs Tom Barry (281-545-4112) or Les Fuchs (832-360-3104).

OCT 8: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS at St. Laurence will take place on Saturday, October 8, on the Parish Hall lawn. The blessing will begin promptly at 9:30am with Fr. Jaison presiding. Don't miss this opportunity to have your pet blessed! Your pet will receive a "blessed bandana", a St. Francis medal and treat. Please bring a bag of Hill's Science Diet (dog, puppy, cat or kitten formulas) or Fancy Feast cat food or any brand canned dog food to be donated to the City of Sugar Land Animal Center.

OCT 7-8: UNBOUND CONFERENCE

St. Laurence will be the site for the next UNBOUND Conference! This very special 2-day conference will be held on **Friday, Oct 7 (6-9pm) and Saturday, Oct 8 (8am-9pm)** at the Ave Maria Center. Led by Neal & Janet Lozano, it is designed for anyone who struggles with the same sin repeatedly, or who feels hopeless, bound by past hurts or in need of deliverance. Register for the conference online at **HoustonUnbound.org**. The cost to attend is $85 or $145 for a married couple. Neal Lozano and his wife, Janet, have more than 35 years of experience helping people find freedom in Christ. Their son, Matthew Lozano, a gifted teacher, will join them for the Houston Conference.

CHALLENGE CLUB

Thursday, September 22
6:30-8:30 pm
Youth Room

Girls in Grades 5-9 are invited to the Kick-Off event for Challenge Club this Thursday! Parents, please plan to attend the Kick-Off event, too, so we can share with you our Challenge plans for the year. For info, please contact Monica Hager at 832-867-2824 or slcc1213@gmail.com and follow us on Instagram @st.lchallengeclub.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY MIXER

Saturday, Sept 24 | 6:30-8PM
Guardian Angels Hall @ Ave Maria Center

Come hang, eat **FREE BBQ**, meet new people and enjoy outdoor games like frisbee golf, ladder ball & more!

For info, contact Michaela Barta at mbarta@stlaurence.org | 281-265-5774

OUR LADY OF COROMOTO MASS

Saturday, September 24

6:00pm: Reconciliation, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Chapel of the Divine Mercy)

7:00pm: Bilingual Mass with processional entrance of Marian Advocations (Church)

We will collect medicines and disposable hospital products to be sent to Venezuela through 'Saludos a Venezuela'

www.ParroquiaVirtualVenezolana.org

Serving Others

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY WEEK AT ST. LAURENCE

MONDAYS: Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom

WEDNESDAYS: Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm, SCM Workroom

OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo: Call weekend Bingo games for nursing home residents at Sugar Land Health Care Center

Birthday Celebrations: Organize bi-monthly birthday/ holiday celebrations at Sugar Land Health Care Center

Caring Creations: Meets first 3 Fridays each month to create crafts to donate to Mamie George Community Center and other Fort Bend agencies

Child Advocates Snack Bags: Monthly assembly of 100+ snack bags for children

Fresh Food Delivery: Twice a month, purchase and deliver fresh food St. John Fisher food pantry

Learn English Ministry: Teach English to non-English-speaking adults; no teaching or foreign language experience necessary

Lunches of Love: Decorate lunch bags; over 4,100 brown bag meals provided each DAY during the summer months to children in Richmond-Rosenberg

Village Program: Matches parish families with families that struggle each month to make ends meet

For more info about these and other great ways to serve others, please go to www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

KROGER REWARDS

Please remember to **RE-ENROLL** in the Kroger Community Rewards Program by linking your Kroger card to the Social Concerns Ministry. SCM Coupons for a Cause shoppers use these funds to purchase food for various local shelters and pantries. Go to **www.kroger.com** or call 1-800-576-4377 and a Kroger representative will assist you. After you enroll, check the bottom of one of your Kroger receipts to ensure that your enrollment was successful. Your receipt should say, *At your request, Kroger is donating to St. Laurence Catholic Church Social Concerns*. **Thank you!**

WAYS TO SERVE

FRESH-SQUEEZED FUN!

A very special thank you to Lauren Tice (8 years old), Jacob Tice (11 years old) and Zachary Hanse (12 years old) who recently held a lemonade sale just outside of their neighborhood of Colony Meadows. Working together on a very hot August day, they raised $35.60! They donated all of the proceeds to the Social Concerns Ministry to help children in need. What a special way to celebrate the summer!

HEART PILLOWS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Over the course of their lives, 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer. As National Breast Cancer Awareness Month approaches, Social Concerns is partnering with Cure & Company in Sugar Land to directly alleviate some of the pain and discomfort for those who have undergone a mastectomy. The heart pillow has been specially designed to fit comfortably under the arm of a post-op patient, relieving some of the pressure from that area and protecting it from painful bumps and bruises. These pillows are easy to make, appropriate for all ages and experience levels. They can be made with a sewing machine or stitched by hand. Stop by the Social Concerns office to pick up instructions, a pillow template, fabric and poly-fil. All pillows will be donated to the clients of Cure & Company in Sugar Land.

MAKE A BAG FILLED WITH HOPE

The Social Concerns Ministry makes and fills Hope Bags for the children who come to the Medical Mission in Laredo. We can still use donations of children's themed fabric to make these bags. We also need volunteers to help sew and cut the bags. Can you help? Please drop by the SCM office between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to pick up fabric. For more information, contact Monica at mhager@stlaurence.org.

WHAT WE NEED

You can help with these simple donations. Look around the house and see what you have to share and drop off at the parish office or in the SCM Donation bin in the church.

- men's clothing for residents of ROSARY HOUSE, a halfway house for ex-prisoners: new underwear and gently used and new long & short sleeve shirts, pants, socks, shoes, jackets.
- baby wipes, mini-toothpastes, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, mini Gold Bond foot powder for MILITARY & HOMELESS
- new white crew socks, new white t-shirts (size large), pop-top tuna/meat, individual peanut butters, granola bars for the HOMELESS
- birthday party gifts of new/unused toys, $10-$20 gift cards (fast food, Wal-Mart, Target), new/gently used children's books & small fleece blankets for CHILDREN IN SHELTERS
- Sunday Coupon inserts for COUPONS FOR A CAUSE program; drop off in parish office or the Hospitality Desk in the church
- Black pens, mints, business thank you cards, book marks, small packages tissues for the WORK-FAITH bootcamp students. WorkFaith Connection empowers disadvantaged job seekers to find and keep meaningful employment.

INFORMATION & HOPE

NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Find Help. Find Hope.

Millions of Americans face the day-to-day reality of living with mental illness. We get it. We've been there. We offer help. We offer hope. For info, contact Pat Sumner, 281-265-1554, psumner1@comcast.net.

General Meeting: 1st Thursday of each month

Support Group (English): 2nd and 4th Thursday each month

Support Group (Spanish): 3rd Tuesday each month

Support Group (Chinese): Last Sunday each month

Family to Family Classes: Begins September 12
Family-to-Family is a 12-session educational course for family, caregivers and friends of individuals living with mental illness.

Peer to Peer Classes: Begins September 19
Peer-to-Peer is a 10-session recovery-focused educational program for adults with mental illness who wish to establish and maintain wellness.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

SIGN UP FOR LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a national event to proclaim the truth about abortion to the general public. The media talks about "choice"; Life Chain proclaims that "Abortion Kills Children". The media talks about "reproductive rights"; Life Chain informs that "Abortion Hurts Women". Every year, women who are tempted by abortion see a Life Chain and choose life. Join us on Hwy 6, on Sunday, October 2, from 2:00 to 3:30pm, to pray and be a witness for respect for life. Just a couple of hours of your time can make a real difference in our community! Come to tables on the plaza THIS weekend and next for more information and sign up to participate.

PRAY A NOVENA FOR THE UNBORN

The St. Michael the Archangel Organization is sponsoring a novena for the protection of the unborn, from Thursday, September 29, through Friday, October 7. Please pray a rosary each day for this intention. There is no need to register.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Participation in the political process to help shape a government which truly serves the common good is a moral obligation. Anyone who has moved here needs to register in Fort Bend County at least 30 days before the election. You can find voter registration cards at the Hospitality Desk.

CAKES WANTED!

Each fall, Social Concerns sponsors the Cake Walk at the Parish Bazaar and we're doing it again Oct 15-16. **We will need LOTS of cakes!** If you can help, please drop off homemade and store bought cakes at the Ave Maria Center any time on Saturday, October 15, by 10:00am. Please include a list of ingredients on all homemade cakes. Thanks so much for your help!

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

We at St. Laurence pray that all may know the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and be graced with the holy desire to spend time with our God in adoration. Please prayerfully consider the hours listed that we are in need of committed adorers and substitutes. Contact Janice Swoboda at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-980-8481 or 832-816-4660 for more information.

ADORERS STILL NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:

Wednesday 6pm-7pm

If you cannot commit to the same hour each week, please consider serving as a substitute.
adoration@stlaurence.org

WEDNESDAYS: DIVORCE-CARE

A new session of DivorceCare has just begun. Join us on on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm in the St. Francis Room at the new Ave Maria Center. If you have been suffering from the effects of divorce or separation, come receive help in rebuilding your life, focused on God's love for you. For more information, please contact Janie at 832-860-3398 or jpdivorcecare@aol.com.

OCT 6: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group meets again on Thursday, **October 6, from 10:00-11:30am**, in the St Clare Room. The topic for this meeting is the roles that dogs have in identifying illnesses, followed by a roundtable discussion in order to catch up on each other's cancer journey. If you are a cancer patient, survivor or caregiver, join our group and know that you are not alone. For more information, please contact Angela Rankin at 832-945-2245.

JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

The J.O.Y. Club (stands for Just Older Youth) is for parishioners 55-and-up. The group meets at the Ave Maria Center on the 1st Monday of the month, plus other activities as planned. For info, contact Anne Higgins at 832-755-5597, nannyhiggs@gmail.com.

SEPT 27—Attend Mass together at noon followed by lunch (location to be determined). Maybe we can talk Fr. Jaison into joining our group for lunch!

OCT 4—Monthly gathering from 11am-1pm at the Ave Maria Center. Lunch is provided and Candace Twyman from the Better Business Bureau will be our guest speaker.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Children's Liturgy of the Word returns **Sunday, SEPT 18**, offered during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.*

Children in grades K-4 are encouraged to follow the faith sharers and lectors (banner carriers) to the Trinity Room and Parish Hall on designated Sundays for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Here they listen to the liturgy using language they can better understand, then rejoin their families for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. (Please note, this program is targeted for school aged children, so we ask that you keep their younger preK siblings in the church with you.) If you are interested in joining our ministry or just curious about how your child is participating in this part of the Mass, you are welcome to observe our sessions. For more information, please call Susan Choate (281-682-3389) or Claire Gregory (281-208-2715).

OCT 9: ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

Each fall, the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy sponsors a Flu Shot Clinic as a service to parishioners and a fundraiser for the upcoming medical mission to Laredo. The clinic will be held in the parish hall on **Sunday, October 9, from 8:00am to 1:00pm**. Flu shots will be given by volunteer pharmacists, doctors and nurses at a cost of $30 for a regular flu shot. (Note, the nasal flu vaccine will not be offered this year, based on recommendation of the CDC.) Support MMDM by getting your flu shot. Also, MMDM is collecting donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or crutches that may be given to Laredo patients in need. For more info about MMDM, please contact Maria Jacobson at mjacobson1984@yahoo.com or go to www.stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries. Thank you for supporting the mission!

HELP ADULTS LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH

CLASSES HAVE JUST BEGUN!

The Learn English Ministry offers free English language lessons to adults. Our students come from 30+ different countries and speak a variety of languages. We teach conversational English: those basic skills needed to talk on the phone, get directions, open a bank account or talk to a child's teacher. We can use lots of volunteer teachers! You don't need to speak any language other than English to teach. No experience is needed and we will train you. Come join this rewarding ministry. Contact Wendy Moore at learnenglishministry.slc@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS: P.A.C.T. FOR PARENTS

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF TEENS & ADOLESCENTS

P.A.C.T. stands for Parenting Adolescents with Catholicism Together. If you are a parent looking for support raising your teen or an opportunity to connect with other Catholic parents of middle, high school and college age children, then consider joining P.A.C.T. on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:15pm, in Guardian Angel Hall. Held during the same time that Edge for middle school meets, this group is open to all interested, including grandparents, guardians, single parents and step parents. There is a different topic each week with plenty of time for sharing. If you miss a week, the lesson is recorded and online, so just come when you can. For more information, please contact Steve Brown at stevecindyb@comcast.net.

MONDAYS: PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP

Please join us on Mondays from 1:00-2:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center's Oratory of the Rosary, as we gather to praise and worship God. We pray the Rosary, worship God through music and reflect on God's Word and spiritual writings. We also pray with each other and intercede for the needs of our Church, our community, families, and all who are in need of prayer. Please contact Anne Marie Daniel for more information at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

MONDAYS: MOMS AND TOTS GROUP

Are you a mom who is home with young child(ren) ages infant to pre-K on Monday mornings? Please join Moms & Tots for our weekly Play & Pray Group! We plan a variety of activities for our children as we support and encourage one another in our vocation as mothers. Our meetings are casual, and kids and moms get a chance to make new friends and grow closer to Christ. Come every week or just when you can! Contact us at stlaurence.momsandtots@gmail.com or call Chrissy Campbell at 310-926-7085 for details.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

The sadness that comes from experiencing the loss of a loved one can leave us frozen in place, just trying to cope with everyday life. Support groups are an important tool for finding hope and coping tools on this journey. The Grief Support Ministry meets in the Ave Maria Center, every Tuesday night from 6:30-8:30pm, as well as every Wednesday morning from 10:00am-12:00noon. We are a group of compassionate lay people who also have experienced the death of someone we dearly loved. Join us, because no one should grieve alone! Please contact Sandy Barber at 281-633-9090 or help2grieve@hotmail.com.

JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St. Laurence Children's/Youth Choirs have starting rehearsals on Monday afternoons. Come get your kids involved in the music of our parish - and in serving their parish in this wonderful ministry!

Kids in Grades 2-4 meet from 4:30-5:30pm
Youth in Grades 5-8 meet from 5:45-6:45pm

Rehearsals are held in the Music Room in the courtyard near the church. If your child is interested in singing, please contact Mary Thompson at mthompson@stlaurence.org or 281-980-9812 to get all the details. Come and sing with Mary!

"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"

Join a ministry or group and allow Jesus to make something new in you!

MISA COROMOTANA 2016

Oh Sangre y Agua que brotaste del Corazón de Jesús como fuente de misericordia para nosotros, ¡En Vos Confío!

MISA POR VENEZUELA

Sábado 24 de Septiembre, 7:00 pm

St. Laurence Church ♥ 3100 Sweetwater Blvd ♥ Sugar Land TX 77479

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PROGRAMA:

6:00 pm: Confesiones, Rosario y Coronilla, Capilla de la Divina Misericordia

Iglesia 7:00 pm: Entrada Procesional de Imágenes Marianas y Misa

8:15 pm: Baile de la Virgen por la Iglesia y Bendición de Familias y Sacramentales

8:30 pm: Serenata y Veneración de la Imagen Coromotana

EL MINISTERIO MUSICAL PVV

Interpretará la Misa "Coromoto Peregrina" del Prof. Albert Hernández

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SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptism	Rose Davis | 281-980-9812
Confirmation (Teens)	Sara Sahlezghi | 281-265-5774
Confirmation (Adults)	Mary Visser | 281-265-5774
First Holy Communion	Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
First Reconciliation	Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Marriage Preparation	Theresa Rawls | 281-980-9812
Marriage Sponsor Couples	Sharon & John Harry | 281-980-8090

FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

A.C.T.S. Retreat	Dcn. Don Burns | 281-734-8715
Adult Faith Formation	Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
COR Worship Nights	Danielle Noonan | 832-754-0567
Edge (Middle School)	Eric Painter | 281-265-5774
Elementary CCE	Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
Family Faith	Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Life Teen (High School)	Kris Frank | 281-265-5774
Natural Family Planning	Jacob/Jillian Counts | 281-300-3704
Parish School (SLCS)	Suzanne Barto | 281-980-0500
Parish School Board	David Wells | 810-599-9896
Parish School PTO	Kristin Holy | 281-491-8236
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RCIA	Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
Vacation Bible School	Cindy Martin | 281-265-5774
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