

April 16, 2017 | Easter Sunday



St. Lawrence

CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:15am, 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 4:00pm–4:45pm

Wednesday 5:30pm–6:20pm

Monday–Thursday after
morning Mass

ROSARY

Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

May 5 — *In the chapel*

7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions

7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

May 6 — *In the Church*

7:45am - Meditation & Rosary

8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Abril 22 — *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 Resurrection of
THE LORD

Parish Contacts

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281-980-0500

Principal: Suzanne Barto, sbarto@stlaurence.org

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WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-313-0329

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281-980-9812

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Finance Council: Bob Ladd, robert.ladd@haynesboone.com

Discipleship Council: Shawn Kelly, shawn_kelly@oxy.com

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 thru 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.

Easter Is Everything

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

I wish a glorious and joyful Easter to you and your loved ones. Easter is the greatest day and season of our Christian faith. Our Easter faith in the Risen Lord gives us hope, vision, purpose, perseverance, delight. Where would we be without the Resurrection? Easter is everything to us Christians.

Little Easters in Christ also happen in various ways all during our individual and communal lives. This happens whenever we are raised from the dust to new life. When Easter happens, it is always God's work. This is true because it occurs when we are at our most helpless, hopeless point. We don't give up, but we are compelled to give in, to surrender control, to abandon ourselves to the Living God. Then, when Easter happens, it is almost always a total surprise, coming from an unexpected place. We can finally be a true evangelist, because we can tell others that when all was lost, this is what God did in my life.

When you ponder and reflect, I'm sure you have experienced some Easters in your lives. May you have many more and enjoy the entire 50 days of the Easter Season. Jesus rose from the dead, and so do we in him.

In the Risen Lord,
Fr. Drew Wood, pastor



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL

SATURDAY 15 **Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil**
First Reading GN 1:1—2:2
Second Reading GN 22:1-18
Third Reading EX 14:15—15:1
Fourth Reading IS 54:5-14
Fifth Reading IS 55:1-11
Epistle ROM 6:3-11
Gospel MT 28:1-10

SUNDAY 16 **(#1065, Gather book) Easter Sunday**
First Reading ACTS 10:34A, 37-43
Second Reading COL 3:1-4
Gospel JN 20:1-9

MONDAY 17
First Reading ACTS 2:14, 22-33
Gospel MT 28:8-15

TUESDAY 18
First Reading ACTS 2:36-41
Gospel JN 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY 19
First Reading ACTS 3:1-10
Gospel LK 24:13-35

THURSDAY 20
First Reading ACTS 3:11-26
Gospel LK 24:35-48

FRIDAY 21
First Reading ACTS 4:1-12
Gospel JN 21:1-14

SATURDAY 22
First Reading ACTS 4:13-21
Gospel MK 16:9-15

SUNDAY 23 **2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy**
First Reading ACTS 2:42-47
Second Reading 1 PT 1:3-9
Gospel JN 20:19-31

PRAYING THE NEWS | APRIL 16, 2017

"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

PSALM 118:17

O God, our eyes and ears are so often drawn to the news that is sad, cruel, frightening, or just plain mindless. Please help us seek your presence in the world and speak to others of your truth, love and eternal Life. May we actually live the hope that your resurrection gives us. May we be your Good News to those we encounter each day. **Jesus, we trust in you.**

Alleluia! †

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, Wallace Barbay, Deborah Beck, Phyllis Benoit, Deacon Al Bothe, Eduardo, Caballero, Jun Castro, Joe Celestain, Michelle Collins, John Cummings, Lupita de la Rosa, Brittany Dodson, Julie Donati, Terri Donovan, Scott Domec, Judith Dupre, Agnes Fagnant, Amelia Flores, Enrique Flores, Maggie Flores, Robb Flynn, Connie Forbes, Lupe Fraga, Jerry Gabino, Alicia Garcia, Julia Garza, Patricia Garmon, Delia Genova, Beth Gloff, Kathy Gonzalez, Martha Harbin, Angelina Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Rose Holbrooke, James Hrebenar, Rosa Janik, Shanthi Jayaprakash, Jeff Johnson, Paul Joseph, Brian Judice, John Judice, Sylvia Kauffman, Christine Kingerski, Cindy Kral, Charles Kramer, Kelley Lamendola, Chris Larkins, Lisa Lauve, Mary Lavine, Mike Lojo, Beverly Marcellus, Russ Marcellus, Lavonne McFarland, Barbara McNees, Victor Mendiola, 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, Irma Soza, Steve Spaulding, Justin Stout, Marianne Szalay, Jackie Tanner, Brian Teykl, Eugene Theobald, Todd Triggs, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Kylie Ward, Monica Williams

PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Isabell Flores, Jessica Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Lizette Trevino, Draper Family, Ronald Bussey, Rebecca Zamarrias, Joseph I. Zamarrias Family, Frank & Nora Serrano, Rodriguez Family, Portillo Family, Simonson Family, Frank & Nora Serrano Family, Rodriguez Family, and Portillo Family, Simonson Family, San Miguel Family, Mosqueda Family, Jaime & Angelita Vasquez, Yolanda Vera, El-Rey Zubiate Jr. & Enrique Zubiate, Javer, Enis, Diego Alegria, Alexander Fmaily, Anna Flippin, Edwards Family, Patty Burgess, Van Cleve Family, Burgess Family, Salazar Family, Rober Salazar Jr. (D), Lianna Rose, John Rodriguez, Miko K. Cerrone, Theresa G. Ruiz, Eva G. Molina, 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*
LCpl Gordon Briggs, *USMC*
SPC Jordan Briggs, *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*
1LT Andrew DeSplinter, *US Army*
SGT Nicholas Dockum, *US Army*
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, *USMC*
Maj. James Dunphy, *USMC*
1LT Michael Eberhardt, *US Army*
CPT Stacey Eberhardt, *US Army Reserve*
Derek Farias, *US Navy*
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, *USMC*
PFC Aaron Fox, *USMC*
PVT Jahneil Xavier George, *US Army*
SSG Philip Graham, *US Army*
1LT 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*
TSgt David March, *Texas Air National Guard*
Capt. Brendan McPartland, *USMC*
1LT Todd Miller, *US Army*
CPT Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
CB, Richard Pinard, *US Navy*
QMSN Bryce Prochazka, *US Navy*
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, *USMC*
SGT Santiago Ramirez, *US Army*
1LT 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*
1LT Kevin Wheeler, *US Army*
SGT Bryce Whitley, *US Army*
AM Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APR 15

8:30pm — Margaret & Carl Tollin (D)

SUNDAY, APR 16

7:00am — Veronica & Lawrence Revelt (D)

9:00am — Martha Fernandez de Castro (D)

9:15am — Maggie Gonzalez (I)

11:00am — John Donart (D)

11:15am — Don Wingelet (D)

1:00pm — The Davis Family (I)

5:00pm — St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, APR 17

7:30am — Nebu Marteja (D)

12:00pm — Jim Goubeaud (D)

TUESDAY, APR 18

7:30am — Helen Gross (D)

12:00pm — Emma Jean Behrens (D)

WEDNESDAY, APR 19

7:30am — Joseph Edward Cannon (D)

6:30pm — Robin Wolfley (D)

THURSDAY, APR 20

7:30am — Al & Lucy Conforti (D)

12:00pm — Eugene & Becky Pascual (A)

FRIDAY, APR 21

8:15am — Myrtle Kotylak (D)

12:00pm — Michael Hinguillo (I)

SATURDAY, APR 22

8:30am — Michael Barber (D)

5:00pm — Carol Siwierka (D)

SUNDAY, APR 23

7:15am — Nicolina Miscio (D)

9:00am — David Grace (D)

11:00am — Zandra Lozada (D)

12:45pm — George Valverde (D)

5:00pm — St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Marc Fryer, Brother Peter Francis (Brian Kelsch), Collin Brown, 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), Christopher Meyer, Tom Ruck, Margaret Uche

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MAY 6: "TOGETHER IN HOLINESS"

This event for married couples will be offered on Saturday, May 6, 9:00am-3:30pm, at St. Cecilia in Houston, to inspire couples to grow together in holiness and empower parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. It includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and Reconciliation. Speakers include "Doctor Ray" Guarendi from EWTN, Danielle Bean, publisher of Catholic Digest, Mary Caprio of the St. John Paul II Foundation, and Deacon Tom Vicknair, author of the "One in the Lord" marriage program. Details and registration are available at www.TogetherInHoliness.org.

APR 21: PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

7:00pm – Young, elderly and in between are invited to enjoy watching the 1st annual basketball competition with priests against seminarians. Join the fun in watching and cheering at Strake Jesuit, Competition Gym, in Houston. If you need further information, contact Fr. Preston Quintela at frpquintela@seascatholic.org

APR 22: HOUSTON SFA CATHOLIC NETWORK BENEFIT

Catholic alumni of Stephen F. Austin State University are invited to a dinner dance fundraiser to benefit the SFA Catholic campus ministry at All Saints Catholic Church on Saturday, April 22. Please contact Michael Molina at mmolina@sfacatholic.net or 936-585-8502, if your company is interested in being a sponsor, and go to sfacatholic.net/houston-benefit to donate or purchase tickets to this fun event.

AUG 19-26: LINGAP "KRUISE FOR KIDS"

Participate in a unique fundraiser on a one-week European riverboat cruise, August 19-26, including stops at Vernon-Les Andelys, Caudebec, and excursions to Normandy, Rouen, Conflans and Paris. All proceeds benefit the Lingap Center in the Philippines, which provides hope for children who have suffered from child abuse, abandonment, neglect and exploitation. Limited spots are available, so book your tickets now through the Lingap website at www.lingapcenter.org or contact John & Judy Drake at 517-529-9702.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

April 2 Collection	\$67,408
Registered Households	7,422
Envelopes Used	773
Loose Checks	217

AUTOMATED GIVING

Monthly Offertory	\$185,152
Participants	947

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

2017 Parish Goal	\$495,000.00
Amount Paid	\$194,555.96
Amount Pledged	\$272,230.76
Participants	635

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.

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WEDDING PREPARATION

Next class: MAY 15

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: MAY 13, JUNE 10

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

Gianna Montoya, Abigail Montoya, Nanma Thomas, Awesome Ebiringa, Nicholas Panchamia, Graham Sick, Maverick Holeman, Sabina Dy

FUNERALS

Ruby Burns, *mother of Deacon Don Burns*
 Agnes Kingerski, *mother of Harry Kingerski*
 Frank McPartland, *father-in-law of Sylvia McPartland*
 Brian Teykl, *husband of Tibby Teykl*
 Rose Ayroso, *mother of John and Jenny Ayroso*

ELECTRONIC GIVING

stlaurence.org/contribute-to-our-parish

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Laurence Catholic Church with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **TX460**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Family, Children & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

APR 16: NO PRESCHOOL CCE due to Easter. See you back in class NEXT week, April 23rd!

APR 18, 19: ELEMENTARY CCE THIS WEEK

The Paschal Mystery is Jesus' passing over from death to a new and glorified life. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we hold up the promise of everlasting life with God. As a family, discuss ways in which you can express your gratitude to Jesus, the Son, for his Sacrifice and to God, the Father, for His Plan for our Salvation and Reconciliation with Him.

APR 24: HOME STUDY CCE PARENTS: Our FINAL mandatory Parent Enrichment Meeting and Homework Checkpoint will be held on Monday, April 24th from 7-8pm in Marian Hall of the AMC. This will be your last opportunity to turn in all outstanding work, including parent makeup for missed lessons. Don't forget to bring your children's workbooks, chapter assessments or any other completed work for review. Our topic: *Loving our Neighbors, Especially Those of Different Faiths*. See you there!

Please note that registration for the upcoming CCE program year (which will begin in mid-September) **has begun** and is now open to ALL families. For returning families, a registration packet is available at the reception desk of the AMC for you to pick up and complete. If you are a new family to the CCE program, please see the St. Laurence 'Education' webpage under REGISTRATION to print out forms, or pick one up in person at the AMC. Don't forget to register early, as many classes fill up fast!



ST. LAURENCE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
stlaurenceschool.org



HAPPY EASTER FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!

School will be closed Easter Monday. We look forward to seeing all of our Saints back on campus April 18th!

SLCS SERVICE PROJECTS

In keeping with our mission as a "pastoral instrument of the Church", our Saints community continues to shine in the area of service to others. It is our "charism" and follows in the path of our patron, Saint Laurence, who was a deacon of the church and served the poor. As we continue to celebrate 25 years as a Catholic school, we will be highlighting the many ways our students and families reach out and help others in need.



Kindergarten: Our little ones collect birthday supplies and items for "Birthday in a Box" for the homeless shelter in Fort Bend.



QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
FROM CRIB THROUGH 5 YEARS
Learn more and find the **WCP Calendar** at:
www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

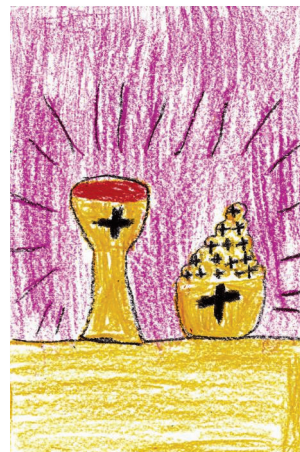
APRIL ACTIVITIES

April 17 Easter Monday

April 18 and 19 Easter Egg Hunts and Easter Bunny Visit

April 23 Spring Family Day 2pm-4pm

April 28 Week of the Young Child



2nd Grade: Students create beautiful cards to sell in order to help our sister school Queen of Peace. They also provide care packages for the sick in our community!

SLCS MISSION STATEMENT

As a pastoral instrument of the Church, St. Laurence Catholic School educates and develops the whole Christian person in body, mind, and spirit through the trinity of parent, child, and educator.



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.**

APR 19: 7:00-8:15pm, EDGE (Marian Hall)
All middle school youth are invited and encouraged to join us.



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 NIGHT ON SUNDAY NIGHTS
APR 23 & 30: 6:30-8:15pm Ave Maria Center

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
TUESDAYS 6:00-7:30pm Youth Hall
Discipleship Groups offer teens an opportunity to dig even deeper. Open to all high school students.

LEGACY
2ND/4TH TUESDAYS, 8:00-9:00pm Youth Hall
Open to Juniors and Seniors.

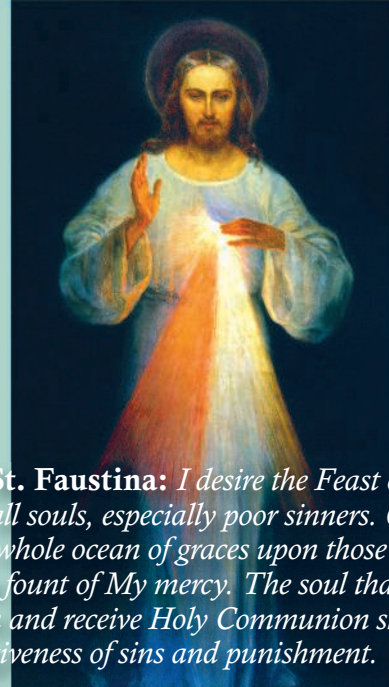
STEUBENVILLE SOUTH YOUTH CONFERENCE
JUN 23-25 / Cost \$300
Registration is open: stlaurence.org/steubenville-south

Steubenville South is an amazing and powerful week for young people. We are in great need of sponsors to provide scholarships for teens and families in financial distress. If you can help sponsor a teen contact **Kris Frank kfrank@stlaurence.org**

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 DEVOTION



Jesus told St. Faustina: *I desire the Feast of Mercy be a shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. On that day I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*

NOVENA IN THE CHAPEL, APRIL 16-22

Saturday, April 15

Do Privately

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16 , 7:00pm
Teaching on Divine Mercy, Deacon Rey Arellano

Monday, April 17 , 7:00pm
Mercy of God and Prison Ministry , Joe Guarisco

Tuesday, April 18 , 8:30pm
Divine Mercy Testimony, Cindy Schmitz

Wednesday, April 19 , 7:00pm
Teaching on Divine Mercy , Laura Jacobs

Thursday, April 20, 7:00pm
Divine Mercy Stories , Deacon Dennis Henderson

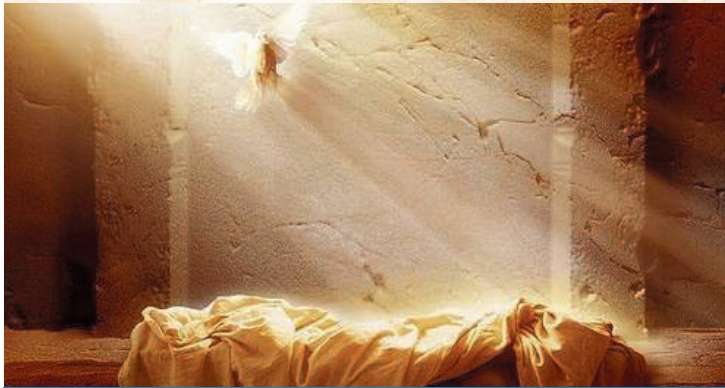
Friday, April 21 , 7:00pm
Teaching on Divine Mercy, Cielo Topper

Saturday, April 22 , 8:00pm
Teaching on Divine Mercy, Sally Flowers

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 23, 2:30pm in the church

Novena, Chaplet, Reflection on Divine Mercy,
Blessing of Image, Litany

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 (1st Monday, May 1)

10:30am-12:00pm **OR** 7:00-8:30pm, St. Anne Room

Contact: Kay Quenan | 281-265-3238 | kquenan@icloud.com

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (Weekly)

6:15-7:15am, St Francis Room

Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

NEW Tuesday Evening Bible Study

7:30-9:00pm, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084

May 2 - June 27

WEDNESDAY

That Man Is You

5:30-7:00am Marian Hall

Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-980-5575 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer

9:30am-12:00pm 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

Divine Mercy Cenacle

9:00am-12:00pm, St Francis Room

Contact: Sally Flowers | sallyjflowers@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



SPEAKER SERIES

Anne Marie Daniel

**Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary:
Miracles, Messages, and Our Mother
Thursday, May 4**

7:00-9:00pm, Marian Hall



What happened in Fatima, Portugal 100 years ago and why does it have any relevance to us today?

St. Laurence's Coordinator of Spiritual Direction and Annulment Ministry, **Anne Marie Daniel**, will help us to understand this profound event and Mary's enduring message for our times.

For more info go online: stlaurence.org/speakerseries

Easter Joy!

WELCOME OUR NEWEST CATHOLICS!

*The following people were fully initiated into the
Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:*

Audrey Adams, Justin Au, Brooklyn Boyle, Christine Chiang, Nicholas Jahanian, Mitra Kazemi, Christopher Lovely, Lundy-Ly-Barrey, Mary Moore, Quan Ngyuen, Pennapa Phayungton, James Schade, Sean Thomas, Benjamin Turk.

What a joy to have them in our faith community!

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Tuesdays, May 2-June 27, 7:30-9:00pm, Marian Hall A



Join this evening Bible group as they study **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** presented by Dr. Edward Sri. This is an in-depth eight part series on how Mary works in our daily lives and draws us closer to her Divine

Son. This study is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ. **To register go to stlaurence.org/biblestudies or for more information jkanusky@aol.com.**

He has risen!



Inactive Catholics You're Invited Home!

Join us for evenings of dialogue to:

Come and **SEE** how you can renew your relationship with the Catholic Church

Come and **VOICE** your feelings and needs

Come and **LEARN** about current Catholic thought

No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason, you are always welcome.

"COME AND SEE" is an outreach program for those who feel alienated, estranged or distant from the church or for those who want a more genuine experience of Catholic community.

Join us for a special six-week program held on Monday evenings, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 2017 from 7:15-9:00 p.m. in the Ave Maria Center, St. Anne Room. The evening is facilitated by a team of parishioners in a safe, confidential, small group sharing environment.

For more information go to www.stlaurence.org/comeandsee

Or contact: Art or Marilyn Ramponi at 832-945-2110, artmarilyn2@att.net.

LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD — EASTER SUNDAY



The reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that we, too, bear witness to the risen Lord. The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. There is no more time for holding grudges, disliking others, seeking vengeance, maintaining old prejudices, tolerating bias. We are Christ's joy and instruments of his peace. Our world is reordered. Reflect on how we are called to let Christ's forgiveness, reconciliation and love permeate our lives. We are Easter people. Rejoice! **He is risen! Alleluia!**

www.catholicstewardship.com

STEWARDS AMONG US

TRIVINO FAMILY



Marjorie Trivino shares the story of her family's involvement in parish life: "I recall 25 years ago

when we arrived in Houston from Bogota as a newly wedded couple in search for a Catholic Church. We were blessed to find St. Laurence and instantly fell in love with the parish. After a few years, we moved away to San Antonio where my husband started his residency, and then a position in the Texas Panhandle. When my husband was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor, we decided it best to move back to down Sugar Land with our children to be closer to the physicians and our relatives. Soon after we returned, we rejoined St. Laurence and since then it has been our safe haven. After two years of fighting cancer, my husband passed away, but his passing it has brought us closer to each other as a family and closer to the Church. With the company of my mother, sister, brother, and their families, we have been participating actively in the different parish ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers, Lector, MMDM, Spanish Bible Study, V Encuentro, Adoration, Life Teen, Challenge and Children's Choir. It is a blessing to be surrounded by such a caring and kind community as the one in St. Laurence."

In all we do ...

... evangelize

In front of the big 'why' of life
we have two paths, to stay
to watch gloomily the tombs
of yesterday and of today,
or to bring Jesus to our tombs

...because each of us has a
small tomb, some area that is a
little bit dead inside the heart:
a wound, an injury suffered or
done (to us), a bitterness that
does not let up, remorse that
returns, a sin that you cannot
overcome. We identify these
today, our little tombs we have
inside and invite Jesus there.

Pope Francis

April 2, 2017

Ask Paula

Q.
**Can I have
my marriage
blessed?**



A.
Yes, here's what I found out. We only bless "milestone" anniversaries. So for 10, 15 and 20th anniversaries it would be done at a daily Mass right after the homily. For 25, 30, and so on, you can have it done at a Sunday Mass. Unfortunately, due to limited facilities and priests we cannot book a separate, private Mass for this occasion. Here's what you need to know: If your marriage is valid in the Church, you can have it blessed. If you were not married in the Catholic Church, you're gonna need a *convalidation*, and that's a whole different thing because you are receiving a sacrament. Mark and I are having our 30th this June. *I'm thinkin'* we should have ours blessed, right? To schedule a marriage blessing, call Theresa in the church office. This is another one of her areas, *just sayin'*.

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

St. Laurence is growing as an **ENGAGED CHURCH**

WE ASKED, YOU TOLD US

In September 2015, over 3,800 adult members of our parish completed a parishioner engagement survey, the ME25. The results showed that about one-third of our parishioners are “engaged” in parish life – these are people ready, willing and able to respond to God’s call. While this compares favorably to the national Catholic average of 16%, we have lots of room to grow. So, 120 of our ministry leaders gathered and identified 4 key areas of engagement to focus on as a parish family:

LEARN: *My parish has opportunities to learn and grow.*

GROW: *In my parish, my spiritual needs are being met.*

CONNECT: *Someone in the parish has talked to me about my spiritual growth.*

LOVE: *I have received recognition or praise from someone in my parish.*



OUR PLAN OF ACTION

Fall 2016: We launched the LEARN focus area, inviting parishioners to get to know Jesus through His Word

Advent 2016: We shifted to a focus on GROW, getting to know Jesus in the Eucharist

Currently: We are focused on ways to CONNECT with one another, to know Jesus in one another

Coming Soon: We will show our LOVE for one another by seeing, recognizing and thanking one another

Learn more about the Engaged Church effort at St. Laurence, visit stlaurence.org/engaged-church or email us at engagedchurch@stlaurence.org

**Let's
start
Talking**

Fr. Drew's Pastor's Challenge

1. Every day for one week, SAY WORDS OF LOVE and kindness to someone, and...
2. Invite someone who is inactive in their faith to join you for one Sunday Mass at St. Laurence and tell them in a compelling way why you go and HOW YOU EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE there.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE **MEN'S ACTS RETREAT** June 15-18, 2017

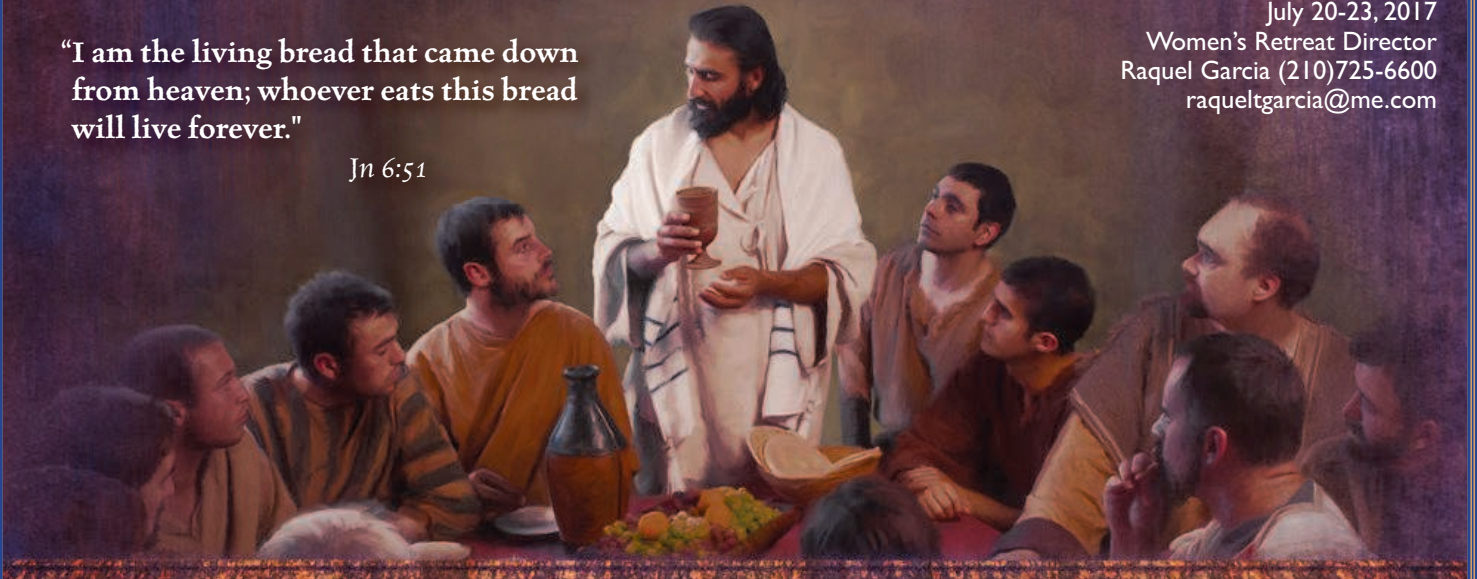
What is ACTS?

**Next Women's
ACTS Retreat**
July 20-23, 2017

Women's Retreat Director
Raquel Garcia (210)725-6600
raqueltgarcia@me.com

**"I am the living bread that came down
from heaven; whoever eats this bread
will live forever."**

Jn 6:51



ACTS is an acronym for **A**DORATION, **C**OMMUNITY, **T**HEOLOGY AND **S**ERVICE.
It is these four themes that are the focus of the weekend's activities.

ACTS is inspired by the ACTS of the Apostles 2:42-47:

*"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles
and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread
and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many
wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
All who believed were together and had all things in
common; they would sell their property and possessions
and divide them among all according to each one's need.
Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together
in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes.
They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of
heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.
And every day the Lord added to their number those who
were being saved."*

PURPOSE

The purpose of the ACTS weekend is to Invite the retreatants into a new or deeper relationship with the Lord and with other faithful women and men through Adoration and daily prayer; Community awareness as a member of the Body of Christ; Theology encouraging more study of our faith and God's word; and promoting the virtue of Service to our Lord and one another.

GOAL

An ACTS retreat strives to achieve the directives of Vatican II and the goals of the Revised Code of Canon Law of 1983, placing emphasis on "Community and Pastoral Care" within a parish; that the participants experience God's love and joy throughout the weekend, and return to the parish with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved in the parish faith community.

June 15-18, 2017

**Registration for Men's ACTS Retreat is NOW
open online at stlaurence.org/acts-retreat**

**If you have any questions please contact Men's Retreat
Director: Isaac Aparicio (832) 290-1714 Or 59ike@reagan.com**

APR 23: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter, is the Feast of Divine Mercy. The message of Divine Mercy was given to St. Maria Faustina to be shared with the whole world... to ask for God's mercy, be merciful to others, and completely trust in Jesus. A Novena, with prayers and a short teaching, will be held in our Chapel of Divine Mercy, adjacent to the school building, each evening this week. Please see the complete schedule on page 7 of this bulletin or at stlaurence.org/divine-mercy-novena-1. Then attend the Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion at 2:30pm in the church next Sunday, April 23. All are welcome!

APR 22-29: MEDICAL MISSION TO COSTA RICA

Thanks to your financial support, 34 missionaries will depart for Costa Rica on April 22, to serve a one-week mission to bring healing and hope to the indigenous Cabecar Indians, the most marginalized and poor of that country. Please keep our missionaries and the people they will serve in your prayers. If you would like to learn more about the mission or make a financial contribution, please visit stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries. Donations are still being accepted to offset the significant costs involved. With gratitude for all of your support, from the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The weekend of June 23-25, 200 of our teens will attend Steubenville South, a spiritually powerful weekend for teens entering grades 9-12, held in Alexandria, Louisiana. Find all the details and register now at stlaurence.org/steubenville-south. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost to attend is \$300. Teens who wish to go, but whose families are in financial distress, benefit from scholarships donated by parishioners. If you'd like to sponsor a teen with a scholarship, please contact Kris Frank at kfrank@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774

PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH

"There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

1 Corinthians 12:6-7

St. Laurence always strives to be an inclusive and welcoming community, a garden of faith. Some of our parishioners have needs that require special accommodations. We are seeking to cultivate our garden of faith by providing additional support and classes for those students who present with special needs from Preschool CCE all the way through LifeTeen, including Sacramental Preparation. One of the first seeds we seek to plant on this mission is to create a team of adults and teens to serve as teachers, mentors, partners and volunteers who can assist by providing students with access to the programs that are both age, and developmentally appropriate for them. No prior training in special needs is required. **Are you able to help plant these seeds of faith?** If you think that you may be interested in this ministry, please contact Cindy Martin, 281-265-5774; cindymartin@stlaurence.org.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for your donations to the Easter Flower Fund.

Names of the people in whose memory or honor your donations were made appear on our parish website: stlaurence.org/easter-flowers



GET THE LATEST NEWS

From St. Laurence

www.stlaurence.org

Learn about parish ministries & groups, sign up for programs & service opportunities, listen to the Sunday homilies, read the parish newsletter and sign up to get the weekly eblast!



CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Our parish celebrates with the 34 people who came into the Catholic Church this Easter and warmly welcomes everyone into full communion with the Church and parish life here at St. Laurence! If you or someone you know would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please contact

Justin Frato at 281-265-5774 or jfrato@stlaurence.org.



GET THE PARISH APP!

stlaurence.org/catholic-apps

Download the St. Laurence parish app to your smart phone and stay connected with daily readings, parish news, Mass times and events at your fingertips!

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Stuffing over 400 Easter eggs



Volunteers created uplifting birthday cards



Bethel Easter eggs



Volunteers
plant seeds in
peat pots



Jean & Paul
Bauer and their
bible study
group

Thanks to everyone who joined us in the SCM workroom for our Lenten service projects. We completed four projects to benefit those in need in our community. We started by planting seeds in peat pots. They will be transferred to God's Garden to grow and then distributed to food pantries later this summer. Next we stuffed over 400 Easter eggs with stickers and candy for the Bethel Ministries Easter party. Our third project involved making over 200 Easter treat bags for the seniors at Mamie George Community Center and Sugar Land Health Care Center. Finally, our volunteers

created uplifting cards to be given to children hospitalized on their birthday.

Continuing with Lenten service, Jean & Paul Bauer and their bible study group took on 4 projects for SCM. They decorated granola bars with a beautiful spring-time theme for the seniors at MGCC to enjoy as they wait for their bus ride home from the center. In addition, the seniors had a fun time hunting for Easter eggs filled with candy, a dollar bill or a Walmart gift card. The group also assembled Easter treat bags for the 20 teens at PYR complete with a home-made Easter card, a chocolate Easter bunny,

assorted candy and much needed personal items. Finally, they decorated lunch sacs for Lunches of Love. Thank you so much for serving the Lord and his precious people in these beautiful ways!

Thank you to the Weekday Children's Program families for providing 20 beautiful and personalized Easter baskets for the children in the Village Program. And finally, thank you St Laurence parishioners, for your generous response to the needs of others this Lent. Whether you offered prayers, gave to the Giving Tree or participated in one of our many service projects, you made a difference!

SERVE THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS IN THE CHURCH!

LEARN (OR TEACH) SPANISH THIS SUMMER!

Free beginning, intermediate and advanced Spanish Classes are offered THIS SUMMER for those active in Church ministries, as well as priests, deacons, ministers, religious and missionaries. Classes will be held at the Ave Maria Center, June 8-August 3, Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. Volunteers who are fluent in Spanish (native speakers) are NEEDED to teach these classes that serve those who serve others in the Church. For more information, to register or to volunteer, please call 281-265-5419 or email Adriana Gutierrez, Learn Spanish Ministry Coordinator, at LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com

¡ENSEÑE ESPAÑOL ESTE VERANO!

Necesitamos voluntarios que hablen español como lengua materna, para enseñar español para niveles principiante, intermedio y avanzado. Estas clases se ofrecen a voluntarios de diferentes ministerios de la iglesia, incluyendo sacerdotes, diáconos, ministros, religiosos y misioneros. Las clases serán de Junio 8 - Agosto 3, lunes y jueves de 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. en el Ave Maria Center de St. Laurence Catholic Church. Para más información, favor de contactar a Adriana Gutierrez, Coordinadora de Learn Spanish Ministry, 281-265-5419 o LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com.

FAITH IN ACTION

FEBRUARY & MARCH IN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Through monetary and goods donations by St. Laurence parishioners, and service projects by students and volunteers, the Social Concerns Ministry was able to:

- Provide 510 Spring Break lunch bags to Bethel Ministries and Fort Bend Family Promise
- Provide over 281 household items (sheets, towels, dishes, pots & pans, pillows, etc.) for the teens at Park's Youth Ranch, Rio Bend and our adopted refugee families through our Giving Tree Drive.
- Donate 60 bags of clothing, household goods and toys to SVDP.
- Send over 10,000 meals to the hungry men, women and children of Burkina Faso.
- Complete 4 service projects during Lent which touched the lives of the homeless, seniors and children in Fort Bend and Harris counties.
- Provide 200 holiday themed treats for seniors at MGCC and SLHC.
- Keep the utilities on for 23 families and provide emergency shelter for 26 families.
- Provide emergency food assistance and basic household items for 31 families
- Provide gifts to the MGCC gift shop valued at more than \$500.

...and so much more! Thank you, St. Laurence, for your loving kindness and compassion for our neighbors in need!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG FUNDRAISER

Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center — Baby Bottles are coming! Our annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser for the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center will begin next week! Take a bottle home, fill it with a donation (loose change, bills, or a check) to help PRMC help women with the choice for life. You can make the donation in honor of your mother for Mother's Day! Just return the bottle by May 1 with the accompanying information, and PRMC will send a card in time for Mother's Day.

PRMC Vision Hours: the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center in Rosenberg (2918 Ave I) offers regular Vision Hours to inform guests about their work to help women with the choice for life. See the center, meet staff members, hear great client stories. You will NOT be asked for a donation. Call the center at 281-232-2375 to see when the next Vision Hour is scheduled or schedule one at your convenience!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY

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

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 2,200 brown bag meals provided each week 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, GO TO
www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

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.
- mini/trial sizes shampoo, men's deodorant, soap, lotion, tooth-paste & toothbrush for **MILITARY, HOMELESS, REFUGEES**
- 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
- Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, disinfectant spray cleaners for **PEOPLE IN CRISIS**.

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL



The first commandment is to love God. What better way to love God than to spend time with Him in the chapel? ***The Archdiocese guidelines for Eucharistic Exposition require that 2 or 3 persons be present at all times.*** We are adding a second adorer whenever only one is currently in place. ***Are you that second person?***

Making Progress — Still 58 committed spots to fill!
URGENT ADORER NEEDS, Fridays, 2am - 3am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ***will end at 3:00pm on Holy Thursday and resume Tuesday, April 18 at 8:00am.*** The chapel will open as usual for those who would like to pray before the tabernacle.

Please check online:

stlaurence.org/adoration or pick up a card at the back of the church for a list of days and times available and prayerfully consider the hours listed where we need committed adorers. Contact Denise MacDougall or Fran Magelssen at **adoration@stlaurence.org**
281-224-6122 (Fran)
281-235-8008 (Denise)

JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

The J.O.Y. Club (Just Older Youth) is a parish group for people 55-and-up. The group meets on the first Monday of each month, from 11:00am-1:00pm, for a social activity or program at the Ave Maria Center. To learn more about the J.O.Y. Club, contact Anne Higgins at nannyhiggs@gmail.com or 832-755-5597.

WED 4/19 11:30am, Lunch at Brandani's, RSVP to Anne at nannyhiggs@gmail.com by April 12

MON 5/1 11am – 1pm, Meet other Ministries in the St. Laurence family – Care Givers and Grief Support

THE JOY OF THE GREETER MINISTRY!

It's said that your smile may be the only smile someone sees that day – so let it be yours! Be a part of the St. Laurence Greeter Ministry and help people feel welcomed at Mass and parish events. All you need is a servant's heart. You can be young or old, outgoing or shy – or perhaps you are a new parishioner looking for a simple way to get involved? This is also a fun way for a family to serve the parish together. Just arrive 30 minutes before the Mass you already attend. So simple, yet such an important duty! If you want to greet at Sunday Mass, or be on a list for special events, or serve as a bilingual greeter, please contact Pam White, Greeter Ministry Coordinator, at **pamwhite51@icloud.com** Or **281-265-3070**.

APR 22: UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY

Have you ever felt stuck, bound up, unable to move forward? Do you long to experience the love, freedom, and abundant life that Jesus talks about in the Gospels?

UNBOUND Ministry empowers people to take hold of the freedom they have been given in Christ. Unbound is a safe, loving, simple, and reproducible prayer model that helps people to respond to the Good News of the Gospel and apply the truth to their lives using five simple keys. The Five Keys are: Repentance and Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. The book, *Unbound*, by Neal Lozano explains these principles in detail. By using the Five Keys in individual prayer sessions and in personal prayer, people experience freedom from the influence of deception and lies, and embrace the reality that they are known and loved by the Father. If you are interested in receiving this gift of Healing Prayer contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or call 281-265-5774. Individual Prayer Sessions on Saturday April 22, at the AMC 9:00am to 12:00 Noon (Scheduled appointments only)

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE PROGRAM

This is an exciting opportunity for your family to support vocations. Join the many families that have already signed up to receive the St. Laurence traveling chalice. Take the chalice home for one week and place in a visible place. Together, as a community of faith, we can devote time each day to praying for vocations. Suggested prayers are included with the Chalice. Everyone is invited to participate.



Be included in this wonderful program by signing up online at: stlaurence.org/vocation-chalice Or sign up forms are available from the receptionists' at the Parish office and Ave Maria Center.

ACTS RETREATS FOR MEN & WOMEN

An ACTS retreat experience will help you build a stronger parish life and get you more involved in our parish community. This is accomplished through **A**doration and daily prayer, the call to **C**ommunity in one's parish as a member of the Body of Christ, and **T**heology in encouraging the study of scripture and our Catholic Faith. All of which emphasize and encourage the virtue of **S**ervice to our Lord, our parish, and one another. For many, ACTS proves to be a life-changing experience.

Mens ACTS Retreat Director: Isaac Aparicio 832-290-1714 or 59ike@reagan.com or visit the parish website at stlaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat to sign up today!

Womens ACTS Retreat: The team is forming. If you have previously been on an ACTS retreat, please contact Angela Coady (314) 255-4191 or angelacoady18@gmail.com to learn how you can get involved. The women's retreat is July 20-23, 2017 with Raquel Garcia as the Director.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

APR 20: Holy Hour, Happy Hour

Every 3rd Thursday of the month! Next one: April 20th 8pm divine mercy chapel, 9:15pm Baker Street Pub

APR 26: Acts: Fully Alive

What does it mean to be fully alive? Come learn about the early Church with us in bible study! 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Next one: April 26th in AMC from 7-9PM!

May 6: Blessed Is She: Women's Group

Ladies, mark May 6th on your calendars for next Blessed Is She Potluck Brunch, 10am-12pm! This group is for fellowship, good conversation + praying together! Open to all ladies in their 20s and 30s. Check out @blessedishe on instagram if you're not familiar! We meet at different houses every few weeks. Email mbarta@stlaurence.org for location address.

APR 20: HOPE GRIEF GROUP STARTS

Learn How to Ease the Pain of Grief After the Death of a Loved One: A new series begins on **Thursday, April 20, 6:30 - 8:30pm**. HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease) is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving utilized by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Led by a hospice-trained facilitator. To register, call Annette Bisanz 281-980-1449 or Kathy Heinemann 281-468-0738.

ST. LAURENCE SINGLES GROUP

The St. Laurence Adult Singles Ministry serves adults of all ages who are widowed, divorced, separated, or never married. For more event info, email us at st.laurencesingles@gmail.com

FRI 4/21 – 6:00pm – Dinner at Berryhill, let's return to one of our favorite places!

TUE 4/25, 7:00pm — Planning meeting in the Trinity room at St. Laurence. Come join us to give your suggestions on what you would like to do!

APR 20: LADIES GUILD MEETING

SPRING TRAILS OF FLOWERS & PLANTS

April showers bring May flowers! Enjoy a bright & colorful evening at our next meeting while we learn some tactics for container planting. One of our own talented Ladies Guild members will be our guest speaker for this fun Spring meeting. Come and be inspired to prepare flower pots for yourself! Ladies of all ages of the parish are welcome! Please bring a Spring style salad, appetizer, and/or dessert to share for the evening. Beverages will be provided. Social starts at 6:30 pm. Business meeting and program to follow at 7:15pm. For information contact Tina Dougherty at 713-859-6861 or tinadougherty95@gmail.com

MAY 6: WALK WITH THE BEREAVED

Do you know someone who is dealing with the death of a loved one? Maybe you just want to know what to say or do when you come in contact with someone grieving a loss. Join the Grief Support Group on Saturday, May 6, 10:00am – 2:00pm in Guardian Angels Hall in the Ave Maria Center for an informational program that explores these situations.

The program consists of two DVD presentations, discussion with questions, answer periods and lunch. There is no cost for this program, but advanced registration is necessary.

Contact Sandy Barber for information and registration: 832-451-9117, help2grieve@hotmail.com

LET'S CONNECT THIS EASTER

Great things happen when people gather... Join a ministry today!

St. Laurence Catholic Church
Fatima Centennial Celebration

May 13th 2017, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Ave Maria Center
3103 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugar Land TX 77479



SPEAKERS:

Fr. Alvaro Interiano
Deacon Charles Plant
Laura Laine
Paul Cranley
Sally Flowers

MASS:

8:30 am
in the Church

My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph

Join us for a celebration of the 100 year anniversary
of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

Registration begins at 8 am in the Ave Maria Center

Cost \$10.00 per person

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided

Advance registration online at stlaurence.org/fatima

For more information contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptism	Rose Davis 281-980-9812
Confirmation (Teens)	Sara Sahlezhgi 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	Sharon & John Harry 281-980-8090
Couples	

FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

A.C.T.S. Retreat	Angela Coady 314-255-4191
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
	Suzanne Tice 281-702-6869
RCIA	Justin Frato 281-265-5774
Vacation Bible School	Joan Hastreiter 281-265-5774
Vocations Committee	Nia Sepe 281-980-9812
Weekday Children's Prog.	Becky Wilkinson 281-313-0329

PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

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