St. Laurence 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

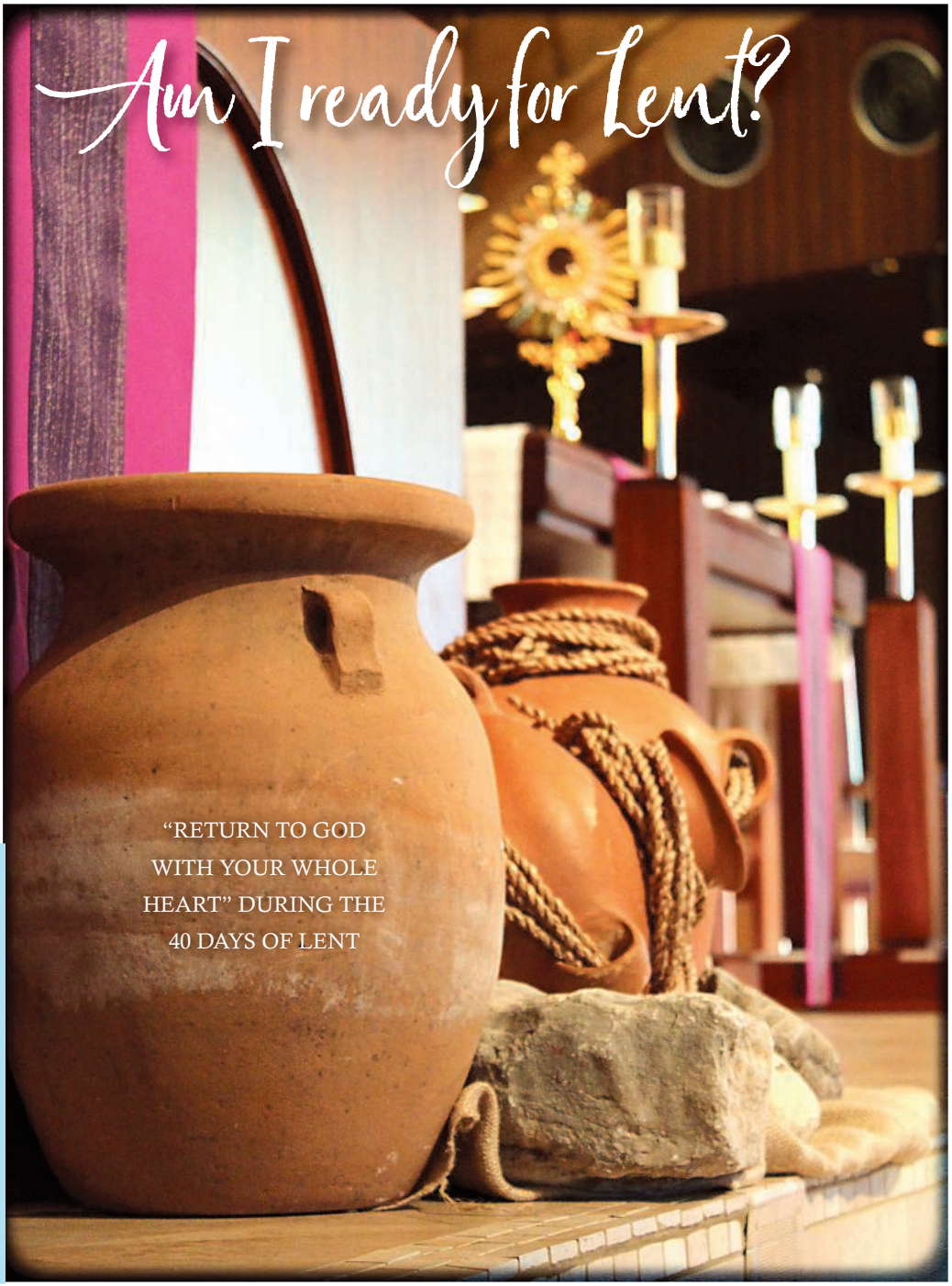
ROSARY

Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
Mar 2 — *In the Church (during Lent)*
8:00pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
Mar 3 — *In the Church*
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Feb 17 — *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



Parish Contacts

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281-980-9812

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281-980-0500

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Registrar: Marie Brown, mbrown@stlaurence.org

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
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281-980-9812

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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 thru Thursday 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-4pm; Saturdays 9am-Noon (scheduled events only). 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcements must be submitted via email ***at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication.***
Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator
rmartinez@stlaurence.org

Stations of the Cross
6:30pm | Liturgy of the Hours
7:00pm | Stations of the Cross
Meet in the church each Friday All ages are welcome and booklets are provided.

KC Fish Frys
5:00-8:00pm | In the Parish Hall
$11 for adults and $5 for children
Each Friday during Lent, our Knights of Columbus prepare fish dinners with all the trimmings (or spaghetti option).

Lenten Penance Service
Monday, February 26 | 7:00pm
In the Church
15 priests available to hear confessions, plus reading from scripture, music, and time for personal reflection.

Disciples on the Journey
6-week Lenten program for small groups. No charge for booklets, while supplies last. Get details and books from Mary Visser at mvisser@stlaurence.org.

Sacred Sunday on Monday
Mondays | 10:30-11:30am | Marian Hall
This group meets each Monday to reflect and share what they heard the previous day at Sunday Mass. Contact Bernadette Peters at bernadettepeters@mac.com.

The Giving Tree
Feb 17-18 and 24-25 | Tag line after Mass
Our Social Concerns Ministry sponsors the Giving Tree, an annual drive for donations of common household items to assist refugee families and others who come to us in need. Take a tag to donate such items as paper towels, laundry detergent, new bed sheets and blankets.

40 Days For Life
February 17-18 and 24-25
Sign up after Mass
Join others to pray outside the Planned Parenthood in Houston for one hour between 6:30am and 6:30pm on Friday, Mar 9. Contact Marie McCoy at 281-265-7749.

Pray the Rosary
Fridays 6:30am | Every Friday, all year

Mondays 1:00pm | Prayer & Praise in the AMC Oratory

2nd Sundays 12:15pm | Pray for Life in Rosary Garden

Also, as we get closer to Easter, the Rosary will be prayed at 11:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday in the church before the start of the Noon Mass

Vietnamese Lenten Retreat
Saturday, February 24 | 10:00am-4:00pm
Join the Vietnamese community for this annual bilingual Lenten Retreat. Includes lunch, free and open to everyone. Register: Amy Le, 281-330-0565, amyhongle@yahoo.com.

Ash Wednesday is Feb 14
Distribution of Ashes in the Church

6:30am Service | 8:15am Mass

4:30pm Service | 12:00pm Mass

6:00pm Service | 7:30pm Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 11 — (#1108 in your Gather book)
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading	LV 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading	1 COR 10:31—11:1
Gospel	MK 1:40-45

MONDAY 12

First Reading	JAS 1:1-11
Gospel	MK 8:11-13

TUESDAY 13

First Reading	JAS 1:12-18
Gospel	MK 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY 14 — **ASH WEDNESDAY**

First Reading	JL 2:12-18
Second Reading	2 COR 5:20—6:2
Gospel	MT 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY 15

First Reading	DT 30:15-20
Gospel	LK 9:22-25

FRIDAY 16

First Reading	IS 58:1-9A
Gospel	MT 9:14-15

SATURDAY 17

First Reading	IS 58:9B-14
Gospel	LK 5:27-32

SUNDAY 18 — **First Sunday of Lent**

First Reading	GN 9:8-15
Second Reading	1 PT 3:18-22
Gospel	MK 1:12-15

PRAYING THE NEWS | FEBRUARY 11, 2018

"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him..."

MARK 1:41

O Lord, O Compassionate One, you reached out to touch those whom society avoided and considered damaged. They needed instead to be valued as brothers and sisters, offered help and healing. We pray for those in the news and in our communities who may be written off or forgotten in this competitive world – children needing special education, juveniles in detention, those struggling with addiction, those without a place to call home. **Jesus, we 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, Zade Ambeaux, John Argue, Linda Babin, Eden Bantigue, Wallace Barbay, Deborah Beck, Deacon Al Bothe, Eduardo Caballero, Jun Castro, Bobby Castillo, Joe Celestain, Michelle Collins, Jim Cronin, John Cummings, Anthony DiMare, Lupita de la Rosa, Brittany Dodson, Julie Donati, Terri Donovan, Judith Dupre, Evelyn Dyogi, Agnes Fagnant, Amelia Flores, Enrique Flores, Maggie Flores, Marina Flores, Sally Flowers, Robb Flynn, Connie Forbes, Cynthia Forgas, Lupe Fraga, Jerry Gabino, Alicia Garcia, Patricia Garmon, Delia Genova, Beth Gloff, Martha Harbin, Angelina Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Anne Higgins, Jim Hofmann, Rose Holbrooke, James Hrebenar, Shanthy Jayaprakash, Jeff Johnson, Regina Johnson, Paul Joseph, Brian Judice, John Judice, Sylvia Kauffman, Christine Kingerski, Cindy Kral, Charles Kramer, Chris Larkins, Mary Lavine, Lisa Lauve, Mike Lojo, Beverly Marcellus, Russ Marcellus, Anna Mathew, 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, Rose Marie Prevott, Angela Rankin, Frances Revelt, Melanie Robb, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Ivonne Ruiz, Provi Sabido, Gil Saenz, Ed Sabrsula, Kathleen Schroeder, Scotty Scott, Joan Sherman, June Sherman, Irma Soza, Steve Spaulding, Justin Stout, Lawrence Staszak, Adrianne Sturgis, Brian Teykl, Eugene Theobald, Todd Triggs, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Kylie Ward, Monica Williams, Fr. Drew Wood.

PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Isabell Flores , Adrian Zaldivar, Johnny Sanchez, Sonia Aguilar, Jessica Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Lizette Trevino, Maria Zaldivar, George Smith, Edward Martinez, Gonzalez Family, Munguia Family, Stockhousen Family, Frank Serrano & Family, Nora Serrano & Family, Mary Reyna & Family, Mary Simonson & Family, Bea Rodriguez & Family, Frank Serrano Sr. and Family, Yvonne Serrano & Family, Jasmine Mosqueda, Steve Mosqueda & Family, Barbara Cantu, & Family, Jolean Riojas & Family, Linda Cameron, Dianna Coker & Family, Deanna Prda & Family, Cynthia Cameron, & Family, Mark Jones, Duane Reid, Colleen Rogers, Kathryn Cameron, Sarale Cameron, Daniel Lee, Keith Cameron, Ray Lee Garcia, Buddy Carolyn, Cheyenne, Tiffany, Clarissa, Keelie, Kaitlyn, Jennifer, David, Adrienne, Zoe, Flores Family, Berta, Diana, Adriana, Ariana, Mariana, Nora Flores, Fidencio, Bertita, Gabriela, Marybel, B. Juarez, Tommy Jackson, Kristen, Jerry Arrington, Laura Nelson, Bobo. Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. *(1/22/18).*

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*
CPL 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*
Maj. Patrick Coffman, *USMC*
Lt Colin Day, *US Navy*
CPT 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*
1LT Michelle Font, *US Army*
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*
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*
SGT William Marcellus, *USMC*
TSGT David March, *Texas Air National Guard*
Capt. Brendan McPartland, *USMC*
CPT Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
CB, Richard Pinard, *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*
Maj. Michael Thesing, *USMC*
1LT Kevin Wheeler, *US Army*
SGT Bryce Whitley, *US Army*
AM Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY FEB 10
5:00pm – Hugh Clifton Behrens (D)

SUNDAY FEB 11
7:30am – Ralph Kimbrell (D)
9:00am – Jerry Nirappil (D)
11:00am – Kimberly Lewis (D)
12:45pm – Jesus Chao (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY FEB 12
7:30am – V.J. Mariyamma (D)
12:00pm – Doug Roberts (D)

TUESDAY FEB 13
7:30am – Jose James (D)
12:00pm – Ruth Provenzano (D)

WEDNESDAY FEB 14
8:15am – Margaret Neber (D)
12:00pm – Kevin Hinguillo (D)
7:30pm – George Valverde (D)

THURSDAY FEB 15
7:30am – Maria Nats (I)
12:00pm – Clara & Vincent P. Posluszny (D)

FRIDAY FEB 16
8:15am – Guadalupe Torres (D)
12:00pm – Mathew Pullattu (D)

SATURDAY FEB 17
8:30am – Forutunata Cemiza (I)
5:00pm – Joe & Johnny Fernandes (D)

SUNDAY FEB 18
7:15 am – Jon Hobbs (I)
9:00am – Doan Demonia Daniel (D)
11:00am – Ruth Provenzano (D)
12:45pm – Quintero Family (I)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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

FEB 17: ROMANTIC VALENTINE'S DATE NIGHT

The Archdiocesan Family Life Ministry & Couples for Christ Foundation are pleased to present a very special, formal evening for married and engaged couples on Saturday, February 17, 6:30pm, at the Hilton Hotel on Westheimer Rd, in Houston. This Valentine's Date Night will feature Steve & Shelly Bollman as guest speakers. Come eat, laugh, pray and dance together! Tickets are $150/couple. Go to www.familylifeministryhouston.org or call 713-741-8720.

FEB 21: LENTEN SERIES AT ST. JOHN XXIII COLLEGE PREP

All are invited to attend a special Lenten series at St. John XXIII College Preparatory, beginning Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30pm. The series, From Dark Into Light, will explore one of the capital vices and a corresponding virtue, giving listeners something to reflect upon as they follow the path to holiness. The series kicks off on Wednesday, Feb 21, and continues on Tuesdays, Feb 27, - Mar 27. Each night starts out with light supper at 6:30pm and ends with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, contact Jonathan Mitchican at 281-693-1000.

MAR 3: FT. BEND THERESIANS DAY OF PRAYER

"Guest" who's coming to dinner?, Saturday, March 3, 2018 9:00 am – 2:00 pm $25.00 per person/includes lunch at the St. Theresa Community Center in Sugar Land. Come join us as we explore Jesus' place at the table. We'll experience both the social customs of the day along with Jesus' personal touches that went far beyond the food that was served. Speaker: Sister Mary Ann Figlino. Contact Bettie Ann Hanse for registration info, 281-242-4494 or theresians.org

MAR 3: RAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT

The Spirit of Divine Mercy Ministry would like to invite you to our annual Lenten Divine Mercy Conference **"Rays of Enlightenment"** at Christ Redeemer Catholic Church on Mar 3. Our theme this year *I was…ill and you cared for me - Matt. 25:35-36* Dr.Ronald Sobecks, is our Main Speaker, He is the Author of "Divine Mercy Triumph Over Cancer" and is a National Speaker, the author of American Politics and Catholic Christianity and will be speaking on Medical Ethics within the Church. Fr. Roy Oggero will be speaking on the Sacraments to the Sick and Dying. **There is No Charge** but Reservations are required and seating is limited! Registration is now open so register at as soon as possible at CTRCC.COM/RAYS-RSVP.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Feb 4 Collection	$63,949
Registered Households	7,543
Envelopes Used	1013
Loose Checks	211
2nd Collection St. Laurence Catholic School	$12,420

AUTOMATED GIVING

Monthly Offertory	$233,565
Participants	1019

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

2018 Parish Goal	$495,000
2018 TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED	$23,397
2018 TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	$6,640
Participants	35

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: Mar 26 and May 21

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 Rosemary Mascarenhas at 281-980-9812.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next class: Mar 10

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

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM
Tyler Andrew Cashiola

BAPTISM
Thom Manno, *brother of John Manno*
Gilberto Repunte, *husband of Eva Repunte*
Jennifer Eze, *daughter of Henrietta and Uche Eze*

ELECTRONIC GIVING

FAITH DIRECT

stlaurence.org/contribute-to-our-parish

As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. 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. Sign up online by visiting **www.faithdirect.net** using our church code: **TX460**.**Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!**

2nd Collection on Feb 18
Black & Indian Missions

Family, Children & Youth Ministry

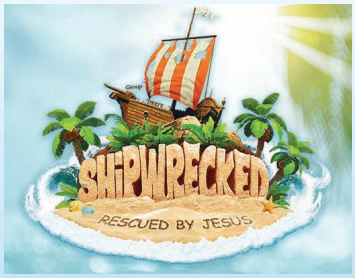
CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

FEB 11: PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY!

FEB 13 & 14: NO ELEMENTARY CCE THIS WEEK

Due to Ash Wednesday. Plan to attend Mass or one of the Ash Wednesday services together as a family. Check the bulletin or parish website for times. Also, as a family reflect upon how you hope to grow spiritually during Lent this year, and come up with a plan to do so. For some great ideas and also Lenten resources for your family, go to the Catholic Relief Services website at: http://www.crsricebowl.org/families.

Vacation Bible School, Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus



Save the Dates! VBS will return to the AMC this summer, with Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus from JUNE 4-8. Registration for adult volunteers and their children has begun in the AMC. OPEN REGISTRATION for children of non-volunteers will begin IN PERSON on Wednesday, Feb 28 from 5-6 pm in the Parish Hall and will continue at the AMC thereafter, space permitting. Youth Volunteer registration will begin on Monday, March 19th in the AMC for all youth whose parents are not also volunteering in the program, until all available positions are filled. Youth will need to commit to serving the entire week of VBS in order to be placed. For additional information and requirements: **stlaurence.org/vacation-bible-school**

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
We Are Called

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

St. Laurence Catholic School congratulates our former teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal, Debra Haney M.Ed., who was appointed by Cardinal DiNardo to be the new Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston! Thank you for your service to our Catholic schools. You are always in our prayers!

SEE YOU NEXT SATURDAY AT STEPS!

STEPS FOR STUDENTS 5K RUN/WALK

SLCS is excited to take part in the Annual Archdiocesan Steps for Students 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, February 17th, along with our fellow Catholic Schools around the city. This archdiocesan-wide event helps to support Catholic education. The funds raised will go towards tuition assistance. Please consider joining us for this special event OR you can "snooze for schools" and support SLCS without any more effort than the registration fee. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at advancement@stlaurence.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR WINNER

Congratulations to Linley Pace, 1st Place in the 7th grade Life Science category at the Archdiocesan Science Fair! Way to go. All of our students did an outstanding job. We are very proud of our young scientists!

ST. LAURENCE
WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Feb 13, Mardi Gras Madness Fundraiser

Feb 16, Chinese New Year Lion Dancers

Feb 19, Student Holiday

Feb 20 & 21 – Texas Snakes for Preschool

Feb 22 & 23 - Jelly Belly Show for Toddlers

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Feb 21, 9:30am - Registration for St. Laurence Parishioners Currently on the Waiting list

Feb 28, 9:30am - Registration for St. Laurence Parishioners

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EDGE®

Catholic Middle School Ministry

FEB 11: NO EDGE THIS WEDNESDAY!

FEB 24: Archdiocesan Jr High Youth Rally

Join us February 24th in the Woodlands!
Email Mbass@stlaurnece for details on how to sign up for this awesome day of fun!

LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

FEB 11: LIFE NIGHT - BUILT #4
Life Nights are Sundays from 6:30-8:15pm in the Ave Maria Center. Open to all high school students. On Feb 11, **Built #4 is the topic.** A Series on the Four Marks of the Church. The Church is not an accident or coincidence. The Church was intentionally built and founded on Christ, sustained by the Holy Spirit, and has Peter as its governing authority. This series delves into the four marks of the Church and how we as members are also on, holy, Catholic, and apostolic. **All teens and their families are invited and encouraged to join us for our 5pm Life Teen Mass in the Church.**

FEB 13 & 27: LEGACY
A leadership development program. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 8-9pm. Open to all Juniors & Seniors

FEB 13, 20, 27: DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
A small group Bible study and community. Tuesdays from 6-730pm in the Youth Hall. Open to all High School students.

Life Teen: Eric Painter at epainter@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.

the Chatterbox

If you haven't been to a Church Chat yet, plan to attend one this weekend following the Sunday 7:15am and 12:45pm Masses and be a part of the chatter about our church! All are welcome.

Here's a sample of what we are hearing so far.

What our Parish expects of us

Live as Jesus taught
Receive Sacraments frequently
Attend and participate in Sunday Mass
Have a daily prayer life (adoration/devotions)

Faith formation throughout our lives
Openness to new ideas/speakers/direction
Take initiative to find what we need here

Be leaders / be Christ's Light to others
Engage with the community around us
Be willing to join ministries
Be kind and accepting of others/differences
Reflect God's love within our own families
Evangelize / bring other people to church

Help those in need
Give our financial support/tithe
Share blessings/gifts/talents/faith
Make a positive impact on our community
Participate in ministries
Engage/speak up/share our point of view

What we expect from our Parish

Parish that is Christ centered and Holy Spirit led
Variety of beautiful Masses – full of energy, joy, Life
Outstanding Music Ministry
Sacraments to lead us closer to heaven

Programs for people of all ages to grow closer to God
Homilies that teach and challenge
Great educational opportunities for our children
Variety of bible studies/speakers/events

A parish that feels like home
Friendly clergy who make a real connection
Support/celebrate our rich cultural diversity
Smiling, friendly, welcoming people
Unique and vibrant parish
Real and lasting friendships
Small Christian Communities to make friends/grow in faith
Warm welcome for new parishioners
Effective communication of parish events/priorities

Large and effective Social Concerns Ministry
Lots of ways to serve and use our talents
Opportunities to learn about ministries
Ways to discover my gifts and learn who I am

Go to www.stlaurence.org/engaged-church for more information.
Can't make it to a Church Chat?
Email us at engagedchurch@stlaurence.org.

For Adults

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

MONDAY

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

Lay Apostle Prayer Group (1st Monday, Mar 5, 2018)
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
6:15-7:15am, St. Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084
Feb 13: NO CLASS

WEDNESDAY

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: Suzan Bryan | 713-816-5859 | suzan.bryan@comcast.net

THURSDAY

Catholic Men Called to be Saints
5:30-7:30am, Guardian Angel Hall
Contact: Jim Kij | 281-253-4800 | jimkij@comcast.net

Christian Meditation Prayer Group
6:30-7:30pm, St. Anne Room
Contact: Patrick King | 713-444-6014 | patrickking50@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Cenacle
9:00am-12:00pm, St. Francis Room
Contact: Sally Flowers | sallyjoflowers@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

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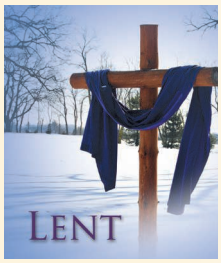

Lent Begins

A Season of Renewal

As Lent approaches here are some resources to enrich your Lenten journey.

Disciples on the Journey
Use this FREE program with your existing small group or be a part of a new Small Christian Community. This is a lectionary based resource in English and Spanish for faith sharing. For more info call Genoveva Duque at 281-980-1014 or Steve Ewbank at 281-703-3873.

Sacred Sunday on Monday
Mondays | 10:30-11:30am | Marian Hall
Let God speak to you this Lent! Join this group every Monday to reflect and share what you heard the previous day at Sunday Mass. Contact Bernadette Peters at bernadettepeters@mac.com.

FORMED Lenten Reflections
This Lent get daily reflections from Bishop Donald Hying delivered right to your email. Available in English and Spanish. Watch a video reflection from Bishop Hying's Echo series, read an inspiring passage from the Catechism, reflect on how God's truth applies to your daily life. Go to formed.org/promo/lent-2018

Christian Meditation Prayer Group
Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 pm | St Anne Room
"Be still and know that I am God" This Lent come learn the practice of meditation and in this prayer of silence find God who dwells within our hearts. For info contact Patrick King, patrickking50@gmail.com, 713-444-6014.

Best Lent Ever
Dynamic Catholic offers a free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to help you make this a truly life changing Lent. Go to dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

Adult Confirmation
St. Laurence Catholic Church

Thursdays, March 1 – May 17, 2018
7:00-9:00pm St Francis Meeting Room

The sealing of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. Once each year, Adult Confirmation preparation is offered for Catholics who are at least 18 years of age, graduated from high school, already baptized, received first Eucharist and are actively practicing their faith. The sessions meet on 9 consecutive Thursday evenings, concluding with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

Register at www.stlaurence/adultconfirmation
Complete the information form and email to
Mary Visser at mvisser@stlaurence.org.

Discernment interviews are required prior to the first session. You will be contacted after we receive your form for an interview.

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LIFE-CHANGING MATERIAL **NOW AVAILABLE** AT ST. LAURENCE

BE GENEROUS AND KEEP LEARNING

Thank you for your interest in the books and CDs available on the Augustine Institute Kiosk! To date, the **parish has spent $8,000** on this ministry, but has only **received $3,300 in donations**. Please help keep this ministry going by being generous with your donations. Cash or checks to St. Laurence may be placed in the donation slot on the kiosk. Look for it either in the church narthex OR Ave Maria Center lobby. The kiosk has been restocked with great new materials for you to grow more deeply in your faith and relationship with God. Contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774 with questions about these resources from the Augustine Institute.

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Living as Disciples

LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

www.catholicstewardship.com

STEWARDS AMONG US

IDA & KEN BUCKLE

Individually and together, Ken and Ida Buckle love to serve! "We each worked in the initial crisis response to Hurricane Harvey. It gives us great joy to serve the community, as we feel like we are helping to build the Church by loving others and continuing Christ's mission to build the kingdom of God on earth." Ken is the founder and executive director of Gratia Plena, a nonprofit organization that offers counseling services to the Catholic community. Ida is on parish staff as an Administration Assistant at the Ave Maria Center. What started as a visit to Fr. Drew, became an invitation to go to the Life Teen Mass, and the rest is history! They joined the parish and Ida was hired as a receptionist not long afterwards. This loving couple has been married 35 years and have four adult children and two grandchildren. Ida says, "I love people, especially children. Helping others brings me joy, and I guess that is reflected in my smile as I do my work. There is so much work to be done and such a variety of ways that each of us can serve. All each person needs to do is have an open heart and mind, and a desire to find a way to get involved, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide the way."

Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

— Pope Francis

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEB 2018

Ask Paula

Q.

Is the Sunday morning Mass at 7:15am going back to 7:30am?

A.

Now that the road construction is done, inquiring minds want to know! This is what I found out – it's going to stay at that time. The reason is so there is enough time between this Mass and the 9:00am, for parishioners to come and go. You know, for spacing purposes, *right?* Some people always say they have a hard time parking when other cars are trying to get out. This way we all have more time to leave and arrive, *just sayin.* If it were up to me, *which it never is*, I would have Mass at 7:00am.

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for 21 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.

ARISE

NIGHT of WORSHIP

MICHAELA BARTA

MONDAY, FEB 12, 6:30-8:30PM
IN THE CHURCH

SHOCK & AWE

As 21st century Americans, we are constantly bombarded with visuals and noise. With the overconsumption of content, food, drink, events, etc., we become restless and desensitized to authentic beauty. We lose the ability to be awed by God's creation and enter into real prayer and leisure. Michaela will be talking about antidotes to this problem and how to experience that shock and awe which leads us to communion with the Creator, Himself.

Praise and worship led by Danielle Noonan

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30-8:30 PM in the CHURCH

No Registration Required.
People of All Ages Welcome.

For more info: STLAURENCE.ORG/ARISE | St Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77479

MAKE A HOLY HOUR DURING LENT

"THIS IS MY BODY"

Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and experience His miraculous presence during Eucharistic Adoration, offered every day, around the clock, in the Chapel of Divine Mercy.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance. St. Laurence parishioners unite in making a continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by committing to one (or more) hours a week as an Adorer.

MAKE A HOLY HOUR THIS LENT

During Lent, we pray, fast and give alms. We invite you to make a weekly Holy Hour part of your Lenten observance this year. Rest a while in His presence. Nourish your soul and know His peace.

Representatives from the Adoration Ministry are on the plaza today. Stop by for more information and learn how you can make a Holy Hour.

Email coordinators Fran Magelssen and Denise MacDougall
at adoration@stlaurence.org.
stlaurence.org/adoration

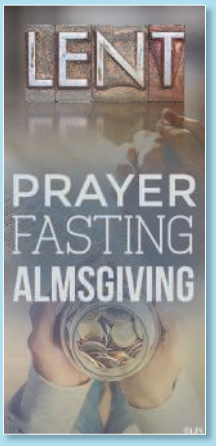
DEACON DON BURNS NAMED OUTSTANDING CLERGY

Congratulations to Deacon Don Burns who received the 2018 Outstanding Clergy of the Year award from the Galveston-Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. This award was presented by Cardinal DiNardo and KC Chapter President John Hinojosa at the 34th Annual Clergy Appreciation Night on February 2. For 30 years, Deacon Don has served the people of Sugar Land through the parishes of St. Theresa, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Laurence, by leading baptism classes, facilitating marriage enrichment programs, serving at retreats and speaking at parish seminars. Thank you and congratulations to Deacon Don & Sherry Burns!

FEB 11: WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. "This is what marriage is all about: man and woman walking together, wherein the husband helps his wife to become ever more a woman, and wherein the woman has the task of helping her husband to become ever more a man. Here we see the reciprocity of differences… The love of Christ, which has blessed and sanctified the union of husband and wife, is able to sustain their love and to renew it when, humanly speaking, it becomes lost, wounded or worn out" ***Pope Francis***

ARCHDIOCESAN GUIDELINES FOR LENT



Following are Lenten observance guidelines for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston:

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence; Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday is still a universal day of fasting and abstinence throughout the entire Church this year, even though it falls on February 14, Valentine's Day.

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful.

Lent is a penitential season; religious practices such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

FRIDAYS IN LENT

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the Church
6:30pm - Liturgy of the Hours
7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

KCS FISH FRYS

In the Parish Hall
5:00 - 8:00pm
Fish dinners with all the trimmings
$11 for adults / $5 for children

Come to a Church Chat

Let's hear from you!

Church Chats are small, informal meetups to talk about the parish, offered immediately following select Masses. Church Chats will be after these Mass times.

SUN, 2/11/18	**7:15am**
SUN, 2/11/18	**12:45pm**
SUN, 2/18/18	**9:00am**
SUN, 2/18/18	**11:00am**
SAT, 2/24/18	**5:00pm**
SUN, 2/25/18	**5:00pm**

ON THE PLAZA THIS WEEKEND

ADORATION MINISTRY

MAKE A HOLY HOUR THIS LENT
Learn how today!

ST THOMAS ROUND-UP RAFFLE TICKETS

Grand prize is a 2018 Toyota Tacoma double cab pickup truck.
Tickets: $5 each or $20 for a book
All proceeds go to support the St. Thomas Tuition Assistance Fund

Serving Others

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECTS

ARE YOU CALLED TO HELP REFUGEE CHILDREN?

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteer English language tutors to help refugee children who live in Catholic Charities foster homes in Fort Bend County. These youth typically come from war-torn and/or poverty-stricken countries and have been separated from their parents. Some may be victims of human trafficking and others may have been victims of intense ethnic discrimination. Please contact volunteer tutor coordinator L.Scott.Magelssen@gmail.com for more information about how you can help these youth learn to speak and read English.

FBS FORT BEND SENIORS
Meals on Wheels & Much, Much More!

VOLUNTEER WITH FORT BEND SENIORS MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers are needed immediately in the following areas:

Meal Packing: pack meals in coolers for our volunteers one day a week (Mon-Fri) 9am-11am at the Rosenberg Distribution Center.

Congregate Center Volunteer: hang out with seniors, play bingo, assist with arts/crafts, serve lunch, etc. 9:30am-12:30pm at the Rosenberg and Stafford Congregates.

Office Volunteer: provide light clerical support such as copying, filing, mail-outs, assembling packets, etc. 9am-1pm or upon your availability at the Rosenberg Administrative office.

Telephone Reassurance: make calls to our home-bound clients to ensure they have received their meal and to check on their well-being. This is one way to volunteer from the comfort of your home!

Get started TODAY by contacting Rick at 281-633-7719 or rick@fortbendseniors.org.

Lenten Service Opportunities

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works. The Social Concern Ministry is offering service opportunities in the Social Concerns Workroom to help those in need in our community. Space is limited, so pre-registration will be required. Registration is open now.

Tues, Feb. 20, 4:00-5:00pm
Activity bags for Texas Children's Hospital

Tues, Feb. 26, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Easter eggs for Bethel children

Tues, March 6, 3:00-4:30pm
Easter treat bags for seniors at SLHC & MGCC

Tues, March 20, 4:00-5:00pm
Plant seeds in pots for God's Garden

Register via Sign Up Genius: www.signupgenius.com, click on the search icon near the upper right corner of the page. Enter SocialConcerns@stlaurence.org in the "SEARCH BY THE SIGN UP CREATOR'S EMAIL". This will bring up a listing of all the available volunteer opportunities. **Contact pdegroot@stlaurence.org with questions.**

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Prayer outside abortion facilities is powerful. *Christian Voices for Life* is sponsoring prayer on Mondays and Thursdays in Lent, from 9 am to 2 pm, in Sharpstown, outside a building where an ob-gyn performs abortions in his office. Prayer at Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway will be sponsored Friday, March 9, from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. Links to the sign-ups can be found at **www.stlaurence.org/respect-life.** Or sign up at the table in the plaza the next two weekends. Contact Marie McCoy at 281-265-7749 with questions.

PREGNANCY RESOURCE MEDICAL CENTER, 2918

Ave I in Rosenberg, offers women the information and support they need to choose life for their child. They will be moving to their own building this spring and adding testing for sexually transmitted infections this year. Volunteers are needed to be trained as client advocates and in other capacities. Please call 281-232-2375 to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

MAR 10: PROJECT RACHEL

The loss of a child by abortion can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women and men who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion decision. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child and all other significant relationships. The next Day of Reflection is March 10, 2018 in English. Please contact Julie at 713-741-8728.

THE GIVING TREE

FEB 17-18 & 24-25

The Giving Tree, our Lenten Service Project, kicks off the weekend of Feb. 17. The Giving Tree restocks the shelves of the Social Concerns workroom with much needed household items. These items include everything from soap to pots and pans to gift cards and are used throughout the year to assist families referred to us through Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement as well as parish and community families in need. The tag line will be on the plaza the weekends of Feb 17/18 and Feb 24/25.

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 ISAIAH 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, toothpaste & 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.

Ministry News

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?**

URGENT Need for adorers at these times:
Saturdays, 2am to 3am;
Mondays, 6pm to 7pm and Mondays, 7pm to 8pm

Adoration will be paused for President's Day weekend from Friday, Feb 16 at 2pm until Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 8am after mass.

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. Email Fran Magelssen or Denise MacDougall at **adoration@stlaurence.org** **281-224-6122 (Fran Magelssen)**

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

FEB 20: BELOVED: Mystery & Meaning of Marriage Usually 3rd Tuesday of the month, All married couples between the ages of 18-40 are invited to join us in studying the vocation of marriage in the Beloved DVD series! We will meet monthly in the St. Francis room at the AMC from 7-9 on 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, and 6/19. You and your spouse will need to purchase workbooks which are available at the AMC. Visit to purchase online www.stlaurence.org/beloved. Email Alex at alexandriapane15@gmail.com for more info!

FEB 23: Monthly Potluck, 4th Saturday of the month The Young Married Couples group is for any young adult married couple (in their 20s or 30s). We will be coming together for fellowship and prayer as we share the joys and challenges of our vocation. Of course, kids are welcome! We'll be meeting up on February 23 for the Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross at the church. Email Alex at alexandriapane15@gmail.com for more info!

FEB 14: SPRING 2018 BIBLE STUDY!

Eucharist: Discovering Mass in the Bible
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month: Feb 14, Feb 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23
in the AMC, St. Clare Rm, 7:30 - 9pm (join us for 6:30pm Mass too)
"Lamb of God, Bread of Life, The Body and Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater context of Scripture and Church teaching?

FEB 17: BLESSED IS SHE

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, For any young adult woman in her 20s or 30s (single, dating, engaged, or married). Two Saturdays a month, we meet for a potluck brunch to eat, chat and pray together from 10am-12pm. Bring a side to share & your bible. Address coming soon! We'll continue with studying St. Catherine of Siena! Email Flo Francis at francis.florence6@gmail.com for more info.

VIRTUS CLASSES AT ST LAURENCE

Register at www.virtus.org

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Introductory course to be Virtus Certified to volunteer and work with children. 3hrs
Saturday, Feb 24, 8:30am, Ave Maria Center
Saturday, Apr 21, 8:30am, Ave Maria Center

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE

Refresher course. 1.5hrs
Wednesday, Apr 11, 6:30pm, Corpus Christi Rm.

MAR 6: VIBRANT PARISH SEMINAR

All are welcome to attend a free seminar offered at St. Laurence on Tuesday, March 6 (9am-1pm) in the Youth Hall. Tracy Earl Welliver, a national speaker on discipleship and stewardship, will focus on issues such as increasing engagement, becoming stronger evangelizers and transforming mature, intentional disciples. Get more info at www.stlaurence.org/vibrant

PARISH LIBRARY NEEDS HELP

The library needs dedicated, VIRTUS trained volunteers to help manage the various tasks involved in running our ministry. Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System and previous library experience are helpful but not necessary as long as you are willing to learn! Have you checked out the library's webpage? You can find out all the exciting things happening at **stlaurence.org/parish-library** Or contact the Parish Librarian at the Ave Maria Center: 281-265-5774

UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY AT ST. LAURENCE

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

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. It is required reading prior to requesting individual prayer.

By using the Five Keys in individual one hour prayer sessions, and in personal prayer following the individual session, 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. Next Individual Prayer Sessions are offered on February 24, 2018 by appointment only, at the Ave Maria Center 9:00am to 12:00 Noon.

MAR 1: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Doing for others has a tremendous positive effect on those on a cancer journey. On March 1st the Cancer Support Group welcomes Pennie DeGroot, St. Laurence Social Concerns Ministry, who will discuss volunteer opportunities to serve others. Bring a friend! Questions? call Angela 832-945-2245

JUN 8-20: THIRTEEN DAY MARIAN SHRINES

Spain, Portugal, France, Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Burgos, Lourdes, Lisieux, Paris. $3,890 per person from Houston. Includes: Roundtrip Air Transportation from Houston, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals a day, Breakfast & Dinner, Daily Sightseeing, Airport Taxes, Entrance Fees, Tips to drivers and guides, and Fuel Surcharges — which are subject to change. Spiritual Director: Fr. Jaison P. Thomas, MSFS and Anne Marie Daniel at St Laurence Catholic Church. For further information contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774. Early Registration is encouraged. First come - first serve basis. Arranged by Inspirational Tours, Inc. www.inspirationaltoursinc.com

ST. LAURENCE BOYS SCOUTS TROOP 828

Three St. Laurence Boy Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout

John Baugh, Michael DeMoor and Cade Deroche, students at Strake Jesuit High School and alumni of St. Laurence Catholic School, have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. This accomplishment represents almost five years of adventure, fun, work, and dedication to the Boy Scout program for these members of St. Laurence Catholic Parish, Sugar Land Troop 828.

During the process of satisfying the requirements for the Eagle rank, these young men performed community service, provided service and leadership for their troop, and are currently serving as mentors within the troop. In addition to the traditional outdoor skills learned in Boy Scouts, Baugh, DeMoor and Deroche earned a host of merit badges including those from art to wood carving. Eagle projects completed by each scout benefited a variety of organizations and required hundreds of volunteer hours to complete. Baugh, DeMoor and Deroche will be formally presented the Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor ceremony in the Parish Hall of the St. Laurence Catholic Parish in Sugar Land on February 12, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

Thursday, Feb 22 - 12:10pm Attend Mass at St Vincent De Paul Catholci Church followed by lunch at Cleburne Cafeteria. Carpool from AMC, leaving at 11:30am.

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

MINISTERIO HISPANO

FEB 17: MISA EN ESPAÑOL

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

TURN BACK MY SOUL TO YOUR REST

2017-2018

This upcoming LENT, see how God may call you to serve in a ministry

RAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT

Lenten Divine Mercy Conference

March 3, 2018 9am-5pm

CHRIST THE REDEEMER CHURCH

Mercy * Visiting the Sick

I was…ill and you cared for me - Matt. 25:35-36

NO CHARGE

Limited Seating & Reservations Required

REGISTER AT: **ctrcc.com/rays-rsvp**

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Former Pastor of St. Theresa
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FR. GERALD GOODRUM STD
DOCTORATE IN THEOLOGY
Authored "American Politics and Catholic Christianity"

Testimonies by Cindy Schmitz & Leigh March

Spiritual Day of Talks, Praise and Worship, Refreshments, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass

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First Reconciliation	Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Marriage Preparation	Rosemary Mascarenhas | 281-980-9812
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