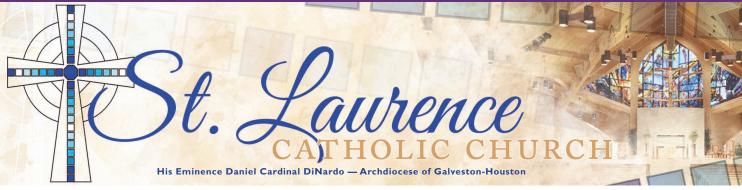
### March 18, 2018 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



#### **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**

**Apr 6** — In the chapel 7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions 7:30pm - Mass

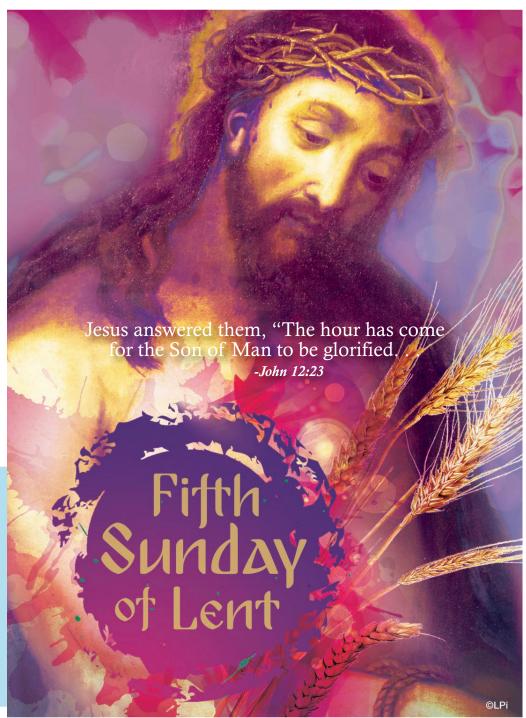
#### **FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

Apr 7 — In the Church 7:45am - Meditation & Rosary 8:30am - Mass

#### MISA EN ESPAÑOL

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

Tel 281-313-2833





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### **OUR MISSION:**

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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



#### PALM SUNDAY: March 25

Saturday at 5:00pm

(with Procession of Palms)

Sunday at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm and 5:00pm

Palm Sunday begins the Passion of our Lord. Palms are blessed and distributed at all Masses. At the 1:00pm Sunday Mass, 11 RCIA candidates will be confirmed.

#### **HOLY THURSDAY: March 29**

7:00pm

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper is rich in symbolism and ritual, including washing of the feet, stripping the Altar, and the institution of the Eucharist

and the priesthood.

#### GOOD FRIDAY: March 30

Divine Mercy Devotion & Stations of the Cross 12:00pm

## Solemn Good Friday Liturgy 3:00pm and 7:00pm

Fr. Drew asks that everyone wear red this day. The Altar is stripped bare and the Tabernacle is empty. Everyone comes forward to the Cross in adoration, recalling our Savior's great act of love, death on the Cross for our sins.

#### **EASTER VIGIL: March 31**

8:30pm

We begin outside on the plaza with the blessing of a great Easter fire, then light our candles and enter the darkened church to hear readings from the Story of Creation through the Resurrection. We renew our own baptism, as 16 new members are baptized and confirmed.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY: April I**

In the Church: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm

At the Ave Maria Center: 9:15am & II:15am Jesus is Risen! Easter Sunday is the beginning of the 50 days of Easter. Every Sunday year-round is a commemoration of this holy day. **Alleluia!** 

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

## MARCH

SUNDAY

(#1029 in your Gather book)

Y Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading JER 31:31-34 Second Reading HEB 5:7-9 Gospel IN 12:20-33

MONDAY 19

Solemnity of Saint Joseph

First Reading 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16 Second Reading ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22 Gospel MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

TUESDAY 20

First Reading Gospel NM 21:4-9 IN 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

First Reading Gospel

DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 IN 8:31-42

22

First Reading Gospel GN 17:3-9 JN 8:51-59

23

First Reading Gospel

JER 20:10-13 JN 10:31-42

SATURDAY

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First Reading Gospel EZ 37:21-28 IN 11:45-56

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**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**First Reading MK 11:1-10

Second Reading PHIL 2:6-11 Gospel MK 14:1—15:47

#### PRAYING THE NEWS | MARCH 18, 2018

"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts..."

#### **JEREMIAH 31:33**

O God, great power resides with our governments. We pray that the law you have written in each and every heart will influence leaders as they use that power. Only you know true intentions; but may Kim Jong Un's invitation to talks with the U.S. bear peaceful fruit. Nothing is impossible for you. Please help each of us Lord, to follow your law in our hearts.

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, 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, Jessica Gunter, 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... Isabella Flores, Adrian Zaldivar, Johnny Sanchez, Jessica Ayala, Lizette Trevino, Sonia Aguilar, Edward Martinez, Maria Zaldivar, George Smith, Jeffrey Arrington, Laura & Lindsey Nelson, Bobo & Lola, Frank Serrano and Family, Nora Mosqueda & Family, Jolean Riojas & Family, Rich Savage, Dan Quinn, Marcus Riveria, Ronald Bussey & Family, Uncle James, Lina, Lucio, & Maria Almaráz, Munguia Family, Stockousen Family, Gonzalez Family, Tommy Dooley, Chelsea George Family, Denise Joslyn Family, Glendall Profitt, David Lynn, Jennifer Lynn, Cheyenne, Tiffany, Charles, Sammy, Dianna Coker & Family, Daniel Lee, Donna Prda, & Family, Duane Reid, Colleen Rogers, Ketih Cameron & Family, Linda Cameron. Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (2/26/18).

#### 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 ILT Michael Eberhardt, US Army CPT Stacey Eberhardt, US Army Reserve Derek Farias, US Navy Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC ILT Michelle Font, US Army PFC Aaron Fox. USMC PVT Jahneil Xavier George, US Army SSG Philip Graham, US Army ILT 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

ILT Taylor Rammrath, US Army

SSgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force

CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy

Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC

LTJG Kevin Stransky, US Navy

Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC

ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army

SGT Bryce Whitley, US Army

AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY MAR 17**

5:00pm – Mike Mulé (D)

#### **SUNDAY MAR 18**

7:15am – Joan Roche (D)

9:00am - Gladys Granados (D)

11:00am - Jose Cuestos (D)

12:45pm – Savio Kevin Le (D)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

#### MONDAY MAR 19

7:30am - Remily Avanzado (D)

12:00pm - Joseph Chirayil (D)

#### **TUESDAY MAR 20**

7:30am – Adoracion De Guzman (I) 12:00pm - Paula Rodriguez (D)

#### WEDNESDAY MAR 21

7:30am - Sophie Bui (D)

6:30pm - Marcelina Olimpo (D)

#### **THURSDAY MAR 22**

7:30am – Anselma Rodriguez (D) 12:00pm – Ernest & Lucy Slevin (D)

#### FRIDAY MAR 23

8:15am - Carlos Abello, Sr. (D)

12:00pm - Anthony Pavlik (D)

#### **SATURDAY MAR 24**

8:30am - Crescencia & Dionisio Arellano (D)

5:00pm - Felix Charles Korenek (I)

#### **SUNDAY MAR 25**

7:00am - Alex Herrera (D)

9:00am – Felicisima Duque (D)

II:00am - Ritchie White (I)

1:00pm - Varkey Job (D)

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

#### MAR 24: HOSANNA '18 CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

"Do whatever he tells you." -John 2:5. *Holiness in Ordinary Life* is the theme for the all day conference to be held at the Catholic Charismatic Center, **March 24, 8:30am - 9pm**. Free Admission. Speakers include Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR - Director of Franciscan Pathways; Casey Sprehe - Catholic Speaker & Evangelist; and Fr. Mark Goring, CC, - Director, Catholic Charismatic Center. For more information visit www.cccgh.com or 713-236-9977.

#### MAR 24: ST THERESA'S ADOBOFEST AND COOK-OFF 2018

Saturday, March 24, 9am - Ipm, St Theresa Parish grounds, Sugar Land. This inaugural event will celebrate the National Dish of the Philippines.Benefiting Saint Theresa's A Living Sacrifice Holy and Acceptable to God Capital Campaign, it will be a day filled with fun competition, music, prizes, and, of course, a lot of adobo. If you think your adobo is unbeatable, assemble a team and give us a call or drop us a message! We'll give you all the necessary forms and would be happy to answer any of your questions. General Admission Tickets will be available soon (no entrance fee for cooking teams)! Time: 9 – IIam (entertainment, cook-off); IIam – Ipm (tasting, awards). For detailed information visit sugarlandcatholic.com or call the parish at 281-494-1156.

#### **MAR 23-25: WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Husbands and Wives, plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so to does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. Some upcoming dates are March 23-25, May 18-20 or October 12-14. Register early to reserve a spot. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to houstonme.org.

#### **APRIL II-15: PILGRIMAGE TO EWTN**

Make a bus trip pilgrimage to Alabama to visit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, EWTN Global Catholic Network, the Ave Maria Grotto (Jerusalem in Miniature) and other sites. Depart Wednesday, April II, and return to Sugar Land on Sunday, April I5. For details, cost information and to reserve your spot, please contact Margie Calo at 281-980-4711 or 713-498-7359.

#### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Mar I I Collection	\$44,059
Registered Households	7,543
Envelopes Used	609
Loose Checks	161
2nd Collection Catholic Relief Services	13,776
ONLINE GIVING	
Monthly Offertory	\$183,598
Participants	1,014
DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND	
2018 Parish Goal	\$495,000
Total Amount Paid	\$160,574
Total Amount Pledged	\$236,802
Participants	539

#### 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.

\*not licensed by the state

#### 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 classes: Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9

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

#### **BAPTISMS**

Emma Lucille Escoto, Jack Moises Thomas Fleming, Olivia Cathleen Nevo, Grace Serafima Rahim, Siena Clara Sims, Grayson Hunter Stulak, Scarlett Alexandra Stulak

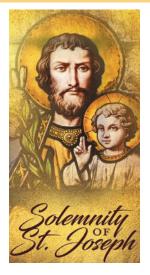
#### **WEDDINGS**

Sarah Perkins & Colten Walling

#### **FUNERALS**

Kim Vonan, husband of Thu-Suong Vo and foster son of William and Rita Orth

Lawrence Staszak, husband of Gloria Staszak



SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

> March 19 St. Joseph, Pray for us!

## Family, Children & Youth Ministry

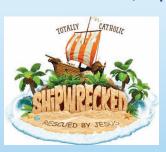
#### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

MAR 20 & 21: Elementary CCE THIS WEEK Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week is the pinnacle of our faith year as Catholic Christians, from the pageantry of Palm Sunday to the pain and despair of Good Friday to the ultimate joy of Easter Sunday. This week in CCE, we will begin in the Guardian Angels Hall by praying the Stations of the Cross together. Then in class, we will explore Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection and what the events of Holy Week teach us in terms of God's infinite Love and Christ's ultimate sacrifice. As a family, discuss this week the importance of Jesus' sacrificial act to each of us as his followers.

**LENTEN CHALLENGE:** As a family, attend the weekly Rosary this Friday morning at 6:30am in the church together or come to pray the Stations of the Cross at 7pm after attending the parish Fish Fry.

#### Vacation Bible School, Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus



VBS will return to the AMC this summer, with Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus from JUNE 4 - 8. REGISTRATION is ongoing IN PERSON at the AMC until all spaces are filled. Youth Volunteer registration will begin in person TOMORROW, Monday, March 19 in the AMC for all youth. Forms will be

accepted until all available positions have been filled. Youth volunteers will need to commit to serving the entire week of VBS in order to be placed. For additional information and updates, please visit stlaurence.org/vacation-bible-school



## QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FROM CRIB THROUGH 5 YEARS

Learn more and find the WCP Calendar at: www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

March 22 – Dad's Night
Mar 30 & Apr 2 - Good Friday
& Easter Monday Holidays



#### **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.

STLAURENCESCHOOL.ORG

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!



#### **3RD GRADE**

Ist place- "TV Watching and Academic Performance" by Ella Saenz

2nd place- "Can you make milk into plastic?" by Sofia Pangelinan

#### **4TH GRADE**

Ist place- "Hand Sanitizer vs. Soap"

by Gabi Darcourt

2nd place- "Water Type and Plant Growth"

by McKinsey Hanegan

#### **5TH GRADE**

Ist place- "Effectiveness of different sunscreens"

by Kaitlyn Raj

2nd place- "Fingerprint Frenzy"

by Michelle Nguyen

#### WE ARE PROUD OF OUR FUTURE SCIENTISTS!

#### HAPPY HERITAGE MONTH FROM SLCS

During the month of March, we are celebrating and learning about the many different cultures we have represented at our school! We are blessed! ¡Somos bendecidos! Siamo Benedetti!





#### MAR 21: WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS EDGE NIGHT

7:00-8:15pm at the AMC, this Wednesday, March 21, in Marian Hall all middle school youth are invited and encouraged to join us.



#### MAR 18: LIFE NIGHT / CONFIRMATION CLASS

Life Nights are Sundays from 6:30-8:15pm in the Ave Maria Center. Open to all high school students.

MAR 27: LEGACY

2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 8-9pm. Open to all Jr.s & Sr.s

MAR 20, 27: DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

6-7:30pm in the Youth Hall. Open to all High School students.



#### **STEUBENVILLE**

**SPOTS GOING FAST** June 22-24, 2018

Registration for our annual trip to Steubenville is now open! Steubenville is a Catholic youth conference where teens are given the

opportunity to encounter Christ in a radical way through powerful and engaging talks, Adoration, Mass, Confessions, community time, and more. Registration forms can be found at www.stlaurence.org/steubenville or at the Ave Maria Center.

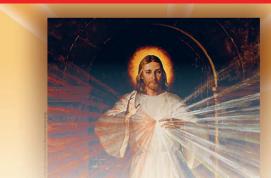
Cost: \$300. We're already more than half way full! Register soon to avoid being placed on our waitlist.

#### CONFIRMATION

**REMINDER:** The last Confirmation class in April will not be held on Sunday, April 29. It will now be held on Sunday, April 8. Both dates are still required attendance for all teens in the Confirmation program.

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.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00 DEVOTION 12:30 STATIONS Church

#### MARCH 30

Novena in Chapel-7:00pm

#### **APRIL I SUNDAY**

**Sally Flowers** 

The Mercy Devotion Spreads-- is Banned —It Spreads Again

#### **APRIL 2 MONDAY**

**Deacon Don Burns** 

Divine Mercy a Personal Encounter

#### **APRIL 3 TUESDAY**

**Justin Frato** 

Which is He a God of Wrath or a God of Mercy

#### **APRIL 4 WEDNESDAY**

**Deacon Rey Arellano** 

The Life of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Apostle of Divine Mercy

#### **APRIL 5 THURSDAY**

**Tom Ruck** 

lesus Enables us to Trust in Him

#### **APRIL 6 FRIDAY**

**Anne Marie Daniel** 

What's the Best Way to Talk with Jesus?

#### **APRIL 7 SATURDAY 8:30PM**

**Deacon Charles Plant** 

Image, Feast, and a New Millenium of Mercy!

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Solemn Feast Day Devotion** 

**APRIL 8, 2:30pm in the church** 

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

## For Adults



#### 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 (2nd Monday, April 9)

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

Mar 20: The Church Part I

#### **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**

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

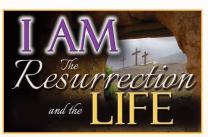
Contact: Julie Evett | jevett@comcast.net

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## Scrutinies - The Heart of Lent

SUNDAY, March 18, at the 9:00am Mass



As part of the Elect's final preparation they will continue to celebrate the Scrutinies today on the 5th Sunday of Lent. The third scrunity is summed up in the message of life and death, hope and despair. The central theme of our

faith is that Jesus is our life and resurrection. We are reminded of the pain of death of loved ones faced by people all over the world everyday. In the story of Lazarus, we see the powerful revelation of who lesus is from his absolute control over life and death. It is Jesus who transforms death into life; brings hope in the midst of despair; and joy out of grief. Like Mary and Martha we believe that Jesus is the resurrection and source of life to anyone who believes in him. This liturgy celebrates the God of life, who in Jesus Christ conquers death that we may have life. (Insights based on a blog by Msgr. John S. Mbinda)

Please continue to pray for the children, women and men in our RCIA process who have been called to the Easter sacraments. May they be strengthened, along with our candidates, by the Holy Spirit as they move forward in their relationship with Christ and his Church.



Together in Holiness **Marriage Conference** Saturday, May 5, 2018 | 8:30am to 3:30pm Two Locations: St. Laurence in Sugar Land, and St. Anthony of Padua in The Woodlands

The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 4th annual *Together* in Holiness conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galves-ton-Houston. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Featured speakers are Father Mitch Pacwa S.J. and Patty Schneier, and a third session will feature local leaders in a panel discussion on parenting and virtue for men and for women.

Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual

An early bird discount is available until March 30 and scholarships are also available.

On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required For more information, please visit **togetherinholiness.org** or email Houston conference coordinators at th@forlifeandfamily.org.

# Spring 2018 SPEAKER LINEUP

Let your heart and mind rise to encounter God at our Arise Night of Worship. Each night will include beautiful praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, as well as an inspiring teaching by popular Catholic speakers.

6:30-8:30 PM in the CHURCH



MONDAY, APR 9 Fr. Christopher Plant



MONDAY, MAY 14
"Seek His Face:" The prayer of Examen
Sr. Mary Elizabeth Albers, SOLT



Praise and worship led by Danielle Noonan

No Registration Required.
People of All Ages Welcome.

ARISE

NIGHT of WORSHIP

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

## Living as Disciples

### LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Today we hear the Gospel story of Jesus inviting his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit...What does Jesus mean? The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when he great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. Jesus urges us to give witness in his name. *How will we respond?* 

www.catholicstewardship.com

#### STEWARDS AMONG US

#### **RON & ADRIENNE MARTINEZ**



Ron & Adrienne's story is one of faith, trust, forgiveness and love. And it all played out here at St. Laurence. They

first met through DivorceCare in 2010, both healing, both on separate paths. God crossed these paths at Heart of Worship three years later; a new friendship began, which blossomed into love. Today, Ron is on Parish Staff as the Communications Coordinator, Adrienne works for Texas Right to Life, and Ron's sons, Bruno and Luca, are active in Youth Ministry. "St. Laurence has been a healing haven from divorce for our family. Early on, the boys found stability through the Weekday Children's Program and we found healing through the Sacraments, DivorceCare and other parish activities." After going through the annulment process, Ron & Adrienne were united in marriage last October, "blending our family together in a covenant before God." They believe, "Pay attention to God Winks, those things that cross your mind and catch your attention. God is waiting for your YES, so just say it and get to work! It is humbling and amazing to start a friendship while consecrating to Mary, then journey together on an adventure filled with God Winks, blessings, and insurmountable mountains tossed into the sea. We are barraged with God's unending grace and look forward to being formed into God's instruments of love."



In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we find our way back to the Lord, and rediscover the meaning of life.

— Pope Francis



March 9, 2018

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## Ask Paula

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Hey, what's the Ask Paula question this week?



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Well, I don't have one, 'cause you guys aren't emailing or calling with any. Look peeps, I enjoy writing my column, but if you guys aren't asking me, then I have nothing. I can't make up questions, just saying. Please email me at psavo@ stlaurence.org or call me at the church office. Even if I don't know the answer. I'll do my best to find it. Right? Who knows, maybe you guys are sick of me?? Let me know, I can take it. (Maybe.) No question is a bad question. Just ask, and if you don't want me to mention your name, just let me know. Okay, so those questions should start pouring in now, right? Thanks in advance!

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.



### Join us for evenings of dialogue to:

- Renew your relationship with the Catholic Church and St Laurence community
- Voice your feelings and needs
- Learn about current Catholic teachings

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

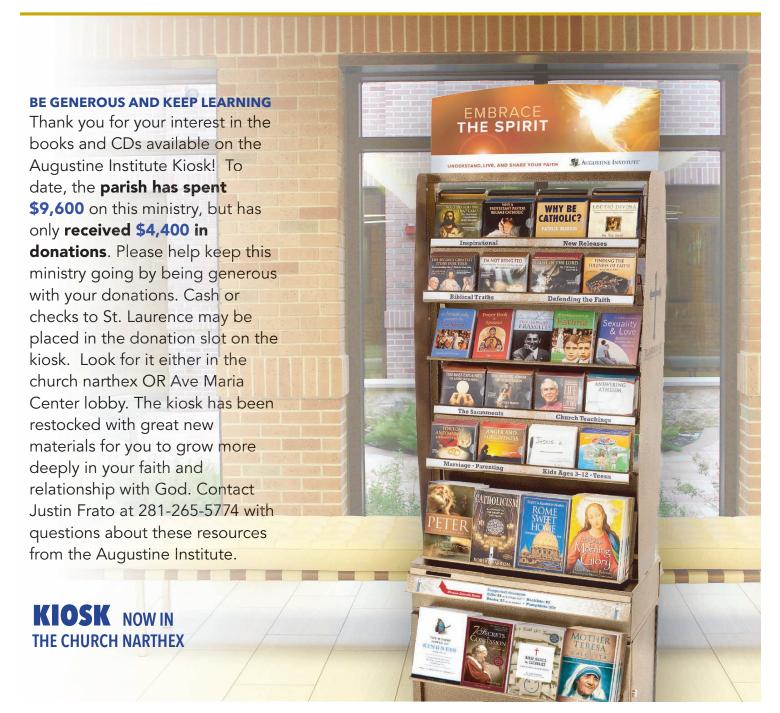
"Re-Membering Church" is an outreach program for those who feel alienated, estranged or distant from the church or for those who want a more genuine experience of our local parish community. It encourages reconciliation and promotes faith enrichment in a loving and welcoming environment.

Join us for a 7 week program held on Monday evenings, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2018, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ave Maria Center, Room 205. The evening is facilitated by a team of parishioners in a safe, confidential, small group sharing environment.

For more information and to register go to stlaurence.org/remembering Or contact: Tom Ruck at 281-242-4750 or email tomruckstl@gmail.com

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#### MAR 22: MARIAN SITE PILGRIMAGE MEETING

See Europe through the heart of our Blessed Mother. A 13-day pilgrimage of Marian Shrines in Spain, Portugal and France is planned for June 8-20, 2018, led by our own Fr. Jaison, as Spiritual Director. The pilgrimage includes visits to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Lourdes and Paris. Learn all about it at a meeting this Thursday, March 22, at 7:00pm, in Marian Hall-B. This meeting is for those who are curious, as well as for those who have registered. Questions, please contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org and 281-265-5774.

#### MAR 30: GOOD FRIDAY LITURGIES AND FASTING



On Good Friday, we read, hear and pray the Passion of Our Lord. At St. Laurence, Fr. Drew asks for us to WEAR RED to the Solemn Good Friday Liturgies at 3:00pm and 7:00pm that day. At noon, a Divine Mercy Devotion is offered, followed by Stations of the Cross. Please observe the rules for fasting and abstinence on Good Friday: Abstinence from meat is required of anyone over the age of 14 and fasting is observed by those between the ages of 18-60. Finally, from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, please be unwilling to participate in tournaments or competitions during these holiest days of the year

#### MAR 19: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are members of the congregation who are commissioned to help with the distribution of communion at Mass. With additional training, some Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion extend this to the Hospital Ministry and visiting the sick and homebound. If you've ever thought about serving at Mass by helping distribute the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to His people, please plan to attend a training session on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 - 9:00pm in the church to find out more. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Annual Training (NEW Ministers ONLY):

Register on the parish website: stlaurence.org/extraordinary-ministers

#### ST LAURENCE KCS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST



The KCs are offering FOUR scholarships to the students of our parish. You do not have to be enrolled in Catholic school at this time to qualify, just a member of the parish. TWO \$1,000 scholarships will go to eighth grade students of St. Laurence Parish who will attend ANY of the Catholic high schools in the area for the first time in the fall of 2018. TWO \$2,000 scholarships will go to graduating high school seniors who are members of St. Laurence Parish entering college for the first time in the summer or fall of 2018. Applications will be available on the parish website on

Sunday, March 25. The deadline for entry will be Sunday April 15, and winners will be announced by the end of May. Contact Nathan Raun at nathan.raun@gmail.com.

#### LENT AT ST. LAURENCE THROUGH MARCH 23

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the Church

Fridays, 6:30pm - Liturgy of the Hours Fridays, 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

#### KCs FISH FRY & CRAWFISH

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



Crawfish Dinner

3lbs of Crawfish, plus corn & potatoes for \$18

#### PRAY THE ROSARY

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In the church
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at
11:30 am before the 12 noon Mass.

March 8 to March 27

COFFEE & DONUTS

## AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

IN THE PARISH HALL
Hosted by Challenge Club for Girls

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

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Remember a loved one this Easter by donating to the Easter Flower Fund.
Names of the people in whose memory or honor your donations are made will appear on our parish website.

## Serving Others

### LENTEN SERVICE PROJECTS



**THANK YOU TO THE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** – a group with a BIG heart! Members recently teamed up with SCM to provide Easter treat bags and cards for seniors in need in the Stafford-area. The members of this group have had their own difficult journeys, yet they reach out with love to help others.



#### **HELP SOCIAL CONCERNS FIGHT GLOBAL HUNGER!**

Social Concerns is taking action to feed our poor neighbors overseas and help reduce global poverty! Join your fellow parishioners at the AMC Guardian Angel Hall on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00am to Noon for a Helping Hands meal packaging event presented by Catholic Relief Services and Rise Against Hunger. Our goal is to pack 10,000 bags to help feed vulnerable children, women and men in the West African country of Burkina Faso. Our participation in Helping Hands also supports CRS programs that assist people in Burkina Faso to develop skills so they can become economically independent. Those receiving the meals you will help package will learn new ways to earn an income through basic skills taught by CRS, such as how to grow a garden, make cloth or raise poultry. This event is limited to **60 participants**. Sign up starts tomorrow, March 19 at: http:// helpinghands.crs.org/events/st-laurence-catholic-church/ (No need to put in a donations amount. This event has already been funded by Social Concerns. We just need YOU!)

Can't attend the event? You can still make a donation using this link in any amount to help us package additional meals. For more information contact Pennie DeGroot at 281-980-9812 or pdegroot@stlaurence.org.

### THE GIVING TREE

Don't' forget! Giving tree items are due TOMORROW, March

19. Drop your items in the

Social Concerns donation bins in the church narthex, at the parish office or Social Concerns Ministry office.



## MAR 22: CONCERT TO BENEFIT PARKS YOUTH RANCH

Join the Robbie Seay Band, featuring Danielle Noonan, for a night of fellowship and worship to raise awareness and funds for the life changing services provided by Park's Youth Ranch. Thursday, March 22 7:00pm-9:00pm, Christ Church Sugar Land, 3300 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land.

Tickets are available at https://steadfastforpyr.eventbrite.com/ \$20 - Adult, \$25- At the Door, \$10 - Student

\$50 - VIP Ticket (includes dinner)

\$120 - Family 4 VIP

All concert proceeds to benefit the mission of Parks Youth Ranch — Providing emergency shelter, counseling and life changing services to abused and neglected youth.

#### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

#### **MAR 20: PLEASE PRAY**

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments for NIFLA vs. Becerra. The court will decide whether California can require pro-life pregnancy centers to advertise that state programs offer contraception and abortion at low or no cost to eligible women. Please pray that the court will strike down the California law, which violates their free speech and makes advertising costs prohibitive in order to include the state-required wording.

#### MAR 24: MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants for 9:00 am Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4015 Sherman St., Houston, TX followed by Stations of the Cross at Planned Parenthood 4600 Gulf Freeway. If you cannot join us, please remember us and all individuals whose lives we touch that day in your prayers. For more information contact Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126 or Spanish, Viola Griselda Mendoza-Morales 832-660-3924.

#### **OPTION LINE - PREGNANCY HELP 24/7**

If anyone you know has a problem with an unplanned pregnancy, let them know that they can call the Option Line -800-712-HELP (4357) and talk to someone who cares 24/7. Spanish speakers available. They will also be referred to their nearest pregnancy help center.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**



## DELIVER A DIFFERENCE WITH FORT BEND SENIORS MEALS ON WHEELS!

There are many volunteer opportunities available...

- Open delivery routes in your neighborhood throughout Sugar Land, Missouri City and Stafford.
- Student volunteer opportunities for service hours!
- Set up and servers needed at special events -

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

June 7 – More Than a Meal Luncheon

Come meet us **today** at Coffee and Donuts and find out how you can make a difference in the life of a senior! For more information, go to www.fortbendseniors.org or contact Rick Branek, Volunteer & Outreach Manager at rick@fortbendseniors.org or 281-633-7719.

### BLACK BAG COLLECTION



TODAY! This Sunday's black bag collection will be used for our People in Crisis fund which is currently averaging more than \$12,000 a month in financial assistance to individuals who come to Social Concerns for help or are referred to us by our community partners!

#### 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

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), poptop 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: Tuesdays, 9pm to 10pm and Sundays, 10am to 11am

Adoration will be paused for the school break beginning March 9, at 2pm, and ending March 19, at 8am.

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**

MAR 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 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!

#### **MAR 28: SPRING 2018 BIBLE STUDY**

Eucharist: Discovering Mass in the Bible by Dr. Brant Pitre 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30-9PM (join us for 6:30 mass beforehand if you're free!). Ave Maria Center "Lamb of God, Bread of Life, The Body and the 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? Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels + Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. Addtional meeting days: March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23 You must purchase a workbook. Email Michaela for more info to jump in! mbarta@stlaurence.org.

#### MAR 21: DISCOVER LOVE WITH CLARITY

Sixth and Final Session 6: March 21

Singles, Dating, Engaged Young Adults attend 6 sessions of pre-marriage formation once a month, 7-9pm, at St. Laurence Parish Hall. FREE food. "Discovering Love with Clarity" is a 6 month Love and Relationship Series sponsored by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston with an emphasis on St. John Paul II's teachings of Theology of the Body and Love & Responsibility. Seminarian Kingsley Nowoko will be the speaker for this 6-part series and has an S.T.L from the John Paul II Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage & Family. For more info and to RSVP, Michaela Barta, mbarta@stlaurence.org

#### 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, Apr 21, 8:30am, Ave Maria Center

**KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE** 

Refresher course. 1.5hrs

Wednesday, Apr II, 6:30pm, Corpus Christi Rm.

#### MAR 21: DIVORCE CARE WEDNESDAYS

**Topic: Kid Care**, 7:00-9:00pm, St. Francis Rm. Next meeting **Mar 21 - No meeting Mar 14 - Spring Break** If you have been suffering from the effects of divorce or separation, seek support with the Divorce Care group. Join us at any point in the program to receive help in rebuilding your life, focused on God's love for you. For info, please contact Janie at 832-860-3398 or jpdivorcecare@aol.com

#### PARISH LIBRARY SEEKING LOCAL AUTHORS



Have you published a book? The St. Laurence Parish Library is planning to host a "Meet the Author" night the second week of June (date and time TBA)! We are looking for several local authors to set up tables in the Ave Maria Center outside the Library on

that night to display, talk about, and sell their books. There is no cost, but you would be asked to donate your book to the Parish Library. Books do not have to be religious but should be appropriate for a Church audience! If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Mule', the Parish Librarian, at 281-265-5774 or send an email to smule@stlaurence.org!

#### **APRIL 5: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

Whether you are a cancer patient, survivor or caregiver, the Cancer Support Group welcomes you! Come to our next meeting in the St. Clare meeting room on Thursday, April 5, 10:00-11:00am. Guest speaker Dr. Kristy Ward, a gynecologic oncology doctor from Texas Oncology, will discuss current treatments and trials, with time for Q & A. All are invited. Please contact Angela for more info at 832-945-2245.

#### **JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS**

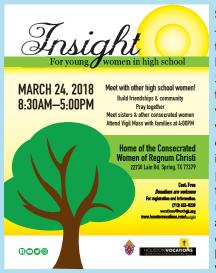
**TUE 3/27 1:30pm** Visit Congregation Beth El seniors and Rabbi Josh Lobel, 3900 Raoul Wallenberg Ln., Missouri City. Meet at the AMC to carpool at 1:00pm. E-mail Anne Higgins, nannyhiggs@gmail, questions for Rabbi Lobel by Friday, March 23.

#### MON 4/2 NO Meeting

MON 4/9 II to I pm, POT LUCK lunch, AMC, Marian Hall

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

#### **VOCATION MINISTRY NEWS**



Saturday, March 24 – InSight Retreat – for Young Women in High School - 8:30am -5:00pm. An opportunity for high school girls to visit a convent, interact with Sisters from several congregations who serve in our Archdiocese, pray together, build friendships, learn about religious life, share lunch, and ask questions. The day will be held at the home of Consecrated Women of Regnum

Christi in Spring Tx., and end with a 4:00pm Vigil Mass to which families are welcome. Registration and permission slips will be available online. Free event. Donations are welcome. www.houstonvocations.com/insight

#### MINISTERIO HISPANO

#### MAR 24: 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

#### MAR 22: LADIES GUILD MEETING

Get the luck o' the Irish at the Ladies Guild meeting this Thursday, March 22, 6:30pm, in the parish hall. Women of all ages will enjoy a dance performance by the Drake School of Irish Dance (and maybe learn a step or two). Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share in honor of St. Patrick's Day, plus a donation of cat food/litter for the Angela House. In addition to their monthly meeting, Ladies Guild has a couple of fun trips planned: Bluebonnets & Blue Bell in Brenham on April 4, and Antiquing in Round Rock on May 5. For more info, please contact President Tina Dougherty at 713-859-6861, tinadougherty95@gmail.com.

#### UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY AT ST. LAURENCE

Do you long to experience the love, freedom, and abundant life that Jesus talks about in the Gospels? But, do you often feel stuck, bound up, unable to move forward?

## **UNBOUND**

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 March 24, 2018 at the Ave Maria Center 9:00am to 12:00 Noon (Scheduled appointments only)

### **TURN BACK MY SOUL TO YOUR REST**

2017-2018

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











## WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY

#### PRESENTED BY



"I am pleased to welcome this marriage initiative into the archdiocese. My hope is that spouses from across the archdiocese will be blessed and strengthened in their noble vocation by participating in this event."

- Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

## ONE CONFERENCE. TWO LOCATIONS.

MAY 5, 2018 | SUGAR LAND - St. Laurence 8:30AM - 3:30PM THE WOODLANDS



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**Baptism Confirmation (Teens) Confirmation (Adults) First Holy Communion First Reconciliation Marriage Preparation Marriage Sponsor** Couples

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#### FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

A.C.T.S. Retreat **Adult Faith Formation** Arise Night of Worship **EDGE (Middle School) Elementary CCE Preschool CCE Family Faith** Life Teen (High School) **Natural Family Planning** Parish Library (AMC) Parish School (SLCS) **Parish School Board Parish School PTO** 

**Vacation Bible School** 

**Vocations Committee** 

Weekday Children's Prog.

**RCIA** 

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#### PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Catholic Men **Challenge Club for Girls Contemplative Prayer** Divine Mercy (AM) Divine Mercy (PM) Hearts of Jesus & Mary Lay Apostle Prayer **Legion of Mary** Men's Bible Studies St. Anthony of Padua

**Small Christian Comm** Tuesday AM Bible Study Jim Kij | 281-253-4800 Monica Hager | 281-240-7672 Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660 Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360 Suzan Bryan | 713-816-5859 Margie Calo | 281-980-4711 Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939 Maria Argao | 281-221-8228 Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 Joseph Ellankil | 832-282-3032 Sunny Tom | 832-620-7417 Genoveva Duque | 281-980-1014 Regina Johnson | 832-440-7914

#### MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

**Annulments** 

**Bereavement Ministries: Grief Support Group Grieving Families** H.O.P.E.

**Cancer Support Caregivers Support Group** 

**DivorceCare NAMI** P.A.C.T. (Parenting Group) **Pastoral Care for Sick Spiritual Direction** 

Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774

Sandy Barber | 832-451-9117 Agnes Fernandes | 281-933-3721 Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449 Angela Rankin | 832-945-2245 Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738 Jane Jewell | 713-775-7172 Janie Picou | 832-860-3398 Pat Sumner | 281-265-1554 Steve Brown | 832-471-6131 Ambrose Graham | 713-865-3729 Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774 UNBOUND Prayer Ministry Rita McCarthy | 561-699-5800

Find More Information About All Our Parish Groups & Ministries at www.stlaurence.org.

#### SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Bridges to Life Correctional Ministry Funeral Receptions Habitat for Humanity** Learn English Ministry **Learn Spanish Ministry Meals That Heal Medical Missionaries** 

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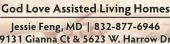






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