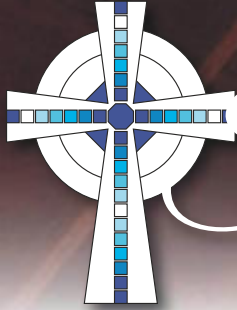


December 30, 2018 | Feast of the Holy Family



St. Lawrence CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:15am, 9:00am, 11:00am,
12:45pm, 5:00pm

DAILY MASSES

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

Healing Mass: 1st Wednesday of the
month, 6:30pm

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

January 4 — *In the Chapel*
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

January 5 — *In the Church*
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

January 12 & 26: *En la Capilla*
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las
7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de
la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los
enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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OUR MISSION:

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

PARISH OFFICE & COURTYARD

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

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday through Thursday 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-4pm; Saturdays 8:30am-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

Good News Reflection

WE CAN BE HOLY FAMILIES, TOO

DECEMBER 30 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Our Catholic faith gives us guidance by celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas. The Advent season was a time of waiting in joyful hope for the birth of Jesus. On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's gift to us, followed by the Feast of the Holy Family. All parents hope the children in their family will develop like Jesus, and "grow and become strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God" Luke 2:40.

Families today face the particular challenge of balancing family life with work and other activities. Our society, with its emphasis on doing more and having more, makes it difficult for families to have time together. According to Debbie Williams, author of *Home Management 101: A Guide for Busy Parents*, many parents devote more time to their children's social calendars than to their own. The time spent after school is completely scheduled and planned, making leisure time almost non-existent in many families. If you are feeling stressed by all of this activity, consider how your child must feel.

As we begin this New Year, before the time to sign up for soccer, baseball, swim team and gymnastics, rethink expectations and attitudes about what your family really values as important. Do not measure your family by what everyone else is doing or even what your child thinks he/she needs or wants to do. Instead, be guided by the values you have set up within your family. Limit the number of activities that your child participates in. For young children, one activity is enough. And protect the weekend, especially Sundays, for Mass and time together as a family.

Making decisions for the good of your family lets children see that you value them and the time you all spend together as a family. So pray together, eat together, do chores together, play games together, read out loud favorite books together... Bottom line, spend time with each other and let everyone know that this is important in your family.

Blessings for the New Year,

Becky Wilkinson

Director, Weekday Children's Program

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

DEC / JAN

SUNDAY

30

(#1007 in your Gather Book)

Feast of the Holy Family

First Reading SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading COL 3:12-17

Gospel LK 2:41-52

MONDAY

31

First Reading I JN 2:18-21

Gospel JN 1:1-18

TUESDAY

1

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

First Reading NM 6:22-27

Second Reading GAL 4:4-7

Gospel LK 2:16-21

WEDNESDAY

2

First Reading I JN 2:22-28

Gospel JN 1:19-28

THURSDAY

3

First Reading I JN 2:29-3:6

Gospel JN 1:29-34

FRIDAY

4

First Reading I JN 3:7-10

Gospel JN 1:35-42

SATURDAY

5

First Reading I JN 3:11-21

Gospel JN 1:43-51

SUNDAY

6

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading IS 60:1-6

Second Reading EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

Gospel MT 2:1-12

PRAYING THE NEWS | DECEMBER 30, 2018

*"Thinking he was in the caravan,
they journeyed for a day and looked for him...but not finding him..."*

LUKE 2: 44-45

O God, there is such empathy in our hearts for Mary and Joseph! Even they didn't understand because, as human parents, they didn't have the whole picture. So help us, Lord, to look at all parents in the news with humble and compassionate hearts and minds. No matter the situation, please grant them (and us) help and relief from anxiety in their struggles.

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, Linda Ambeau, Zade Ambeaux, Linda Babin, Eden Bantigue, Wallace Barbay, Kathy Bell, Deacon Al Bothe, Don Braden, Eduardo Caballero, Christine Carter, Jun Castro, Bobby Castillo, Jesse Calderon, Michelle Collins, John Cummings, Anthony DiMare, Lupita de la Rosa, Julie Donati, Judith Dupre, Ashley Durand, Evelyn Dyogi, Agnes Fagnant, Amelia Flores, Enrique Flores, Maggie Flores, Marina Flores, Robb Flynn, Cynthia Forgas, Lupe Fraga, Jerry Gabino, Alicia Garcia, Patricia Garmon, Delia Genova, Beth Gloff, Jessica Gunter, Martha Harbin, Angelina Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Ursula Henry, Anne Higgins, Jim Hofmann, Rose Holbrooke, James Hrebenar, Grace Huang, Shanthi Jayaprakash, Regina Johnson, Paul Joseph, Brian Judice, John Judice, Helen Kaiser, Sylvia Kauffman, Christine Kingerski, Cindy Kral, Carmelita Kussad, Charles Kramer, Donna La Magna, Mary Lavine, Chris Larkins, Mike Lojo, Beverly Marcellus, Russ Marcellus, Anna Mathew, Marina Monroy, Jim Murray, Patrick Navidad, Paul Vung Nguyen, Fr. Roy Oggero, Robert O'Neil, Sandra Ortiz, Meena Outlaw, Catalina Padora, Charles Pierson, Lauren Popeney, Rose Marie Prevott, Angela Rankin, Frances Revelt, Melanie Robb, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Ivonne Ruiz, Provi Sabido, Gil Saenz, Kathleen Schroeder, Scotty Scott, Joan Sherman, June Sherman, Sandy Smith, Steve Spaulding, Justin Stout, Adrienne Sturgis, Eugene Theobald, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Kylie Ward, Monica Williams, Irene Wenglar, Gary Wilson.

PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Isabella Flores, Adrian Zaldivar, Johnny Sanchez, Sonia Aguilar, Jessica Ayala, Kristin Funderburg, Elizabeth Rojas, Erika Ayala, Tommy Dooley, Nick, Joslyn, Cheyene, Joslyn, Kevin, James Brotherton, Bob Ahmadi & Family, Tommy Jackson & Family, Keith Cameron & Family, Carl Hartney, Florentino-Oneyda Vasquez & Familia, Arturo Gonzalez, Linda Mungua, Mary Stockhausen, Sergio Gonzalez, Jeffrey & Laura Arrington, Chaplin Jimmy Fitzgerald, Jackie Fitzgerald. *Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (12/10/18).*

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*
MSGT. 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*
CPT Brandon Driscoll, *USMC*
Maj. James Dunphy, *USMC*
CPT Michael Eberhardt, *US Army*
CPT Stacey Eberhardt, *US Army Reserve*
Derek Farias, *US Navy*
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, *USMC*
CPT Michelle Thibeau, *US Army*
CPT Will Thibeau, *US Army*
PFC Aaron Fox, *USMC*
PVT Jahneil Xavier George, *US Army*
SFC Philip Graham, *US Army*
CPT Spencer Henry, *US Army*
PVT Liam Hill, *US Army*
Daniel Hines, *US Navy*
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, *US Army Reserve*
SN Lucas Kennedy, *US Navy*
SPC Joshua Keenan, *US Army*
EM4 James Locus, *US Navy*
SGT Philip Loera, *US Army*
PFC John Lundgren, *US Army*
ILT Anthony Marich, *US Army*
Amn Joseph Marcellus, *USAF*
SGT William Marcellus, *USMC*
TSgt David March, *Texas Air National Guard*
Capt. Brendan McPartland, *USMC*
Major Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
CB, Richard Pinard, *US Navy*
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, *USMC*
SGT Santiago Ramirez, *US Army*
CAPT Taylor Rammrath, *US Army*
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, *USMC*
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, *US Air Force*
LT Kevin Stransky, *US Navy*
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, *US Navy*
Maj. Michael Thesing, *USMC*
ILT Kevin Wheeler, *US Army*
SGT Bryce Whitley, *US Army*
PO3 Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC 29

5:00pm – Buddy Podraza (D)

SUNDAY, DEC 30

7:15am – Rosario Paula Bellen (D)

9:00am – Rey Graunas (D)

11:00am – Johanne Jean (D)

12:45pm – Jesus Chao (D)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, DEC 31

7:30am – Ryan Caparas (D)

12:00pm – Angelina Diocariza (I)

5:00pm – Jose Cuesta (I)

TUESDAY, JAN 1

8:00am – Jane Nzeocha (I)

10:00am – Isauro Baradi (D)

12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JAN 2

7:30am – Jane Nzeocha (I)

6:30pm – Manuel Madina (D)

THURSDAY, JAN 3

7:30am – Rita Kanife (I)

12:00pm – Gregory Wyant (D)

FRIDAY, JAN 4

8:15am – Tran Family (D)

12:00pm – Faye Lacroix (I)

SATURDAY, JAN 5

8:30am – Zenaida Cowart (D)

5:00pm – Mr. & Mrs. Frank Marino (D)

SUNDAY, JAN 6

7:15am – Dorothy Macdonald (D)

9:00am – William Jordan (D)

11:00am – Jerry Rychlik (D)

12:45pm – Orlando Quirch (I)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Collin Brown, Chad Henry, Billy Dodd, 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, Tim Cullen, Margaret Uche

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

GRATIA PLENA: COUNSELING SERVICES FOR CATHOLICS

Gratia Plena is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems, in a manner in keeping with the teachings, values, and traditions of the Catholic Church. Located in Stafford/Sugar Land area, services include professionally-facilitated, confidential individual therapy, couples counseling, and support groups such as the King David's Men fellowship (for adult men to address issues related to sexual integrity). They serve children, teens, and adults. Contact info@gratiaplenacounseling.org or go to www.gratiaplenacounseling.org for more details. Hours are flexible for those who work or go to school.

JAN 26: SAVE THE DATE: TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

The rally will be held Saturday January 26, 2019, in Austin. St. Laurence will NOT have a bus this year. The archdiocese will have buses leaving from St. Dominic's, and will cost only \$25 with lunch included. If you cannot go to Austin, please join everyone at St. Bartholomew Church in Katy for Mass at 8:30 am. Several other parishes will also have buses. See www.stlaurence.org/respect-life for more details and registration links.

FEB 2: REGINA CAELI 'FABULOUS FATHERS' FUNDRAISER

Regina Caeli Academy, a Catholic homeschool resource center, presents "The Fabulous Fathers" Priest Talent Show and Fundraiser at 6:30pm on Saturday, February 2, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Katy. Priests from across the Archdiocese (including Fr. Truong Son!) will provide the entertainment for a fun evening that includes dinner, auction and a raffle drawing for a \$500 Visa card. Event tickets are \$60/each or \$400/table of 8. You don't need to be present to win the raffle; buy a ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$20. Get more info and register at www.rcahybrid.org.

FEB 2: RAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT CONFERENCE

The Spirit of Divine Mercy Ministry invites all St. Laurence parishioners to Rays of Enlightenment at Christ Redeemer Catholic Church on Saturday, February 2, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. This annual conference includes international speakers, Praise & Worship music, prayer ministry, Mass and Adoration. The theme is "In the School of His Merciful Heart" featuring an outstanding speaker lineup: Mother Adela Galindo, foundress of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Sister Grace Marie Heinrich (who assists with vocations for SCTJM), and Fr. Joseph Rogers from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is required due to limited seating. Register now at CTRCC.COM/RAYS-RSVP or contact Sally Flowers at sallyjoflowers@comcast.net, 281-265-8360.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

DECEMBER 16 COLLECTION	\$54,503
Registered Households	7,700
Envelopes Used	710
Loose Checks	149
2ND COLLECTION Social Concerns	\$15,992
ONLINE GIVING	
Monthly Offertory	\$183,363
Participants	1,023
DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND	
2018 Parish Goal	\$495,000
Total Amount Paid	\$464,345
Total Amount Pledged	\$473,954
Participants	983

PLAY & PRAY*

Childcare is provided in a safe, loving, and Catholic environment to young children while their parents/guardians attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance with Elizabeth Hernandez, at stlaurence.org/play-pray or ehernandez@stlaurence.org

*not licensed by the state

WEDDING PREPARATION

Next class: January 28

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 rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next Classes: January 19, February 9

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. As an alternative, the 1st Saturday is offered in January, April, July and October. To schedule a Baptism or register for the required parent preparation class, please contact Barb Roy at broy@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 x5371.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

WEDDINGS

Karyn Cumberbatch & Jonas Konan
Kaithlyn Kump & Bradley Wolf

FUNERALS

Luisa Bernardo, *mother of Ross Bernardo*
Talbot Pennison, *father of Jay Pennison*

FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING

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. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **TX460**.

Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your End-of-Year contributions to your account! Whatever method you use to give, thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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Family, Children & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

DEC 30: NO PRESCHOOL or Elementary CCE THIS WEEK due to the Christmas Break. Enjoy your time off with family and friends!

Happy New Year to all of our CCE families! Begin your new year and celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family by consecrating your family to the Holy Family of Nazareth by reciting the Consecration prayer at <https://goo.gl/8oDkhM>

See you back SOON! Elementary CCE will resume NEXT WEEK on January 8th/9th. **Preschool CCE classes will resume the following weekend, on Sunday, January 13.**

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL JANUARY 7, 2019

Blessings in the New Year!

St. Laurence Catholic School would like you to know that you are in our prayers as we begin a new calendar year together.

God, thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year,

remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

**QUALITY EARLY
CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION
FROM CRIB THROUGH
5 YEARS**



stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program



The Children and Staff of St. Laurence Weekday Children's Program wish you a Joyous Christmas and a New Year Filled with Blessings.

Enrollment for Academic Year 2019 will begin in January.



**ST. LAURENCE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

OVER 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Serving Grades Pre-K to 8th Grade

**OPEN HOUSE
FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES**

**Saturday, January 26, 2019
3:00-4:30pm**

NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

2005, 2014: Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
2017: Innovations in Catholic Education Award

2630 Austin Parkway Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-0500 · www.stlaurenceschool.org



JAN 26: OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Come tour our campuses and classroom, meet our teachers and students, and see what makes SLCS such a wonderful school!

Visit www.stlaurenceschool.com for more information!

Follow SLCS

STAY CONNECTED



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation at St. Laurence is part of the Youth Ministry and Religious Education. 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 one year prior to beginning the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to ensure they have been catechized and are prepared for the journey to Confirmation. Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation for information or contact Daniel Glaze, dglaze@stlaurence.org



JAN 9: 1ST EDGE NIGHT IN THE NEW YEAR

Wednesdays, 7-8:15pm, in the Ave Maria Center Marian Hall

JAN 16: EDGE NIGHT

Wednesdays, 7-8:15pm, in the Ave Maria Center Marian Hall

Additional Edge events will be posted on website and emailed out to parents, visit stlaurence.org/edge



JAN 13: LIFE NIGHT IN THE NEW YEAR

Our weekly gathering resumes January 13th. Have a blessed winter break. On Sundays from 6:30pm to 8:15pm in the Ave Maria Center. Join us for Life Teen Mass in the church at 5pm

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 4

the
wknd
january 18-21, 2019

LIFE TEEN WINTER RETREAT: THE WKND

All high school teens are invited to join us for our annual winter retreat, The WKND. There will be plenty of time with old and new friends, outdoors, high ropes, games, prayer, Mass, Adoration, Confession, and a whole lot more. More information as well as the link to register can be found at www.stlaurence.org/wknd. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Eric at epainter@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774. Follow us on Instagram @[@stlaurencelt](https://www.instagram.com/stlaurencelt) for more details.

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

Dear Parishioners,

Last month Fr. Drew, in his homily at all Masses, addressed the principles of good stewardship that are deeply rooted in our faith as a spiritual and physical response to the gifts which we have been given by God...

- **To receive God's gifts gratefully**
- **To cultivate these gifts responsibly**
- **To share these gifts lovingly with others**
- **To make a return with increase to the Lord**

These principles are not optional for followers and believers in Christ. Discipleship is a way of life, a way of trusting God and serving others with the gifts He has entrusted to us. Disciples are good stewards and stewards are people of faith who are committed to the truth and who don't just talk about faith but put it into action in all aspects of their lives.

Fr. Drew asked for those who have not been giving in Offertory to prayerfully consider making contributions to Offertory in a regular, intentional and discerning way. He also asked for those who have been giving to Offertory in a deliberate, prayerful and reflective way, if able, to increase that gift this coming year by 1%, 2% or 5%. The intentionality of our gifts is of the utmost importance. Giving because of our need to give, as stated in the principles of stewardship above, far surpasses anyone's need to receive.

As far as Offertory gifts are concerned, many ask the question, "How much should I give?" The answer is for each of us to decide in our hearts but in making that decision consider these points...

Give until you are at peace with your giving amount.
Give so that your gift is sacrificial, holy and meaningful.
Give as an appropriate expression of gratitude to God for His gifts to you.

In whatever you are able to respond, please know that at St. Laurence your gifts are received in gratitude, used in a responsible manner, shared lovingly with others and utilized to help everyone grow closer to God.

Tony Oltremari

Parish Administrator

For Adults

Adult FAITH Formation

Informing and Transforming Disciples



Sneak Peak

At SONJA CORBITT'S
LIVE
"FULFILLED" SEMINAR

Fri, Jan 11, 7-9pm Sat, Jan 12, 10am-3pm

Men, women, young adults, couples, and Bible enthusiasts,
start the new year by engaging in learning more about your
Catholic Faith!

Join us by attending this seminar where we will explore the
fascinating ways that the Old Testament Tabernacle, the Jewish
system of worship, foreshadows and is fulfilled by the Catholic
Faith in various ways.

*Did you know that the Old Testament Tabernacle contained an
incense altar which foreshadows the Church's use of incense
representing prayers going up to God?*

Learn more at the live Fulfilled Seminar!

Register at stlaurence.org/fulfilledseminar.

More information at biblestudyevangelista.com



Women's Book Study

Thursdays, Jan 17-Feb 28, 2019

Choose from two sessions:

1-2:30 pm, Ave Maria Rm 200, Facilitator: Anne Marie Daniel

7-9 pm Guardian Angel Hall, Facilitator: Mary Clare Cullen

After attending the live **Fulfilled Seminar**, join us as we go deeper
into Part One of this DVD book study with "Bible Evangelista"
Sonja Corbitt. Come ignite your love of scripture as we study in-
depth the elements of the Old Testament Tabernacle, the
blueprint for our Catholic Faith.

To register go to stlaurence.org/womensbookstudy. For
more information contact Anne Marie Daniel at
281-265-5774, or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

Merry
Christmas
from
Adult Faith
Formation



LEARNING YOUR FAITH TOGETHER IN 2019

CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS

Thursdays, starting Jan 3, 5:30-7:30 am, Guardian Angel Hall

Come together with other men and learn about spiritual and practical
ideas. Contact: Jim Kij, 281-253-4800, jimkij@comcast.net.

FORMACION PARA EL MINISTERIO CRISTIANO

Jueves, Enero 10-2 de Mayo, 10 am-12 pm, Marian Hall

Esta es la tercera clase de Enseñanza Moral Cristiana. Para mas
informacion, llamar a Veronica Reinoso, 832-231-6988,
veroreinosa62@gmail.com.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, starting Jan 7, 7:30-9:00 pm, or Tuesdays, starting Jan 8,
6:15-7:15 am, St Francis

Monday evenings study "The First, Second, and Third Letters of St.
John and the Revelation of St. John", Tuesday mornings examine the
readings for the next Sunday's Mass. Contact: Steve Ewbanks,
281-703-3873, ewbanksix@gmail.com.

READY

Mondays, starting Jan 14, 7-9 pm Guardian Angel Hall

Come learn how to explain the Church's teachings with logic and
love. Cost: \$40.00 for new participants, \$5.00 for returning partici-
pants. Register and pay at stlaurence.org/apologetics.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

Mondays, starting Jan 14, 7-9 pm St Joseph Room

Re-membering Church is a process of healing and reconciliation for
inactive Catholics. Contact Tom Ruck at 281 242-4750 or
tomruckstl@gmail.com or stlaurence.org/remembering.

SACRED SUNDAY ON MONDAY

Mondays, starting Jan 7, 10:30-11:30 am, St Anne Room

Share the prior Mass experience each Monday as we ponder and
reflect upon Sunday's reading and homily. Contact: Bernadette Peters
at bernadettepeters@mac.com.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Jan 22-April 2, 9:00 -11:45 am, Marian Hall

"Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" by Dr. Edward Sri is
your guide to personal encounter with Christ. Register at
stlaurence.org/biblestudies.

THAT MAN IS YOU

Wednesdays, starting on Jan 30, 5:30-7:00 am Marian Hall

Continuation of the theme for TMIY "Revelation of the Father". Con-
tact: Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com or stlaurence.org/tmiy

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Jan 10, 1-2:00 pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30 pm Ave Maria Room 205

Continuation of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist"
Contact: Julie Evett | jevett@comcast.net

WWW.STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF

FULFILLED

Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism

A Live Seminar with Sonja Corbitt

**Friday, Jan. 11, 2019, 7-9pm
-and-
Saturday, Jan. 12, 10am-3pm**

St. Laurence Catholic Church
Ave Maria Parish Life Center
3103 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugar Land

In this six-session seminar, popular speaker and author Sonja Corbitt will explore the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith. She will uncover God's consistent design for our worship of him and his relationship with us. Learn how the Old Testament Tabernacle can be used as a blueprint for the Catholic Faith and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament.



REGISTRATION FOR 2-DAY SEMINAR

\$30/person (includes lunch on Saturday)

Play and Pray Childcare available

Find out more and register at stlaurence.org/fulfilledseminar

Living as Disciples

LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

WWW.CATHOLICSTEWARDSHIP.COM



STEWARDS AMONG US

MAINTENANCE TEAM



Recognize any of these people? They are members of our awesome Maintenance Team, who keep this huge 17-acre property, from the Ave Maria Center down to the school, functioning and flourishing. Pictured clockwise from top left are Ruth Gonzalez, Maria Castellanos, Bobby Castillo, Nia Sepe, Joe Morales, Rip Carrol, Armando Rodriguez and Veronica Gutierrez. Here is what Sheila Stulak, Facilities Director, has to say: "These are the people who work behind the scenes as the hands and feet of Christ, a real example of stewardship and hospitality for our parish every day. While each brings a specific talent to the job, they all willingly share the workload across the entire campus, no matter the responsibility. They show their love for Christ through how well they maintain His house and care for His people; they are supportive of every ministry, our school, staff and clergy. They come in early and stay late, to make sure everything has been taken care of, and work around the clock to support special events, holiday Masses and a multitude of daily activities across the campus! It is an honor to be able to work with each member of this team and our parish is blessed to have them."

In all we do ...
 ... evangelize

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**Let us nurture
the seeds of peace
as they grow and
let us transform
our cities into
workshops of
peace.**

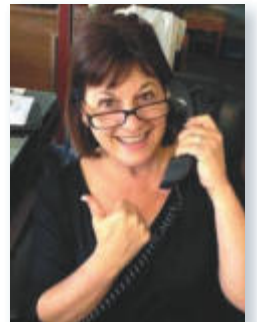
— Pope Francis
January 1, 2018



Ask Paula

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**What
happened
to Kingdom
Care?**

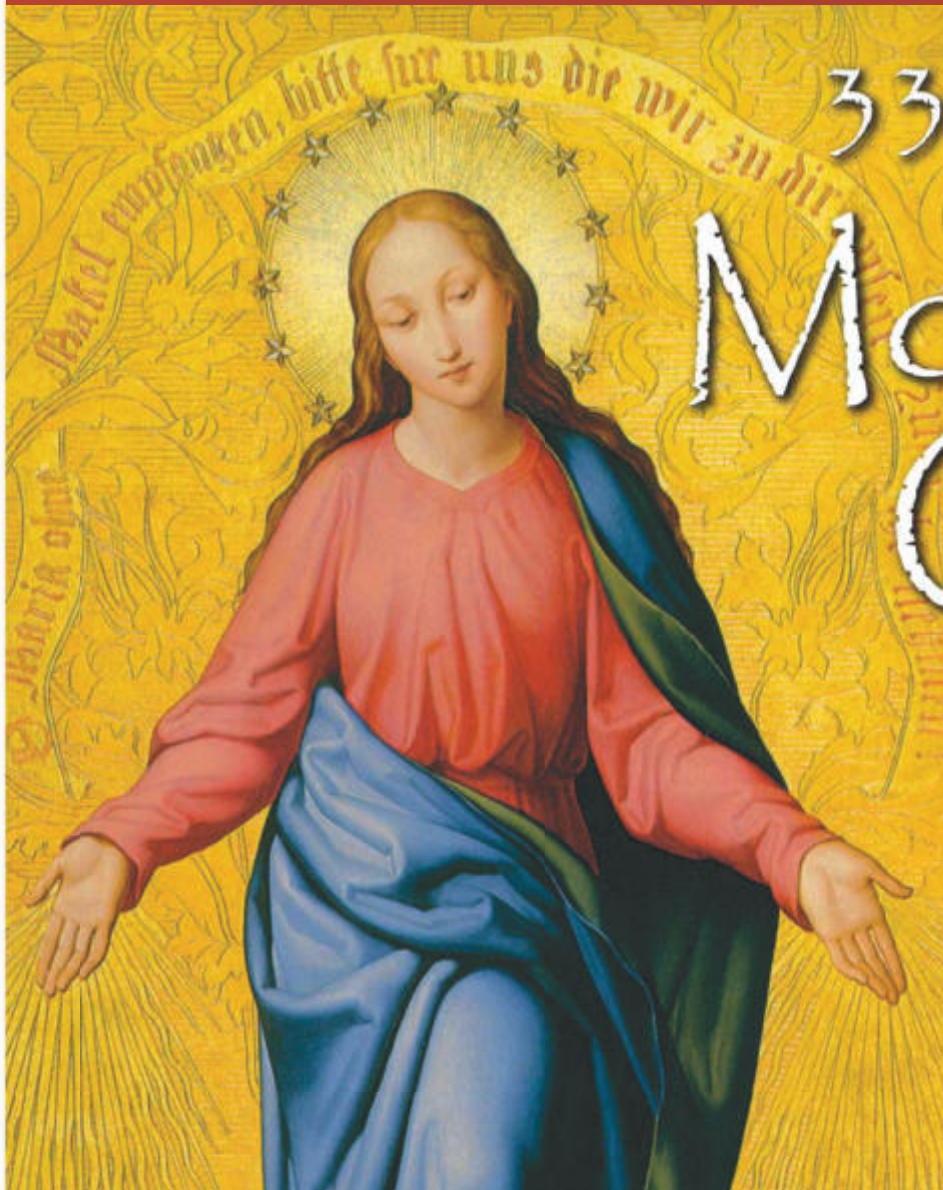


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It basically had a facelift. It's now called Play & Pray and the program has changed. It's kinda like CCE babysitting for small ones. Children will learn about our Catholic Faith by participating in games, storytelling, songs, and arts & crafts. *Guess there's no more TV, right?* P&P is now located over at the Ave Maria Center in the Weekday Children's Program classrooms, Rooms 104 and 105. Play and Pray is available during the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday. It's also available for other church events that have approved childcare. *(Not for you go shopping or lunch, just sayin.)* If you need more information about this program, contact Elizabeth Hernandez at ehernandez@stlaurence.org.

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 A MARIAN RETREAT



33 Days to Morning Glory

Small-Group
Retreat

Join us for a 6-week small-group retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *33 Days to Morning Glory*.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary at St. Laurence Catholic Church

Six Popes have testified to the great power of Marian Consecration as the best way to enter into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Michael Gaitely MIC, in his book and Video Series 33 Days to Morning Glory, based on the wisdom of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta and Saint John Paul II takes us through preparation for consecration. **You are invited to join us in preparation for consecration to Jesus through Mary on the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th.**

Thursday Evenings, 7:00 to 8:30pm, in the Ave Maria Center, Rm 201: 1/3/2019, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, and 2/7

Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 to 2:30pm, St. Anne's Room: 1/8/2019, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, and 2/12

To register contact Anne Marie Daniel 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org

Information online: stlaurence.org/33-days-to-morning-glory



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Celebrate a New Beginning



RE-MEMBERING Church Been Away? Miss You!

Do you feel as if something is **missing** in your life?

Are you **searching** for greater meaning?

Do you feel **disconnected** from God?

Know this: **God is seeking you!**

There is no better time than the present to return and we are here to help. Re-membering Church is a process of healing and reconciliation for inactive Catholics. Join us for evenings of dialogue to: renew your relationship with the Catholic Church and St Laurence Community, voice your feeling and needs, and learn about current Catholic teachings.

You're invited to a 6-week program held on Monday evenings. The evening is facilitated by a team of parishioners in a safe, confidential, small group sharing environment.

MONDAY EVENINGS:

Jan 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 2019

7-9 pm

Ave Maria Center, St Joseph Room

For more information contact Tom Ruck at tomruckstl@gmail.com or 281 242-4750, or visit stlaurence.org/remembering

JAN 11-12: SONJA CORBITT RETURNS TO ST. LAURENCE

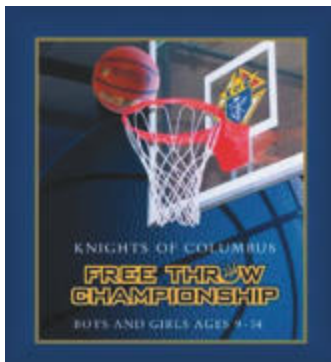
Register now for a great seminar featuring popular Catholic speaker Sonja Corbitt! This dynamic presenter will give two talks on Friday evening, January 11 (7-9pm) and four talks on Saturday, January 12 (10am-3pm). One \$30 registration fee is good for all six talks, plus lunch on Saturday. Sonja Corbitt is a Catholic Scripture teacher with a gift for storytelling; she is an author, speaker, and radio host who has produced several high-impact, uplifting Bible studies, including *Unleashed*, *Soul of the World*, *Fearless*, *Ignite*, and her most recent, *Fulfilled - Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism*. Come and let this self-proclaimed "bible evangelista" unlock in you a deeper understanding and love of Scripture! This seminar is expected to sellout, so register early at stlaurence.org/fulfilledseminar. Childcare is available by registering in advance.

JAN 19: CARDINAL DINARDO CELEBRATES SANTO NIÑO

All are welcome to the Filipino celebration of Santo Niño the morning of Saturday, January 19. St. Laurence will host the Mass this year and Cardinal DiNardo will be the celebrant. Be in the church by 9:15am for the Rosary, followed by a traditional procession at 10:00am, and Mass at 11:00am. All are asked to wear red and are welcome to bring your statue of the Santo Niño (Holy Child Jesus) for the procession. After Mass, there will be a reception in the school gym. For more details, please contact Margie Calo at 281-980-4711.

FEB 9: KC'S HOST FREE THROW COMPETITION

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on Saturday, February 9, at 11:00am in the St. Laurence School Gym. Winners will progress to the District Free Throw Competition, which will be held at 1:00pm, immediately follow the local competition. The KC Free Throw Championship is an annual event, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls, 9 to 14 years old, are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year, more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. All contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Get more info and the registration form at stlaurence.org/kc11343.



YOUNG ADULTS: CAFÉ CATHOLICA-NORTH 2019

Café Catholica is expanding with a new series hosted in four parishes on the North side of Houston. Café Catholica-North, "Be Bold, Be Authentic, Belong" is a dinner-lecture series open to young adults (ages 18-39) featuring dynamic speakers, prayer, dinner, and socializing. Confession at 5:15 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:45 p.m., and Talk at 7:30 p.m. Come for all or part of the evening! For more information contact the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry at 713-741-8778, yacm@archgh.org, or visit us on the web at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica

January 7: Dr. Alex Gotay "Be a Missionary in the Modern World"
at Sacred Heart, 109 N. Frazier St., Conroe

January 21: Amistad Houston Panel "Be Present to Those in the Shadows"
at Sts. Simon and Jude, 26777 Glen Loch Dr., Woodlands

February 4: Michaela Barta "Be Loved" at St. Ignatius, 7810 Cypresswood Dr., Spring

February 18: Dr. Joe Magee "Beyond My Personal Faith"
at Christ the Redeemer, 11507 Huffmeister Rd., Houston



NEW YEARS DAY Solemnity of Mary TUESDAY, JAN 1

A Holy Day of Obligation

MON DEC 31 5:00PM VIGIL

11PM ADORATION & MIDNIGHT MASS

TUE 8:00AM, 10:00AM, & 12:00PM

In the Church

HOLIDAY HOURS HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CLERGY & STAFF OF ST. LAURENCE!

Our offices will be closed
Saturday, Dec 29
Monday, Dec 31 - Tuesday, Jan 1,
for New Years

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Thank you for your generosity in donating to the Christmas Flower Fund! See the list of the names of your loved ones in whose honor and memory these donations were made.

stlaurence.org/christmas-flower-donations

RAY'S OF ENLIGHTENMENT CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, FEB 2, 9AM-5PM

Conference includes international speakers, praise & worship music, prayer ministry, Mass and Adoration. Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, register at CTRCC.COM/RAYS-RSVP or contact Sally Flowers, sallyjoflowers@comcast.net, 281-265-8360

Serving Others

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY!



Mireya Graniel Siegfried and Ladies of Our Lady of Guadalupe. "I want to extend my gratitude to the Social Concerns Ministry for giving us the opportunity to help those in need. We feel blessed to be able to contribute every year as we gather to celebrate Our Beloved Mother".



CMCTBS preparing breakfast for Bethel Church members



St. Laurence teen volunteers



Cookie decorating fun



Presents from Santa



Thank you, CMCTBS for blessing the Bethel children

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

JAN 4 – 6: RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT,

a Catholic spiritual retreat for women and men suffering from a past abortion. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. For more information or to register please call (713)741.8728 or Email at jkfritsch@archgh.org

JAN 26: RALLY FOR LIFE

Texas Rally for Life in Austin, Saturday, Jan 26. Ride in comfort in a bus from St. Dominic's Center in Houston. Attend pro-life Mass with Cardinal DiNardo at St. Bartholomew Church in Katy, then leave for Austin. Cost is \$25 a person, and lunch will be provided. Hear inspiring speakers and be a part of a big pro-life crowd! Be home by about 7 pm. See St. Laurence Respect Life Calendar for a link to registration. Several parishes are also sponsoring buses. Please register early!



PLEASE PRAY: for the parents who are tempted by abortion, that they will find the grace, courage and support they need to resist the pressure they may be facing and choose life for their children.

Please pray: for the women who have been wounded by abortion, that they come to a sincere repentance and know the forgiveness and healing of Jesus.

Please pray: for the conversion of doctors and others in the abortion industry, and for those who are politically active in promoting abortion rights.

Please pray: that 2019 will bring significant progress toward the ending of abortion in our nation and the world.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

VOLUNTEER AT TRINI'S MARKET AT MGCC

Volunteers are needed to work in the food pantry at Mamie George Community Center on Wednesday afternoons (1-4pm), Thursday mornings (9am-12pm), and Thursday afternoons (1-4pm).

Volunteers will need to fill out an application online, attend an orientation, and pass a background check before they can begin volunteering. For more information, please contact Dottie Bateman at dbateman@catholiccharities.org.



Volunteers applications are available online at: <https://catholiccharities.org/what-you-can-do/volunteer/fortbend/>

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

Loving Creations: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the SCM Workroom, 10:00am-Noon, to provide handcrafted items for adults and children hospital patients

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**
- new/gently used children's books & small fleece blankets for **CHILDREN IN SHELTERS**
- Sunday Coupon inserts for **COUPONS FOR A CAUSE** program; drop off in parish office or the Hospitality Desk in the church
- Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, disinfectant spray cleaners for **PEOPLE IN CRISIS**.

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL



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

URGENT NEED for adorers at these times:
Sundays, 1pm to 2pm, Sundays, noon to 1pm
Saturdays, 4pm to 5pm
And we also need a second adorer for 37 other hours

**Christmas break will be Thursday, Dec 20, 9pm
until Monday, Jan 7, at 8am after Mass.**

Please check online:
stlaurence.org/adoration or
pick up a card on the table in the
chapel foyer for a list of days and
times available and prayerfully
consider the hours listed
Contact Fran Magelssen at
adoration@stlaurence.org
281-224-6122

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

"WALKING THROUGH GRIEF"

WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP providing: Tools,
Information and Discussion as well as Compassionate Support

Our program uses the foremost authorities in the field of grief and loss. They share their wit and wisdom as well as compassion, knowledge and understanding, which comes from personal experiences, formal education and practice.

No Cost - no prerequisites or requirements.

This is an ongoing and continuing program - you are welcome to just come!

Our participants get information from the leading minds in the field and an opportunity for discussion with the compassionate members of this group who will walk the journey with you! Everyone grieves in their own way and in their own time. Whether your loss is recent or in the past we encourage you to come! We meet every week!

Tue. evenings, 6:30pm, Ave Maria Center St. Clare Rm.

Wed. mornings, 10:00am Ave Maria Center St. Clare Rm.

Whether your loss is recent or in the past we will walk the grief journey with you! We are a group of compassionate lay people who also have experienced the death of someone we dearly loved.

No one should grieve alone! For more information please contact:

Sandy Barber: 281-633-9090 H, 832-451-9117 C

email: help2grieve@hotmail.com

LAY APOSTLE PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group gathers on the first Monday each month to pray the Luminous Mysteries and to study messages as given to Anne, a lay apostle

Morning and evening options

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

CONTACT: Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939 | kquenan@me.com

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

JAN 5-6, 2019 (Saturday –Sunday) "Gathering in the Upper Room: An Interlude with God"

Retreat for single women ages 18 and older who are interested in religious life. What a nice way to spend a weekend – input on discernment, private prayer and reflection, sharing with other women and Sisters, plus Mass and lunch together. Free Event. Retreat begins Saturday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. Registration: www.houstonvocations.com/upper-room, 713-652-8239

JAN 15: INSPIRE, PROMOTE & PRAY for VOCATIONS!

Interested in being part of the Vocations Committee? Come to a meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in the St. Francis room. For more information contact Fr. Truong Son in the Parish Office 281-980-9812 or email him tnguyen@stlaurence.org

MINISTERIO HISPANO

JAN 12 & 26: 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. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

ST. LAURENCE SINGLES GROUP

Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 pm Planning meeting at Kathy's house. Address will be given to those that RSVP. Come join us to give your suggestions on what you would like to do!

The St. Laurence Singles Ministry serves adults of all ages who are widowed, divorced, separated or never married. We gather together in spiritual and social activities in a safe and friendly environment to develop friendships and have fun! We also occasionally do service projects to help our Parish. For questions or more info email: st.laurencesingles@gmail.com
www.stlaurence.org/adultsingles

JAN 3: MARIAN CONSECRATION



Marian Consecration is a practice that has existed for centuries, an act of resignation to the will of the Blessed Mother, which is aligned with the will of God,

allowing her to form us into disciples and imitators of Christ. It requires prayer, discernment and devotion. A 6-week preparation for Marian Consecration on the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb 11) will begin the first week in January. Weekly classes are offered on Thursday evenings (7:00-8:30pm) starting January 3, or on Tuesday afternoons (1:00-2:30pm) starting January 8. For info and to register for the classes, please contact Anne Marie Daniel, adaniel@stlaurence.org, 281-265-5774.

JAN 9: DIVORCECARE AT ST. LAURENCE

Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. The group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable DivorceCare resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in the St. Francis room in the Ave Maria Center. If interested, contact Janie Picou at jpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

2019 SESSION BEGINS:

January 9 - What's Happening To Me
January 16 - The Road to Healing Finding Help
January 23 - Facing My Anger
January 30 - Facing My Depression

JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

You are invited to join the JOY Club. 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. Join us at these upcoming events and contact Anne Higgins at nannyhiggs@gmail.com, 832-755-5597.

MON, JAN 7, 11am-1pm Float into the New Year in the Ave Maria Center. Bring a brown bag lunch. Ice cream float and games.

FRIDAY JAN 25, Holocaust Museum fieldtrip, meet at Ave Maria Center at 9:00am to carpool to museum.

HOPE - GRIEF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Thursday, January 10, 2019 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease) is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving also utilized by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Consider attending if you have lost a loved one due to a sudden, tragic death or from a long term illness, either recently or in the past. Led by a hospice-trained facilitator, the group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call Annette Bisanz 281-980-1449 or Kathy Heinemann 281-468-0738.

JAN 10: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

St. Laurence Cancer Support Ministry will have their first meeting of 2019 Thursday, January 10, 10-11:30am in the St. Claire Room at the Ave Maria Center. We will have a guest speaker from CanCare to explain how this unique program works matching up patients and their caregivers with survivors of the same type of cancer for support, empathy and hope. We invite all cancer patients and survivors, their caregivers and friends to join us for this meeting and learn more about this valuable program. Please call Mariann Licato, 281-778-6356 - if you have any questions.



WHO WE ARE

WE THE PEOPLE OF **ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
ARE CENTERED IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD IN ALL WE DO.

How we carry out our Mission

At **St. Laurence Catholic Church**, we respond to Jesus who calls us to love God and our neighbor. As a member of this faith community, I strive to:

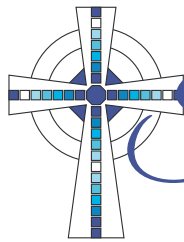
LOVE by showing respect, mercy and compassion to all

CONNECT with others in a meaningful way

GROW closer to God through prayer, Sunday Mass and the Sacraments

LEARN about my Faith and share it with others

Filled with the **Holy Spirit**, I will be a **grateful** and **supportive** member of the **Body of Christ**.



St. Laurence

Welcomes the following newest members of our parish family...

Lynda Abney

Marianne & Brian Alfaro

Gabriel & Nathalie Cadengo

Jacob & Evelyn Caruncho

William Cowan

James & Whitney Cueva

Grace Curran

Angel & Barbra Espinosa

Daniel & Ana Glaze

Mark & Dawn Gurgone

Scott & Jane Lu Huang

William & Christine Tran Huynh

Johnny & Farrah Serra Infante

Michael & Megan Jones

Joby Joseph

Tyler & Brittany Kleinpeter

Piojuan Lansangan & Jacqueline Nguyen

Gerald & Trinh Le Boeuf

Rafaella Leitao

Kyle Liner

Jordan Mahalitc

Kelly May

Ramiro & Paola Vazquez Morales

Christopher Mouton

Khanh & Tu To Nguyen

Uchenna Okezie Okoye

& Christine Adaeze Nwoha

Bradley & Marisabel Pachuilo

Ellen Purcell

Eric & Julie Ramsower

Timothy & Judy Rivera

Miguel Rodriguez & Angelica Avellaneda

Paul & Laura Romano, Sr.

Saba M. & Vanda Saba

Scott & Lisa Sette

Alexander & Jasmin Stanford

Ryan & Monica Sulit

Byjorn & Hazel Castillo Sustento

Eric & Lauren Tisius

Mike & Suzutte Torres

Catherine Tran

Ekaluck & Christina Vachiratevanurak

James Frank & Patty Wedemeier

Anna Yankow

Chase & Brittany Zalman

Welcome to St. Laurence!

We welcome these new families to our parish!
Have you been thinking about joining, too?

St. Laurence is a parish of **7,700 families**, centered in the love of Christ and dedicated to glorifying God in all we do. To join our parish, simply pick up a New Parishioner form from the Hospitality Desk and place in the offertory basket, submit at the Hospitality Desk, or bring to the parish office. Then browse this bulletin and visit our parish website to learn how you can “serve the Lord with gladness” in one of our many parish groups and ministries at St. Laurence. **Welcome!**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptism	Barb Roy 281-265-5774 x5371
Confirmation (Teens)	Daniel Glaze 281-265-5774
Confirmation (Adults)	Mary Visser 281-265-5774
First Holy Communion	Melissa Calcote 281-265-5774
First Reconciliation	Melissa Calcote 281-265-5774
Marriage Preparation	Rosemary Mascarenhas 281-980-9812
Marriage Sponsor Couples	Sharon & John Harry 281-980-8090
RCIA (Becoming Catholic)	Justin Frato 281-265-5774

FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

A.C.T.S. Retreat	Angela Coady 314-255-4191
Adult Faith Formation	Justin Frato 281-265-5774
EDGE (Middle School)	Maureen Bass 281-265-5774
Elementary CCE	Joan Hastreiter 281-265-5774
Preschool CCE	Cindy Martin 281-265-5774
Family Faith	Melissa Calcote 281-265-5774
Life Teen (High School)	Eric Painter 281-265-5774
Natural Family Planning	Jacob/Jillian Counts 281-300-3704
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