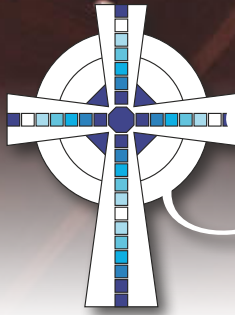


JULY 14, 2019 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

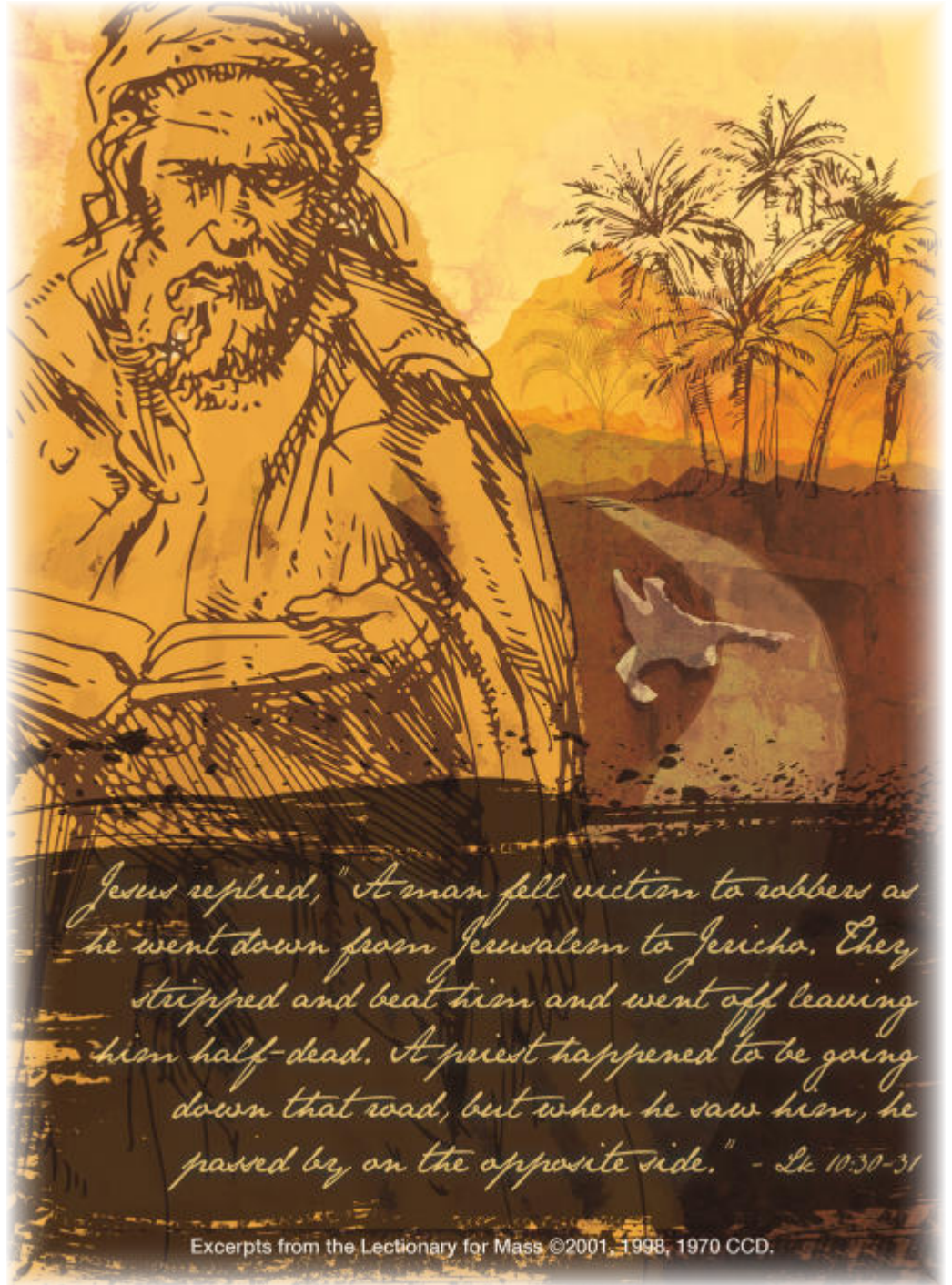
Aug 2 — *In the Chapel*
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Aug 3 — *In the Church*
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

July 27: *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



Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side." - Lk 10:30-31

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281-980-9812

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OUR MISSION:

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

PARISH OFFICE & COURTYARD

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

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday 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

Pray: Forgive me, Father, for the apathy I showed in so many suffering situations. I repent of this and I commit myself to seek strength in Your love and mercy and to get involved wherever I see pain and need. **Amen.**

ENOUGH LOVE TO HEAL THE WORLD

The opposite of love is not hate. It's apathy: ignoring a need, not caring, and doing nothing when there is something we can do to relieve suffering. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus gives us the Parable of the Good Samaritan to explain that if we love God with our whole heart, our whole being, our whole strength, and our whole mind, we naturally care about other people, even those who are strangers, even those whom we're "not supposed to" like, and even when it costs us something personally.

Many of the problems that exist in our world today are allowed to continue because too many of us Christians — we who through Christ have the power to change the world — do not care enough to sacrifice our time and personal agendas to get involved. Much of the suffering that's endured in our families and workplaces and parishes would be stopped or relieved if enough Christians loved God enough to care about others enough to risk the cost of intervening.

How much do you love God? The answer lies in how much you're willing to sacrifice for the sake of loving others, which is the definition of love that Jesus taught us with this parable and with his life.

None of us love God perfectly yet. Purgatory will be a time of painfully regretting our lack of love, while eagerly improving our love for others so we can enter into the fullness of God's love in heaven. Until then, we have daily opportunities, here and now, to purify our lives less painfully. Daily we're given tests to improve how well we love others.

So daily ask the Holy Spirit, your teacher, your empowerer, your source of holiness, to help you become more like Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love all others as Christ loves them.

By doing this spiritual exercise consistently, you will receive a new joy and an enlivened passion in dealing with others. You will feel greater love for God and you will experience his love for you much more intimately.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Whom do you pass by and ignore when you see suffering? Is there anyone you've recently walked away from because you didn't want to give up something (perhaps your time, pride, prejudice, feeling of inadequacy, resentment or unforgiveness)? Take it to the Sacrament of Confession to receive God's grace and help in loving others more fully.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name a "Good Samaritan" you know or have read about. What did this person give up to serve others? How do such people find the ability to love so well? Describe a situation you've witnessed where apathy has contributed to someone's suffering. How could love make a difference?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JULY

SUNDAY (#1136 in your Gather Book)

14

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading DT 30:10-14
Second Reading COL 1:15-20
Gospel LK 10:25-37

MONDAY

15

First Reading EX 1:8-14, 22
Gospel MT 10:34—11:1

TUESDAY

16

First Reading EX 2:1-15A
Gospel MT 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

17

First Reading EX 3:1-6, 9-12
Gospel MT 11:25-27

THURSDAY

18

First Reading EX 3:13-20
Gospel MT 11:28-30

FRIDAY

19

First Reading EX 11:10—12:14
Gospel MT 12:1-8

SATURDAY

20

First Reading EX 12:37-42
Gospel MT 12:14-21

SUNDAY

21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading GN 18:1-10A
Second Reading COL 1:24-28
Gospel LK 10:38-42

PRAYING THE NEWS | JULY 14, 2019

*"It is not up in the sky, that you should say,
'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us...?'"*

DEUTERONOMY 30:12

○ God, we are grateful that you are not remote, but are constantly speaking to our hearts, if we listen. But we thank you too for the wonders of the sky and outer space - reminders of your infinite greatness. May the 50th anniversary of man's walk on the moon be one of humble wonder and joy that you enable your creatures to explore the heavens. **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, Cindy 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, Glenn Haller, Angelina Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Ursula Henry, Anne Higgins, Jim Hofmann, Rose Holbrooke, James Hrebenar, Shanthy Jayaprakash, Regina Johnson, Paul Joseph, Brian Judice, John Judice, Helen Kaiser, Sylvia Kauffman, Edwin Klaiber, Wade Kisner, Christine Kingerski, Cindy Kral, Charles Kramer, Donna La Magna, Tony Miscio, Mary Lavine, Chris Larkins, Mike Lojo, Daymond Mayhall, Beverly Marcellus, Russ Marcellus, Tony Miscio, Anna Mathew, Marina Monroy, Jim Murray, Patrick Navidad, Paul Vung Nguyen, Patrick Novia, Justino Ramos, Fr. Roy Oggero, Robert O'Neil, Sandra Ortiz, Meena Outlaw, Charles Pierson, Lauren Popeney, Rose Marie Prevott, Scott Rando, Angela Rankin, Frances Revelt, Melanie Robb, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Ivonne Ruiz, Provi Sabido, Gil Saenz, Kathleen Schroeder, Rebecca Schlosser, Scotty Scott, Joan Sherman, June Sherman, Nigel Smith, Sandy Smith, Steve Spaulding, Justin Stout, Adrianne 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.

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Isabella Flores, Adrian Zaldivar, Johnny Sanchez, Kristin Funderburg, Sonia Aguilar, Erika Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Jessica Ayala, James Brotherton, Florentino Oneyda Vasquez & Family, Michael John Simon & Family, Jeffrey & Laura Arrington, Tommy Dooley, Denise Joslyn, Chelsea George Jason Kelly & Family, Hector & Brenda Olivas, Eric Harwood, Sandra Guerra, James Brown, & Family, Brandi Grainger, Amber Patterson & Family, Tesla Sarvaunt, Jimmie & Jackie Fitzgerald, Chaplain Mitchel, Don Palacio, James Gentry & Family, Michael Wade, Melanie Layland, Nancy Denton, Charlotte Warton, Sheri Smith, Fr. Christopher Stanbrook, Saturnino Guterrez Sr., Marcos Guterrez, Daniel Newman, Ronnie & Debbie Newman, Rick & Laurie John, Fernando Zapata, Eva Zapata & Family. *Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (7/8/19).*

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*
LTC. 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*
Maj. 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*
LCpl Aaron Fox, *USMC*
PVT Jahneil Xavier George, *US Army*
SFC Philip Graham, *US Army*
LCpl Eric Gurnell, *USMC*
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*
EM4 James Locus, *US Navy*
SSG Philip Loera, *US Army*
PFC John Lundgren, *US Army*
ILT Anthony Marich, *US Army*
Amn Joseph Marcellus, *USAF*
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*
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, *US Army*
2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, *US Army*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 13

5:00pm – A.T. Mora (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 14

7:15am – Special Intention (I)

9:00am – Charlotte Lombardo (D)

11:00am – Herb Appel (D)

12:45pm – Linda Casey (D)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 15

7:30am – Serafin Nepomuceno (D)

12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

TUESDAY, JULY 16

7:30am – Timi Beeler (D)

12:00pm – Charles Escriva (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

7:30am – Felix & Heidi Family (I)

6:30pm – Clara Dwyer (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 18

7:30am – Gladys Granados (D)

12:00pm – Evangelista & Galo Elbit (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:15am – John Muniz (D)

12:00pm – Mr. & Mrs. Parado (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:30am – Georgina Martinez (D)

5:00pm – Mr. & Mrs. Jose Altamirano (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

7:15am – Juana & Tito Vicerra (D)

9:00am – Wanda & Van Joslin (D)

11:00am – Emeka C.Y. Umeh (D)

12:45pm – Edwin Gaviria (D)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Adrian Annicchiarico, Collin Brown, Leah Burrhus, Tim Cullen, Billy Dodd, Chad Henry, Christopher Meyer, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Margaret Uche

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

URGENT NEED: HELP REQUESTED BY DIOCESE OF LAREDO

Each day, Catholic Charities is receiving nearly 250 immigrants who are seeking asylum and crossing the border legally in Laredo. Adult volunteers are needed to help take phone calls, buy bus tickets, welcome people, help in the kitchen and sort donations. They are asking for groups (a minimum of 5 people and a max of 15) to volunteer for at least 3 days. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and be VIRTUS or Safe Haven trained. Spanish speakers especially needed. For details and to learn how you can help with this crisis, please contact Pennie DeGroot, Social Concerns Ministry Director, at 281-980-9812, pdegroot@stlaurence.org.

AUG 5: CHRISTUS VIVIT WORKSHOP ON YOUTH VOCATIONS

A free workshop will be offered to clergy, young adult ministers and all who connect with young people in ministry on Monday, August 5, 10:00am-2:30pm, at the St. Dominic Chancery Auditorium on Holcombe. Christus Vivit: Unpacking the Apostolic Exhortation Christ is Alive will help participants to re-imagine how we as Church can better accompany youth and young adults in discerning their vocation. Advance registration is required before August 1, at archgh.org/yacm. If you are interested in attending with others from St. Laurence, please contact Nia Sepe at 281-980-9812, nsepe@stlaurence.org.

THURSDAYS: SUPPORT GROUP FOR TEENAGE GIRLS

A new support group for teenage girls to aid with depression has been formed by Gratia Plena. Joan's Girls Group (named after St. Joan of Arc) is a 6-week program on self-esteem, coping skills, communication, social media, and other relevant and timely issues. Summer sessions are at 2:00pm each Thursday at St. John Fisher Parish in Richmond, led by Lauren Novak (LMFT-Associate) and Anne Schwebel (counseling grad student from Divine Mercy University). Please contact Gratia Plena at 832-532-0129 for program details, cost info and to register.

AUG 11: BLESSING OF SAN JOSÉ CLINIC IN ROSENBERG

Cardinal DiNardo will preside at a Mass and Blessing of the new San José Clinic in Rosenberg on Sunday, August 11. For nearly 100 years, the San José Clinic has provided quality healthcare and education to individuals and families in the Greater Houston area who struggle the most with accessing care. This new clinic, located on the property of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 514 Carlisle Street in Rosenberg, will expand this critical service to Fort Bend County. A celebratory Mass will be held at 9:00am, followed immediately by the blessing of the new clinic and reception. Please RSVP at dorcasross@sanjoseclinic.org.

The new clinic is in need of skilled medical professionals. Retired physicians, practicing physicians and other healthcare providers who have the time and compassion to volunteer to meet the health care needs of the underserved are encouraged to contact Paula Marafino, Volunteer Provider Recruitment, at 713-490-2614 or paulamarafino@sanjoseclinic.org. The clinic is scheduled to open in early September on the grounds of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Rosenberg.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

JULY 7 COLLECTION	\$51,206
Registered Households	7,698
Envelopes Used	637
Loose Checks	155
JUNE 30 COLLECTION	\$47,531
Envelopes Used	595
Loose Checks	150
2ND COLLECTION <i>Peter's Pence</i>	\$10,935
ONLINE GIVING	
Monthly Offertory	\$206,782
Participants	1,088
DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND	
2019 Parish Goal	\$495,000
Total Amount Paid	\$295,063
2019 Total Amount Pledged	\$346,910
Participants	709

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: July 29

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 Class: August 10

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

BAPTISMS

Caden Ray Carr, Gemma Beth Hart, Jason Onakhe Iluore, Evan Martin Lucher, Makayla Anne Quiroz, Braxton Neil Torrellas, Tristan Clay Tucker.

FAITH DIRECT ON-LINE GIVING



Summer is a time for planning and for doing. How we will spend our Memorial Day cookouts, our children's activities, our summer travel. But have you planned your giving to St. Laurence Catholic Church and have you acted on this plan?

By enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct you can plan your giving through the summer so your gifts will reach St. Laurence Catholic Church even when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faith.direct/TX460.



However you choose to give, cash, check or eGiving, thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Family, Children & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Registration for Elementary CCE is ongoing now through August 1. Please check out the Religious Education webpage, www.stlaurence.org/registration, for session times/days and to download registration forms. Elementary (K-5) classes will begin on Tues/Weds September 10/11 and Preschool classes on Sunday September 15, for all registered children. Questions? Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org for Elementary or Cindy Martin for Preschool and Kindergarten at cindymartin@stlaurence.org

Summer Faith Challenge: Want to have your kids play some online faith-based games? Check out the Our Sunday Visitor website at <http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family> and choose interactive games by grade level or, check out the games, videos and activities from EWTN at <http://www.ewtn.com/ewtnkids/home.asp>. This is a great way for your children to review what they learned in CCE this past year or preview what's to come!

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION
FROM CRIB THROUGH
5 YEARS**



20 YEARS



WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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Weekday Children's Program now accepting applications for full and part time infant and toddler teachers and assistants.

Looking for a part time program for your preschooler?

St. Laurence Weekday Children's Program located in the Ave Maria Center has a few openings in the Part Time 2 day program. Children ages 3 years and 4 years may enroll in this Tuesday and Thursday program with meets for 9:00am-1:30pm. Families interested in enrolling my call the registrar, Christine Novia, at 281-313-0329. Program Tours age given on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am

stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

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

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OUR MISSION

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.

SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY
We have limited spaces available

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00pm
Fridays, 9am- 12:00pm

Regular Office Hours Resume August 5, 7:45am - 4:00pm

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for some dedicated, faith-filled people who are interested in serving our students as teachers for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in job opportunities at your parish school, please apply at www.choosecatholicchools.org. We have an opening for a middle school religion and part-time band teacher at this time.

We also have openings for Substitutes, Before/After School Care and coaching positions. Coaching positions we need for fall are Cross Country, Volleyball, and Basketball. If interested in after school or coaching positions, contact Mrs. Brown at bbrown@stlaurence.org



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

 @ St. Laurence Young Adults
www.stlaurence.org/ya

JULY 18 - AUGUST 8: DIVE DEEPER

THURSDAYS, 7:00-8:30pm

A FOCUS Led Bible Study for College

Students. Encounter Christ in deeper way. Every Thursday from 7:00-8:30pm. Sessions in Youth Hall at the Ave Maria Center most Thursdays.

BLESSED IS SHE WOMEN'S GROUP

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

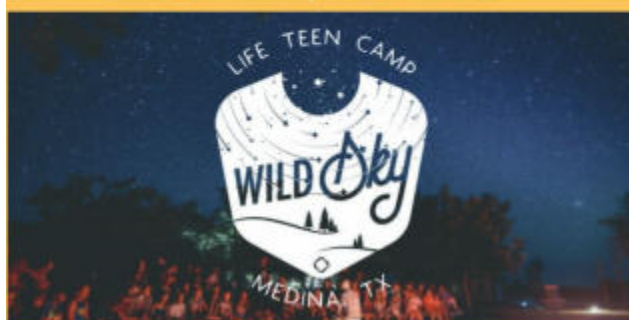
For any young adult woman in her 20s or 30s (single, dating, engaged, or married). Two Saturdays a month, we meet for a potluck brunch to eat, chat and pray together from 10am-12pm. Bring a brunch dish to share & your bible. Next brunch info & meeting location: Email Flo Francis at francis.florence6@gmail.com



CAMP WILD SKY

AUGUST 5TH-10TH 2019

MEDINA, TEXAS



CAMP WILD SKY IN MEDINA, TX

August 5-10, *Fun, Faith, Fellowship & Sacraments*
\$750 per teen, *For those entering 6-8th grade*

JULY

15-19th - Jr. High Camp (JHC)

31st - Movie Night in Youth Hall

AUGUST

5-10th - Camp Wild Sky

ST. LAURENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us in fellowship and prayer this summer. Registration must be complete in order to attend each event. All forms and information can be found online at stlaurence.org/edge. Questions? Email mbass@stlaurence.org

FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS

"God comes to you disguised as your life."

— Paula D'Arcy



LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

Life Teen is our main outreach to all 9th-12th grade students and our mission is simple: to lead teens closer to Christ. Through teaching, discipleship, prayer, social events, and service, we hope to build up the kingdom of God one teen at a time. For more information on summer activities head to stlaurence.org/lifeteen

SUMMER LIFE TEEN

All Life Teen events are open to all high school students, including incoming freshman and graduated seniors. Join us for any of the below events! Bring a friend!

JULY 23, 30: DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Community, food, and a bible study. Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Hall.

JULY 14, 21, 28: LIFE NIGHTS

A summer youth night series. Sunday evenings in July from 6:15-8:15pm in the Youth Hall. Join us for 5pm Mass in the Church.

JULY 22, 29: MASS & OPEN YOUTH HALL

Noon Mass in the Church and then Open Youth Hall from 1-3pm on Mondays in July.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2019/2020

Now is the time to register your children for all Religious Education (elementary CCE, Family Faith, Edge, Life Teen) for the 2019/2020 school year! Deadline to register is August 1st. Head to www.stlaurence.org/registration or stop by the Ave Maria Center for more info.

LEAD TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST

Life Teen is looking for adults who love Jesus and have a desire to pass on their faith to the young church. If you are interested or simply have questions, please contact Eric at epainter@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774.

ATTENDING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY THIS FALL?

Howdy! Will you or someone you know be a freshman at Texas A&M University or Blinn College this fall? If so, St. Mary's Catholic Center invites you to attend our Connect Retreat! Connect is a retreat held just for incoming freshmen before school starts in August. It is a great way to meet other Catholic freshmen and to learn about growing in your faith while in college. For more information and to register, please visit www.stmarysconnect.com. Gig'em and God Bless!

For Adults

Adult FAITH formation

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Informing and Transforming Disciples

St Laurence Kiosk Highlights Marriage & Family



El Anillo Es para Siempre

Amar no es solo un sentimiento, es un compromiso. Estas y otras lecciones de amor se encuentran en este libro de uno de los mas grandes exponentes de la civilizacion del amor.



En Busca de Mi Identidad

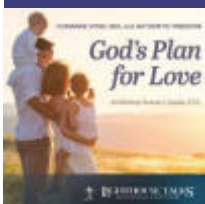
El conocido presentador y autor Hudson Byblow, nos habla sobre su propia experiencia de atracción hacia el mismo sexo e inclinaciones transgénero. En esta charla, invita a experimentar el cumplimiento y la libertad que descubrió cuando se dio cuenta que su identidad más fundamental se encuentra en

Cristo. Escuche a Hudson compartir cómo esta comprensión más profunda de su identidad le ha permitido vivir una vida motivada no tanto por las reglas sino por el amor a Dios y a sí mismo.



Men, Women and the Mystery of Love

In Men, Women and the Mystery of Love, Edward Sri unpacks the contents of St. John Paul II's Love and Responsibility, making it accessible to every reader. He emphasizes the down-to-earth nature of the late pope's work, giving readers actionable advice on issues such as: How to determine if a relationship is one of authentic love or is doomed to failure; The problem of pornography; The meaning of friendship; And how to achieve greater intimacy in marriage.



God's Plan for Love

In anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the encyclical Humanae Vitae, Archbishop Aquila explains how Blessed Pope Paul VI's teaching still serves as a great light amidst a world that is deeply confused about sexual intimacy. He provides valuable insights about how God imbued our sexuality with truths that are reflective of his own

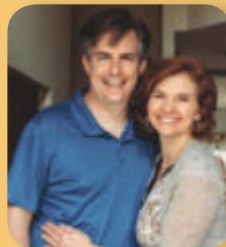
divine love. He challenges Catholics to share the liberating truth of God's plan for sex within marriage and witness this reality as the way of lasting.

Find these and other great materials on our kiosks' in the Church Narthex and the Ave Maria Center lobby.

SAVE THE DATE



the messy family project workshop for couples



**Presenters:
Mike & Alicia Hernon**

**Saturday, Aug 17, 2019
9:15am -3:00 m**

**Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall
More information to follow**

FORMED PICK

Elements of the Catholic Mass

Father Douglas Martis

See the Beauty of the Mass

Each of the 3-5 minute videos in this series is designed to help Catholics better appreciate the depth and meaning of the Mass. Learn the "whys" behind the "whats" of the liturgy.

Watch on formed.org



"An awakening! Very helpful in understanding the depth of where the Mass can and wants to lead us."

—Robert L., Chardon, OH



THE GREATEST BATTLE STORY EVER TOLD

Enter into the cosmic battle that has been raging since the fall of the angels thereby embracing authentic Christian masculinity. Discover a kingdom and battle "not of this world." Encounter practical tools, like praying the Rosary, that aid in spiritual defense and development.



MARK HARTFIEL



Mark Hartfiel serves as the Vice President of Paradisus Dei, a national lay ministry dedicated to helping families discover the superabundance of God in marriage and family life. Mark is the author of *Into Great Freedom*, *The School of Nazareth*, and he and his wife Katie are co-authors of *Totus Tuus: Totally Yours*. Mark, Katie and their four children live in Katy, TX.

JULY 25, 6:30-9PM
MARIAN HALL, AMC

Men, 16 and older, are invited to St. Laurence on Thursday, July 25, for a BBQ dinner and powerful talk delivered by guest speaker Mark Hartfiel. Reserve your spot at stlaurence.org/brosandbrisket.

No Cost, Donations Accepted.



WE'RE ON A MISSION FROM GOD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



This week we highlight our Ministry with Persons with Disabilities. This ministry seeks to serve parishioners who may need special accommodations due to a disability.

The CDC recently reported that 26% of adults in the United States have some type of disability. Almost 8% of the children in the U.S. have a disability. This rise in occurrence is a trend that is predicted to continue. The goal of the Ministry with Persons with Disabilities is to facilitate lifelong faith formation, access to the graces and sacraments of the Church, and total parish participation for every Catholic with physical, behavioral, emotional or cognitive disabilities.

St. Laurence is aware of the growing needs of our parishioners with disabilities and is committed to accommodating parishioners so that they can be active members in our parish. St. Laurence has expanded its religious education offerings to include children and teens of differing abilities. This ministry thrives on the support of the parish community without whom, our work is not possible. Our ministry is made up of concerned individuals from our parish, as well as those with disabilities themselves, and those caring for a child or adult with a disability. God equips those who are called to serve.

If you would like to know more about this growing ministry, please meet with representatives at the Hospitality Desk after Mass or contact them at disabilitiesministry@stlaurence.org.

STEWARDS AMONG US

LAURA CELIS BLACK



I did not choose St. Laurence, St. Laurence chose me. Nothing I had previously experienced prepared me for the amazing outpouring of the Spirit that was the St.

Laurence Life Teen Mass and we joined the parish in 2003. In our previous parish, we had been active in ministry, but when we moved to St. Laurence I became even more involved because the parish was very multicultural and there were a lot more opportunities for service and participation. For newcomers, migrants, and refugees, being part of a ministry can be life-saving. When you serve others, you forget your own troubles, build new relationships, and acquire a new family connected by love, not by blood, partners in the journey. In addition to helping with Youth Ministry, Adoration, Hispanic Ministry, and at Mass as a Lector and Extraordinary Minister, our family started a prayer group for Venezuelans living outside their country, Parroquia Virtual Venezolana. We do this as a family and as a couple, which has helped us grow together. We also do it as a community, with other Venezuelan musicians, sharing our culture and traditions to connect and help people know who we are and where we come from. Life changes, and so will your ministries, so try different things until you find that service where you can share your gifts. Because sharing will make you grow in unexpected ways.



@PONTIFEX

The Bible is not just a beautiful book to keep on a shelf. It is the Word of life be sown, a gift that the Risen Jesus asks us to accept in order to have life in His name.

— Pope Francis
July 1, 2019



Ask Paula

Q.

Why don't you print who is celebrating Mass in the bulletin?

A.

If we let parishioners know which priest is celebrating Mass, then people would go to a particular Mass just because "their favorite" priest is saying it. *And you know that's true.* Take me, for instance. I only go to 7:15am on Sunday. It doesn't matter to me WHICH priest is there. *I do like other people do, and turn around to the baptismal font to see which priest it is, just sayin.* When I first started working here, we used to give out that information. So one day, a parishioner called me on Monday morning, yelling at me 'cause I told her Fr. John was celebrating Mass... and he didn't. *Things change, people.* These guys can change their schedule with one another and the office wouldn't even know about it, right?



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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE **MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

August 8 - 11, 2019

What is ACTS?

Be vigilant at all times
and pray that you have the strength...
to stand before the Son of Man.



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

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



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

PURPOSE

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

GOAL

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

August 8-11, 2019

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

**If you have any questions please contact
Men's Retreat Director: Ruben Alvarez 713-562-2933;
ralvarez05@comcast.net**

FAMILY NIGHT



WHEN

Friday, July 26
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

WHERE

Ave Maria Center

We will spend some time talking about reflections of Mary in the Old Testament and Mary as our Queen in the New Testament.

A MAIN DISH
AND DRINKS
WILL BE
PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING A
SIDE DISH OR
DESSERT TO
SHARE

Contact Melissa
Calcote for more
information at
mcalcote@stlaurence.org

RSVP AT <https://stlaurence.org/family-nights> BY JULY 24

NOW HIRING: PART-TIME YOUNG ADULT MINISTER

Do you love interacting with young adults and want to see them thrive? Do you have good organizational skills? St. Laurence is now hiring a part-time Young Adult Minister to minister with and to our 18-39 year-old parishioners. This position is 20 hours per week to provide strategic support for all young adult programs and events. Two-three years of prior work experience is preferred. Must have excellent communication skills and competency in Microsoft Office Suite. Some evenings and weekends are required. All interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Christine Dunn, Director of Religious Education, cdunn@stlaurence.org.

AUG 8-11: MAKE AN A.C.T.S. RETREAT



An ACTS Retreat for men of the parish is scheduled for August 8-11, 2019. All men 21-and-over, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to attend this life-changing weekend. Registration is open now and spots fill up quickly. You'll leave on Thursday evening and return Sunday morning. This experience will take place at the Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Houston. It's a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends within our parish community. For more information, please contact Ruben Alvarez at 713-562-2933 or ralvarez05@comcast.net.

TODAY: SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2ND COLLECTION

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." LK 10:27



In 1833, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul along with 6 friends. To fund the activities to help the poor, they took a secret collection using a black bag. They passed it from person to person until each one had given their share. Because the Society does not receive DSF funding, Bishop Markovsky allowed us to have our first Black Bag collection in 1970. Forty-nine years later, we continue the tradition of the Black Bag Collection. Please donate to the 49th Annual Black Bag Collection today.

DUE AUGUST 1: REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open now for religious education classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration is required for all programs from age 3 through high school, including Sacrament Preparation classes. No matter the age of your children or where they are in their faith formation, we invite you to commit today to helping them grow as disciples of Christ. Please go to stlaurence.org/registration for information and forms. The deadline to register is August 1, but don't wait! Classes do fill up quickly and the number of classes offered is limited to the number of volunteer catechists available to help. Teaching or assisting in religious education classes is a wonderful way to get involved in the life of this big parish! No experience is necessary, training & materials are provided, and you'll be a visible model of service for your children. Please stop by the Ave Maria Center to learn more or call 281-265-5774.



BRO'S & BRISKET

THURSDAY, JULY 25

6:30-9:00pm

Marian Hall

BBQ Dinner & Speaker

For men only (16-and-older)



ST. LAURENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 27-29

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

STLAURENCE.ORG/WOMENSRETREAT



SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 25, 2020

**Scott Hahn
at St. Laurence**

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1ST



ON THE PLAZA



BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE TODAY

Take a tag on the plaza to donate new school shoes and supplies for Fort Bend children in need.

Thank you!

CHANGING LIVES... ONE NEW PAIR OF SHOES AT A TIME

Beginning in 2001, the St. Laurence Shoe Drive has impacted the lives of more than 7,500 children in need. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of over 700 children this year. The simple gift of a new pair of athletic shoes helps tackle one of the most visible signs of poverty and helps children attend school in comfort and with dignity, better prepared to learn and play. We hear such positive feedback from the participating agencies about how excited and delighted the children are when they open their new shoe boxes.

With your assistance and generosity, we will be able to distribute shoes to the following churches and agencies:



SHOE DRIVE

New Shoes for Children



ABIGAIL'S PLACE

BETHEL MINISTRY

QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (our sister parish)

ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

HICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FORT BEND RAINBOW ROOM

RIO BEND FOSTER CARE COMMUNITY

LOTUS MILITARY PROJECT

FORT BEND CHILD ADVOCATES

ST. LAURENCE VILLAGE FAMILIES

FORT BEND COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

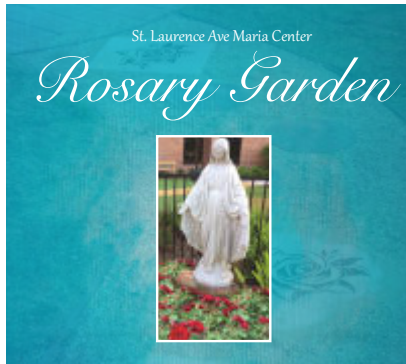
The Shoe Drive tag line continues this weekend. Shoe tags and monetary donation envelopes will be on the plaza after Mass. In addition to the Shoe Drive, please consider helping us provide necessary school supplies to help ensure that children in need in Fort Bend County are prepared to learn and succeed in the classroom. The rising cost of supplies coupled with the number of items requested has made it difficult for many families to purchase the supplies needed. A complete list of all school supplies will be available on our website and on the tagline. All school supply donations will be distributed to children in need at the Fort Bend County Back to School event on Saturday, August 3.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ROSARY FOR THE PREBORN:



Please join members of the Respect Life ministry and the Knights of Columbus today after the 11 am Mass, as we pray a rosary for our preborn brothers and sisters who are in danger from abortion. We meet in the Rosary garden outside the Ave Maria Center. In case of bad weather, we will meet inside in the oratory.

CONTRACEPTION VS. NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:

Do you understand the WHY the church teaches that artificial contraception is wrong? Are you aware of the dangers of hormonal contraception as well as the fact that children can be conceived and then aborted while using it? See the St. Laurence Respect Life web page or check the parish library for brochures about Natural Family Planning and Contraception, and 2 free CDs: "Contraception: Cracking the Myths", and "Prove it, God! ...And He did!". A series of classes on NFP will be offered at St. Laurence on Thursday evenings July 18, Aug 22, and Sep 26. See <http://nfpst.org/> for more information and information about classes at other nearby parishes. You will need to contact the instructor prior to attending.

HEALING RETREAT FOR THOSE SUFFERING AFTER ABORTION:

Experience God's forgiveness and learn to forgive yourself. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats will be offered in English on August 23-25, 2019, and in Spanish on Sep 27-29. For more information or to register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org.

SUMMER OF SERVICE

We have several Summer of Service opportunities coming up in the community and in the SCM workroom. Space is limited, so preregistration will be required. Details for each service project are on Sign Up Genius.

- **July 16, 9-11am**, Lunches of Love packing – Rosenberg
- **July 25, 2-3:30pm**, at Gigi's Playhouse
- **July 30, 1:30-3:30pm**, Shoe Sort in parish hall
- **Aug 6, 9-11am**, School supply sort at Bethel Ministry in Stafford

Register via Sign Up Genius: www.signupgenius.com. Click on the search icon near the upper right corner of the page. Enter the following information in the "SEARCH BY THE SIGN UP CREATOR'S EMAIL": socialconcerns@stlaurence.org. Enter the authentication code. This will bring up a listing of all the service opportunities that are available.

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 4,000 brown bag meals provided each day (during extended school holidays & weekends) to Fort Bend County children in need

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 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 ISAAH 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



"To be near God is my happiness" Psalm 73

MAKE A DATE WITH GOD

The first commandment is to love God. What better way to love God than to spend time with Him in the chapel. There are 40 hours available to be near God. Please check online at stlaurence.org/adoration for needed hours or pickup a card at the chapel. Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-224-6122.

God is waiting for you every day from 5am to 9pm. Just drop in. A code is provided to committed adorers to access the chapel 24 hrs a day.

URGENT NEED FOR ADORERS:

Saturdays, 7am to 8am and Saturdays, noon to 1pm

Second Adorer needed for 46 other hours

ADULT SINGLES GROUP

TUES., JULY 16, 11:30am Lunch Bunch

This month at Cheesecake Factory, First Colony Mall. Sue Hopkins will be hosting the lunches at various restaurants in Sugar Land. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. to try and beat the noon rush.

TUES., JULY 23, 7:00pm Monthly Business/Planning Meeting

Join us for our monthly business/planning meeting in the Trinity Room, just off the parish courtyard. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and provide feedback regarding our upcoming events.

SUN., JULY 28, 9:00am Mass at St. Laurence & brunch at Eggcellence Café. For mass, we sit in the elevated seats by the choir. Eggcellence Cafe is located at William's Trace, near Chili's and Freebirds.

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 Get all the details at stlaurence.org/adultsingles

JULY 19: LOVING SENIORS MEETING



LOVING SENIORS. A ministry that welcomes seniors with mobility issues and/or early dementia, to grow in fellowship with others who share similar challenges, enjoy activities that promote their well-being, engage in service projects to benefit others, and to provide free time for their loved ones/caregivers.

Contact us for an initial meeting! Julie Koeppen, 713-320-7498, mjkoeppen@comcast.net or Fe Vicerra, 713-248-1164, bertandfevicerra@yahoo.com

AUG 9: TEACHINGS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT & GIFTS

Deacon Rey will continue teachings on the Holy Spirit and Gifts on every 2nd & 3rd Friday of each month — starting in August through November. Meetings are in the Chapel of the Divine Mercy, 7:00pm - 9:00 pm. Next teachings are on Aug 9, 16 and 23 and Sept 13 & 20. Additional dates and classes will be announced. Everyone is welcome! For questions call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Margie Calo at 281-980-4711.



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, at the Ave Maria Center. Contact Anne Higgins nannyhiggs@gmail.com, 832-755-5597.

Mon, Aug. 5: Social Concerns Service Project

In the Ave Maria Center, 11am to 1pm. Please bring a 2 liter bottle of your favorite lunchtime drink. Brown bag lunch.

Tues, Aug. 20: Mass, 12pm and lunch.

Mon, Sept. 9, 11am to 1pm: Brookdale Cooking Demo. Ave Maria Center...

Thurs. Sept. 26: Field trip to CANDYTOPIA (details to follow Aug. 5th meeting).

DIVORCECARE BEGINS IN AUGUST

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. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in the St. Francis room in the AMC. If interested, contact Janie Picou at jpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare



A NEW SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 28TH

SIGN UP NOW! ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Are you a member of St. Laurence Parish, in Grade 5-12, who feels a call to serve at Mass? Sign up now for the annual training to become an Altar Server! Orientation night will be Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-7:30pm. To be a part of this important ministry you must feel the call to serve at the Altar, have made your First Communion, be at least 10 years old (in 5th grade for 2019-20 school year), and understand the privilege and responsibility of being an Altar Server. If you, along with your parents, feel this is right for you and your family, register now and plan to attend orientation night as well as the following training days:

Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-7:30pm - Orientation Night

Tuesday, August 27, 7:00-9:00pm OR

Tuesday, September 10, 7:00-9:00pm (select one)

Saturday, September 14, 9:00-11:00am

Altar Servers are expected to serve at least once a month at weekend Masses and attend additional training and rehearsals for other special liturgical celebrations. For more details about this ministry and to register, visit stlaurence.org/altar-servers and complete the form. You may also email altarservers@stlaurence.org for more information. Please note, class size is limited by grade level, so register ASAP.

LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church whose purpose is to give glory to God through prayer and service. Meets once a week for prayer and discussion on Tuesdays, 7:00-

8:30pm, in the Corpus Christi Rm. CONTACT: Maria Argao, 281-221-8228, rmargao1954@gmail.com

JUL 25: HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION, on the 4th Thursday of each month, in the Chapel of Divine Mercy.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

JULY 27: 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.



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.

cafe catholica

JOIN HUNDREDS OF YOUNG ADULTS!



Friends.Fellowship.Faith.

5:15 PM: CONFESSION | 6:15 PM: MASS | 7:15 PM: DINNER | 8:15 PM: TALK
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1801 SAGE ROAD, HOUSTON, TX 77056



Give Me Crazy Love:
Your Body and God's Plans



The Struggle is Real:
Continual Conversion



Beauty Ever
Ancient, Ever New



Millennial Wisdom
from the Church Fathers



DONATIONS ACCEPTED
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED TO ATTEND



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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	Paul Fontenot 281-725-0794
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
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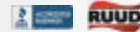
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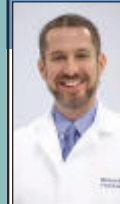
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