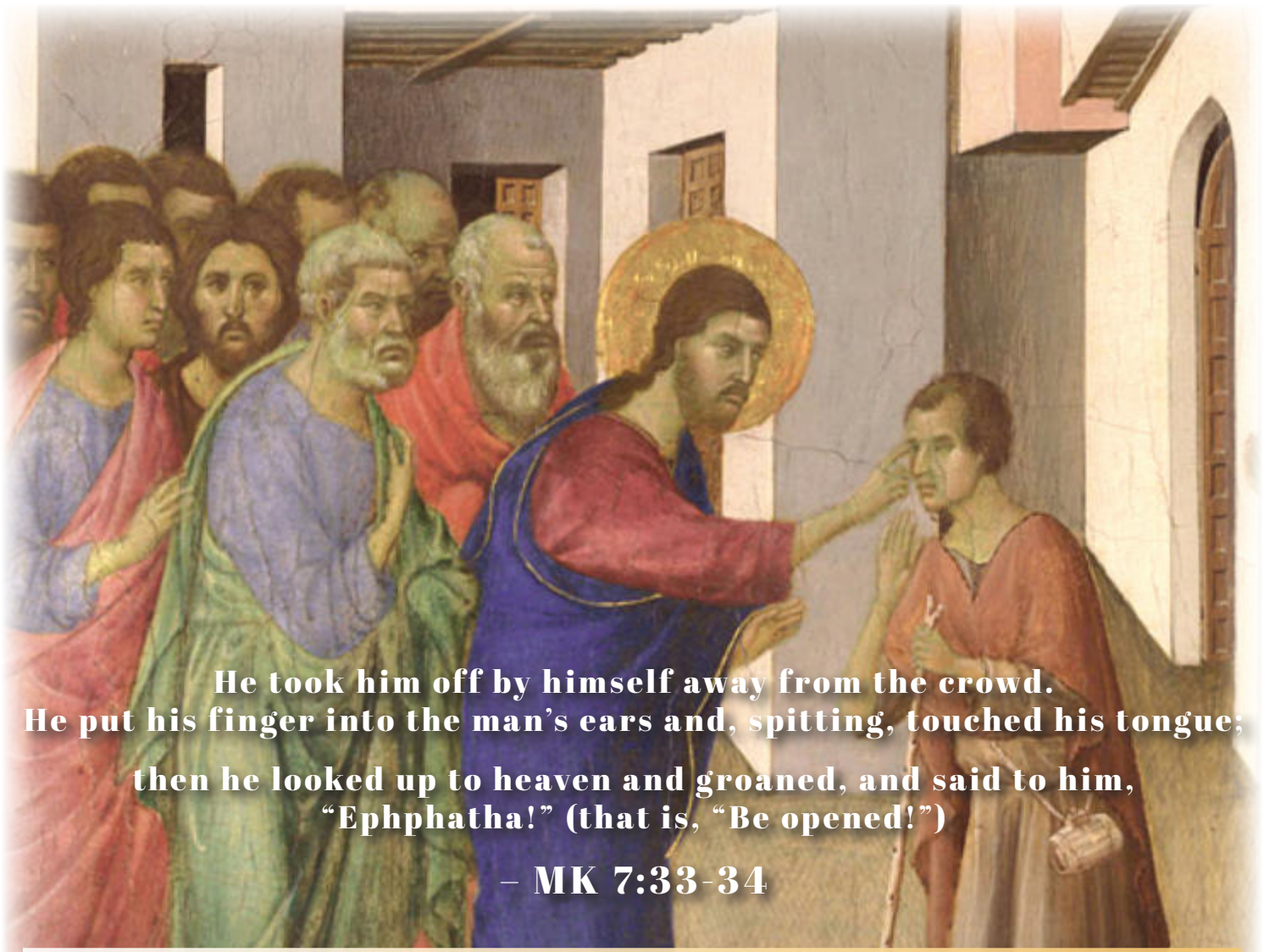
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Laurence CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



**He took him off by himself away from the crowd.
He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue;
then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,
"Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!")**

– MK 7:33-34

DAILY MASSES IN THE CHURCH

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

**Monday, 7:30am, Mass in the Chapel of Divine Mercy*

Reconciliation following 7:30am Masses, Wednesday 5:30-6:20pm & Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm

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

SUNDAY MASSES IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:00am, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 11:00am, Sunday 1:00pm, Sunday 5:00pm

A recording of the Sunday Mass is available ONLINE, Saturdays, 7:00pm at stlaurence.org

MISA EN ESPAÑOL, Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45pm. En la Capilla

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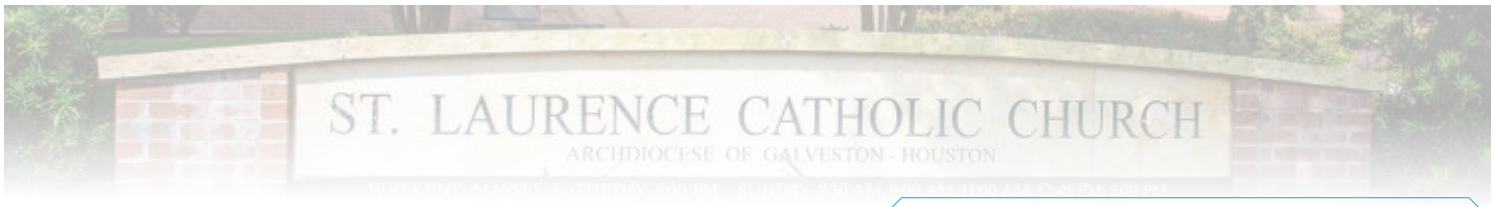

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OUR MISSION:

"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.

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm; Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm; Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Do you have a change of address? Please email Ida Buckle, ibuckle@stlaurence.org

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.

Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 12:00pm; Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

The Weekday Children's Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, **WCP office hours:** Monday through Friday, 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 through Friday, 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
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GOOD NEWS REFLECTION

Pray: Lord Jesus: Open my senses to You so I can experience Your saving presence in my life. May this joy be an eternal praise in me, a testimony of Your love and Your faithfulness. **Amen.**

HOW TO HAVE EYES THAT SEE AND EARS THAT HEAR

The readings for this Sunday show us God's concern for the disabled. How closely do we share in his concern for them?

We're all disabled, one way or another. We can have eyes that see and still be blind. In fact, the scripture from James shows us just how blind we can be!

If we see only how a person dresses, for example, without seeing into their hearts to recognize their gifts and talents and unique reflection of God, we are being judgmental. If we are more impressed by a person's wealth or title or college degrees than we are by his/her spiritual energy or insights or willingness to serve, we are being judgmental.

Only God can see all the good that's in a person's heart, and yet we make assumptions about others as if we're equal to God. Only God can hear the motives and longings behind a person's words, and yet we quickly judge what is being said as if we know exactly what is meant.

Judgmentalism shows us nothing more than how truly blind we are.

Jesus wants to say to each of us: "Ephphatha! May your eyes and ears and mind be opened to the truth!" However, so that we can receive this healing, we have to slow down and stop reacting to what's visible and audible. We cannot trust what we see and hear. We need to take time to prayerfully pause for wisdom and discernment and new discoveries.

This is one of the reasons why Jesus gave us his Holy Spirit. When we let God's Spirit interpret everything for us, instead of reacting, we will act the way the Lord wants us to. Instead of reacting to partial information, we will act with faith and compassion.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
In what ways do you show partiality toward some people? What types of people do you tend to automatically prefer, based on outward appearances? And whom do you tend to dislike until you get to know them better? How will you begin to change this automatic reaction by relying on the Holy Spirit?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
In what ways have you been judged unfairly? How does it feel? Are you judging those who judged you, neglecting to look deeper inside of them? Next, take turns in your group naming a false accusation that caused suffering, followed by other members describing the goodness that the accusers were too blind to see. (This last part is very important — it is Jesus providing healing!)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 5 — GATHER BOOK #1159
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I — Is 35:4-7a
Reading II — Jas 2:1-5
Gospel — Mk 7:31-37

MONDAY 6
Reading I — Col 1:24–2:3
Gospel — Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY 7
Reading I — Col 2:6-15
Gospel — Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY 8 — Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Reading I — Mi 5:1-4a
Gospel — Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

THURSDAY 9
Reading I — Col 3:12-17
Gospel — Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY 10
Reading I — 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Gospel — Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY 11
Reading I — 1 Tm 1:15-17
Gospel — Lk 6:43-49

SUNDAY 12 — Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I — Is 50:5-9a
Reading II — Jas 2:14-18
Gospel — Mk 8:27-35

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.

John Hettig ,Terri Donovan, Cody Martin

This column in the Sunday bulletin is a place that parishioners may ask for intercessory prayer in their time of sickness. To add your name, please call the parish office during business hours (281-980-9812). The sick person must be a parishioner of St. Laurence and the request must come directly from the person (or a close family member, such as spouse or parent). Your name will appear on the list for 4 weeks. If struggling with a longer term illness, please call back and your name will be added for another 4 week period.

Not a parishioner?
Ask for the name to be added to the Book of the Sick. Anyone in need of prayers for healing may have their name written in the Book of the Sick.

PRAYING THE NEWS SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

"...the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just."

PSALM 146:8

Dear Lord, we pray again for our brothers and sisters in Louisiana suffering from Hurricane Ida, who have been repeatedly beaten down by devastating storms. Please bring them abundant comfort and aid. Please grant clarity of vision to those who have the influence and means to address climate change and provide protection from its painful effects. May ears and hearts be opened around the world to act justly for all in need.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.

SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for our Troops and especially for the following parishioners currently serving in the military:

CW3 Brett Aderhold, *US Army, AV*
SPC Nicholas Ambrocik, *US Army*
PVT Michael Baird, *US Army*
SA Matthew Baird, *US Navy*
P.O. 5 Debra Barnette, *US Navy*
CPL Trevor Bello, *USMC*
Lt Aaron Blades, *US Navy*
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*
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*
Destini Gaytan, *USMC*
SPEC Nathan J. Hoelker, *US Army*
CPT 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*
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
SSG Philip Loera, *US Army*
PFC John Lundgren, *US Army*
CPT Anthony Marich, *US Army*
Amn Joseph Marcellus, *USAF*
TSGT David March, *Texas Air National Guard*
CPT. Brendan McPartland, *USMC*
Major Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
SPC Michael Nester, *US Army*
1LT Anthony Patrick, *USMC*
CB, Richard Pinard, *US Navy*
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, *USMC*
SGT Santiago Ramirez, *US Army*
CPT Taylor Rammrath, *US Army*
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, *USMC*
LCPL Ty Ripoll, *USMC*
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, *US Navy*
Maj. Michael Thesing, *USMC*
1LT Kevin Wheeler, *US Navy*
SGT Bryce Whitley, *US Navy*
PO2 Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, *US Army*
2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, *US Army*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEP 4
8:00am – Daniel Francis (D)
5:00pm – Buddy Podraza (D)

SUNDAY, SEP 5
7:00am – Jim & LaVerne Combo (D)
9:00am – Clara Pearl & Kimmy Dullea (D)
11:00am – Gary Dillard (D)
1:00pm – Dr. Carmel Dyer (D)
5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

MONDAY, SEP 6
7:30am – Alex Herrera (D)
12:00pm – Greey Boscan (I)

TUESDAY, SEP 7
7:30am – Kuma Jr. & Nazarius Teh (I)
12:00pm – Raul Fernandez DeCastro (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 8
7:30am – Joanne Peirera (I)
6:30pm – Snehel & Alicia Kumar (I)

THURSDAY, SEP 9
7:30am – Ed & Mary Ann Hines (D)
12:00pm – Eufemia Reyes (D)

FRIDAY, SEP 10
8:15am – Harold Epps (D)
12:00pm – John Hurt (I)

SATURDAY, SEP 11
8:00am – Mr. & Mrs. Jensen (D)
5:00pm – Angelica Batard (I)

SUNDAY, SEP 12
7:00am – Drew Gillen (D)
9:00am – John & Josie Elvey (D)
11:00am – Peter Dans (D)
1:00pm – Joe Ray Mayorga (D)
5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

(D) Death, (I) Intention, (A) Anniversary

Pray for our parishioners in Religious Formation

Shawn Kelly, Keenan Annicchiarico, Roger Boneno, Dcn. Christopher Meyer, Brother Collin Mary Brown, Frater Giovanni (Billy Dodd), Adrian Annicchiarico, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sr. Maria Christi of the Holy Spirit (Leah Burrhus), Sr. Margaret Uche, Patrick Kinnick, Brandon Bain, Beau Guedry, Cameron Cashiola

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and societies.

There will be two tracks running at the same time to choose from:

YEAR ONE TRACK:
Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart
This track is presented by the founder of TMIY, Steve Bollman, and offers a great foundation for living out your calling as a husband and father. Participants will be part of a small group with other men new to That Man Is You.

YEAR SIX TRACK:
All Things New
In this track men will hear presentations on being renewed in Christ from dynamic speakers including Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. John Bergsma, Michael Gormley and more. Participants will be part of an existing small group of TMIY men.

WEDNESDAYS, STARTING SEPT 8, 2021
5:30-7:00 AM
Ave Marie Parish Life Center, Marian Hall

For more information and to register contact Roger Peters
rogerwpeters@me.com
713-857-8386

Please let us know which track you would like to join. *Only men new to That Man Is You need to register for this year.*

stlaurence.org/tmiy

FAMILY LIFE

It is incumbent upon husbands and wives, mothers and dads, and single parents to spend time in prayer, discernment, and dialogue about the kind of family they will be. Family and home does not automatically happen.

Fr. Drew Wood

stlaurence.org/family

FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS

In a word, we are called to show mercy because mercy was first shown to us.

– Pope Francis

(Amoris Laetitia #310)

FAITH FORMATION

Programs kick-off in September!

See the drop-down menu under the Education tab for schedules and ways to help

stlaurence.org/education

FRIDAY FAMILY ROSARY

Each Friday at 8pm

Gather with other families via Zoom

Contact Mark Coppedge at

mcoppedge@chevron.com

MOM'S G.I.F.T. BOOK STUDY

Benedict's Way by Pratt & Homan

10 Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

Starting September 15

If you have a teen in EDGE, this group meets at the same time

stlaurence.org/gift-group

CHALLENGE CLUB FOR GIRLS

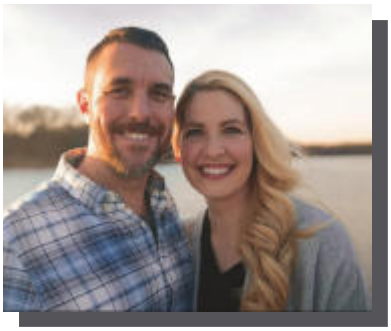
The Challenge Club invites all 5th-8th grade girls and their parents to an informational meeting to kick off the new year on Thursday, September 9, 6:30-8:00pm, in the Youth Hall at the Ave Maria Center. Learn what Challenge is about and how you fit in with our teen-led (9th-12th grade leaders), team-based, service-driven group. Challenge is an ECyD program (Encounters, Convictions and your Decisions) that accompanies each girl in forming friendships with Christ and one another. **stlaurence.org/challenge-club-for-girls**

SEP 12: LIFE NIGHTS BEGIN

Life Teen is for high school students in grades 9-12. Teens gather for "Life Nights" each Sunday following the 5pm Mass until 8:15pm. The next semester kicks off on September 12, with a series on FRIENDS. Everyone wants a community of people that cares for them, helps and supports them, and gives them a place to belong. In short, we all want to be part of a community that makes us feel like family. This isn't easy to come by, but it's exactly what Jesus had in mind for His followers when the Church began. High school teens are invited for this 3-week series to discover how God established the awesome gift of friendships in a Church – community. INFO/REGISTER: **stlaurence.org/lifeteen**

SEP 24: FAMILY BIBLE BINGO

All families are invited to enjoy a "parish family meal" together once a month at Family Gather Nights. This month it's BIBLE BINGO on Friday, September 24, 6:30-8:00pm, at the Ave Maria Center. A main course is provided, each family brings a side dish or dessert to share, followed by BINGO appropriate for all ages. It's fun and it's free, so give it a try! Please register in advance: **stlaurence.org/family-events**



A Live Presentation with
Jackie Francois Angel & Bobby Angel

Your Call to Be A Gift:

Living God's Plan for Your Marriage and Family Life

Join Jackie Francois Angel and Bobby Angel for an inspirational evening with two talks and some good music! First, Jackie & Bobby will help us unpack the vows and promises of the married vocation so that we can joyfully live out this sacrament of love. They will then share stories, insights, and wisdom from the Church on the task of becoming a radical gift through the call of motherhood and fatherhood. This free event is for young couples in the midst of marriage and parenting as well as teens and young adults who hope to be there someday.

Open to high school ages and up.

REGISTER AT STLAURENCE.ORG/ANGEL

Thursday,
September 23, 2021
6:30 - 9:00 pm
St Laurence Ave Maria Parish Life Center

Jackie Francois Angel is a worship leader, speaker, and serves at the Word on Fire Institute as the Fellow of Marriage and Family Life alongside her husband Bobby who is the Fellow of Parish Life. Bobby worked for eight years as a high school campus minister/ theology teacher and together Jackie and Bobby also contribute to the YouTube channel for Ascension Presents. They live in Texas with their four children.

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PARISH LIFE

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH | DEC 8, 2020 – DEC 8, 2021

ITE AD JOSEPH means GO TO JOSEPH

Let us commend ourselves to our good father, St. Joseph, who is the Patriarch of troubled people, since he himself went through so much trouble.

– St. Joseph Marello

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

The Divine Mercy Chapel is open to the parish and community for adoration. Jesus awaits you everyday from 5am to 9pm. The chapel is open to only scheduled adorers during the night.

There is an urgent need for an adorer on Wednesdays from 1am-2am.

We need a second adorer for 20 time slots. Please check online: stlaurence.org/adoration. *Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-224-6122 to sign up.*

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next Class: September 11

Preparation classes are offered 10 times a year. Class registration is available at **stlaurence.org/baptism** or contact Barb Roy at broy@stlaurence.org / 281-265-5774 x5371. Group Baptisms are celebrated at our parish three times each month.

WEDDING PREPARATION

Next Wedding Info Session: September 27

Please email Betty Holub, **bholub@stlaurence.org** for registration information. The standard preparation time for weddings is 9-12 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMS

Amelia Alon-Alon, Claire Bacon, Noelle Gulmatico, Isaac John, Antonio Martinez Janeir Rock, Samuel Santiago, Hai Dang Vo

WEDDING

Amy Rawls & Jason Wells

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.

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.**

NEXT WEEK: SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI

Cardinal DiNardo and all US Bishops are requesting a special collection for Haiti in the wake of back-to-back disasters last month. The devastating earthquake, followed by Tropical Storm Grace, destroyed homes, businesses, churches and schools. Funds collected in this special appeal will bring direct aid to the suffering through Catholic Relief Services and the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. Thank you for your generous response to this extreme need.

JOIN A DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

St. Laurence is blessed with three Divine Mercy Cenacles, groups that study the message of Divine Mercy and pray together. Receive the Lord's mercy and share His mercy with others! Please consider joining one of our cenacles – all are welcome. INFO: **stlaurence.org/divine-mercy**

- MORNING: Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am, AMC (Begins Sept 9) Contact: Sally Flowers, 281-265-8360
- EVENING: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7:30-9:00pm, Corpus Christi (Starts soon) Contact: Suzan Bryan, 713-816-5859
- SPANISH: Viernes, 10:00-11:30am, on Zoom (Comienza el 3 de Septiembre) Contacto: Rebecca Yanes, 605-660-7611

SEP 6: ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

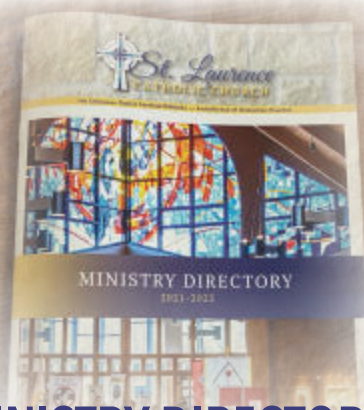
Join us each First Monday of the month, 7-8pm, in the Chapel of Divine Mercy, to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next one is tomorrow, Monday, September 6. St. Hannibal DiFrancia said, "Jesus wanted to teach us that vocations in the Church do not come by chance, neither by themselves, nor can we make them out of human efforts only. They come to us from the mercy of God. If we do pray to obtain them, they will not be given us." All are welcome, come once or every month!

SEP 18: RESPECT LIFE COMMUNITY MEETING

All Hands on Deck! All pro-lifers are needed to help prevent abortions. Learn how you can help at home or in the community by doing something as simple as talking to friends. People from all faith communities are invited to attend this open meeting at the St. Laurence Ave Maria Center on Saturday, September 18, 9:00-10:30am. Lots of pro-life information and materials will be available. A light breakfast will be served. Register: **ChristianVoicesforLife.org/all-hands-on-deck**

SEP 28: GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY BEGINS

The Grief Support Ministry will resume meeting in-person this fall beginning Tuesday, September 28, 6:00-9:00pm, at the Ave Maria Center. The basis for this program is "Walking Through Grief." Meetings include a video and discussion following the video. Whether your loss is recent or in the past, all are welcome, from any denomination or parish. No one should grieve alone. Register in advance at **stlaurence.org/grief-support-ministry** or contact Sandy Barber, help2grieve@hotmail.com, 832-451-9117.



MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Pick up a copy at the Hospitality Desk

Discover the many ways to
LOVE, SERVE, CONNECT & GROW
at St. Laurence

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm
Six-weeks starting September 13
stlaurence.org/remembering

J.O.Y. CLUB

St. Laurence Senior Group
Monday, September 13
11:00am – 1:00pm
Ave Maria Center
stlaurence.org/joy-club-for-seniors

CANCER SUPPORT

Thursday, September 9
10:00-11:30am at AMC
Patients, survivors, caregivers, friends
Contact Mariann Licato, 281-778-6356

SAVE THE DATE

Healing Ministry Workshop
Saturday, Oct 23, 8am-4pm
Registration opens soon
stlaurence.org/heart-of-jesus-and-mary

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Tuesdays, 7:00pm on Zoom
Starting September 14
stlaurence.org/CST

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

AUG 29 COLLECTION $37,165

Envelopes Used 282

Loose Checks 116

2ND COLLECTION $10,869

St. Laurence Catholic School Tuition Assistance

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory *August 2021* $262,418

Participants 1,368

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

2021 Parish Goal $475,000

Parish Paid *(Activity thru 8/30/2021)* $365,994

Participants 1,179

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

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Catholic University of America

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faith.direct/TX460

FAITH DIRECT RESTORING PARISH LIFE

This time last year, the world was turned upside-down, due to COVID-19, but much of our parish work continued. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in this unprecedented time, and continue to be a vital source of support for our ministries. Now that life is returning to normal, there is a corresponding increase in costs for ministries, programs and community outreach. The more parishioners who use eGiving, the stronger financial foundation we have as a parish.

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SEP 18: LINGAP CENTER VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Please join John Drake, founder of the Lingap Children's Foundation, and Fr. Geoff Rose for a 60-minute behind-the-scenes, live tour of the Lingap Center in the Philippines on Saturday, September 18, at 6:30pm (CST). This virtual event will feature a tour of the Lingap Center, performances by the Lingap Children and Children's Choir, a sustainability update, summary of achievements made possible by donor support and more. A link to the webinar and more details may be found at **lingapcenter.org**

SEP 25: TOGETHER IN HOLINESS CONFERENCE

The 7th annual Together in Holiness marriage conference will be held at St. Theresa in Sugar Land on Saturday, September 25, 10:30am-6:00pm. Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, this one-day conference includes dynamic presentations by such speakers as Steve & Becky Greene and Kendra Tierney, as well as Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and an opportunity to spend time with your spouse and build community with other couples. On-site childcare available. Registration is $59/couple. INFO/REGISTER: **togetherinholiness.org**

SEP 26: 50TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS

The annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass is Sunday, September 26, 3pm, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Cardinal DiNardo will preside at this celebration. All couples must register online and provide a Catholic Wedding Certificate from 1971. The cost is $25, which includes an archdiocesan certificate of your anniversary, special issue Worship Aid and commemorative pin. Couples celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary may register for the Silver Jubilee Mass, scheduled for 3pm on Sunday, October 24. INFO/REGISTER: **archgh.org/weddingjubilee**

OCT 6: CATHOLIC BIOETHICS ONLINE COURSE

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will present two online series on Catholic Bioethics this fall. Medical Ethics & Experimentation (**cvent.me/ov0adz**) will be offered on Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm, Oct 6 – Nov 3. Topics include: ethics of the provider-patient relationship, human experimentation, vaccine creation, organ donation and more. Another series, Beginning of Life Issues (**cvent.me/lz94Yz**) will be offered Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, Oct 12 – Nov 9. Topics include: human dignity, marriage, sexuality, assisted reproductive technologies, and more. Cost for each series is $35. Questions? Call 713-440-3443.

OCT 28: ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE FALL LUNCHEON

Johnny Carrabba is the guest speaker at a Fall Luncheon Fundraiser for St. Dominic Village, a nonprofit senior care community, on October 28, 11am-1pm, in the St. Dominic Village Auditorium. The theme is Food, Family & Faith and the community is excited to welcome visitors back to campus for this first big event since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Tickets are $50/each or $500 to sponsor a table of 10. INFO/REGISTER: **stdominicvillage.org/fall-luncheon**

SOCIAL CONCERNS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE

By Steve Pondell

St. Laurence Habitat for Humanity completed our last home project on Douglas Street in Richmond in March 2020. The homeowner worked hard alongside our volunteers and she was thrilled to move in with her young daughter. Then COVID hit and, like many other ministries, we were forced to shut down.

Now that the pandemic restrictions are easing, we are ready to resume our mission of helping deserving families become homeowners. We will start our next home on Center Street, also in Richmond, in late September. Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity is finalizing the homeowner selection process. You must be on our signup list to receive detailed instructions and signup notices when we are about to start work. If you would like to be on the mailing list, please contact Steve Pondell, *spondell@comcast.net*. If you're someone who enjoys building projects, this is your ministry!

Due to the generous support of our parishioners, the home we are about to start has been funded. While we are building this home we also will be raising funds for the next home to be built in the Spring of 2022. You can donate either one-time or monthly through Faith Direct or to the annual Black Bag for Habitat for Humanity which will be held on October 31st.

Feed the workers

Join us in making homeownership a reality for more families. It's through your generosity that our homeowners build a strong foundation for success. When you make a donation, you provide hope!

Now is the time to sign up if you or your ministry would like to provide lunch for the hungry workers. The lunches are so appreciated by the volunteers, as well as the prospective owners, who also participate in the build throughout the construction period. Monetary donations are also welcome. It takes approximately $110.00 to feed everyone. *For more information and to reserve your date to provide lunch, please contact Lawerance Perreau at 832-525-8717 or lperreau.pimanagement@gmail.com.*

SOCIAL CONCERNS AT WORK

DID YOU KNOW that during the past three months, the Social Concerns Ministry, through monetary and goods donations by St. Laurence parishioners, was able to…

- Keep the utilities on for **21 families**
- Help keep a roof over the head of **39 families**
- Provide counseling, medical assistance, and medical equipment for **25 persons**
- Provide food and toiletries to **36 parish families** and **people in crisis** from our food pantry
- Distribute over **75 Homeless Hope Bags** to men and women living on the streets of Ft. Bend and Harris counties
- Provide **700 pairs of shoes** and **50 bags of school supplies** to children in need in our community
- Provide **100 bags** of new and gently used clothing and household items to St. Vincent de Paul
- Collect over **500 books** for the Special Youth Services library in Galveston
- Collect **873 pairs of eyeglasses/readers** that will be distributed to people in need and disaster-stricken areas around the nation

AND WITH THE HELP OF St. Laurence volunteers, and students were able to:

- Shop for and give over **100 bags of groceries** to the Fort Bend Family Promise Food Pantry
- Give **96 dozen cookies, brownies, and other snacks** to the homeless teens and Parks Youth Ranch and the children served by Nery's Promise in North Richmond
- Work together with Rise Against Hunger to send over **45,000 meals** to nourish children and families overseas
- Complete **eight Summer of Service projects** to benefit first responders, seniors, children, and families in our community
- Put together **600 snack bags** for distribution to Child Advocates and Fort Bend Family Promise
- Provide **200 bags of bagels** and bread to Nery's Promise

AND SO MUCH MORE! Thank you for your generosity and for making a BIG difference in the lives of those we serve.

40 Days for Life

Over a million individuals have participated in peaceful and loving prayer outside abortion facilities – and over 18,000 babies have been saved! There will be volunteers praying on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm outside an abortionist's office in Sharpstown, from Sept 22 to Oct 31. There will be a table after Masses on Sep 12 and 19th or contact Marie McCoy at Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org for more information and a link to the sign-up.

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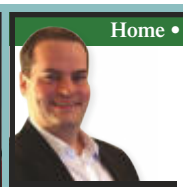

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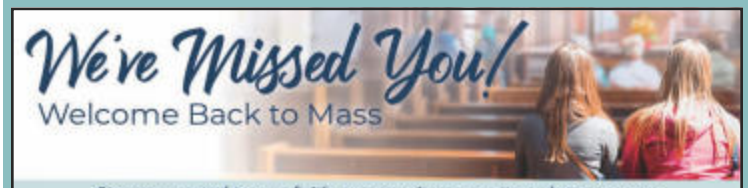

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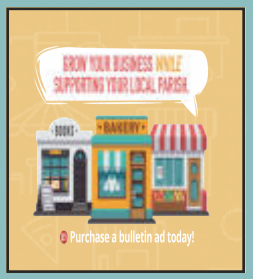

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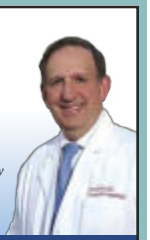

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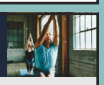

Venous reflux can cause these signs and symptoms[1]:
- Varicose veins
- Swelling
- Itching
- Heaviness or tiredness
- Aching
- Cramping
- Restlessness
- Open skin sores

CVI Risk Factors[1]:
- Family history
- Lack of exercise
- Leg injury or trauma
- Prolonged sitting or standing
- Obesity or excess weight
- Current or previous pregnancies
- Smoking

If venous reflux is left untreated, it may worsen over time and develop into a more serious form of vein disease called chronic venous insufficiency, or CVI.[2]

Learn more about symptoms, risk factors, and treatments at Medtronic.com/VeinDisease

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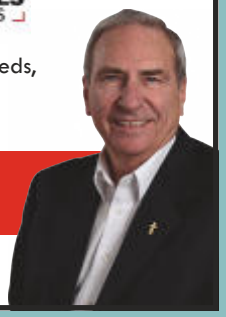

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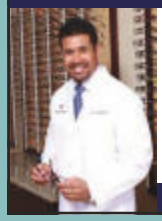

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