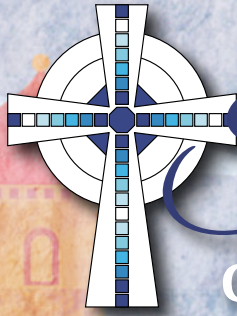


JANUARY 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



# St. Lawrence CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

## The Epiphany of the Lord



### 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](http://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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# ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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:** 8am-9pm Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm Friday, and 8am-1pm Saturday, closed on 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 685 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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## JANUARY

**Pray:** Thank You, Lord Jesus, because You have shown me my heavenly Father's face, and You guide me towards Him in Your light. **Amen.**

### CELEBRATING THE EPIPHANY OF DISCOVERY

The Season of Christmas includes the celebration of the arrival of the magi from the East.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their appearance at the manger does not validate astrology. Matthew included the magi in his Gospel account to show that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all: Gentiles as well as Jews.

The Church celebrates Epiphany to tell the world that no one who humbles himself before Jesus, paying homage to his divine-and-human presence, is excluded from the kingdom of God. Christ is the way, the truth and the life. No one can have eternal life without him, but all are welcome.

Contrary to popular legends, the magi were not kings, even though post-biblical writings often referred to them as kings because of the royal gifts they brought. It's not their kingship that the gifts represent; it's the Messianic kingship of Jesus. The magi prophetically testified with these gifts that Jesus was a divine king who would die.

Gold honored Jesus as king, incense honored his divinity, and myrrh, which was used in preparing the dead for burial, honored his death. Eventually, the gifts also came to symbolize our Christian response: gold represents our righteousness, incense our prayers, and myrrh our sufferings for Christ.

The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Did the magi recognize the baby Jesus as the world's savior? It was a common belief at the time that all kings were divine — they were gods living among us until they died. Did the magi have an epiphany about the permanent kingship of Jesus?

Surely after this pilgrimage they never forgot about him and they kept their ears open for news from Jerusalem about him. Surely they learned about the King of the Jews who was crucified. We know this, because at some point, they became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

Without a doubt, the magi worshiped Jesus, even if they didn't fully understand why until later.

#### Questions for Personal Reflection:

*In what ways do you pay homage to Jesus? Reflect on how this assures you of your salvation.*

#### Questions for Faith Sharing:

*Describe an epiphany you had during a time of suffering. How did it increase your righteousness? How did it affect your prayer life? These are your royal gifts for Jesus!*

#### SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1011

# 2

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I Is 60:1-6  
Reading II Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel Mt 2:1-12

#### MONDAY

# 3

Reading I 1 Jn 3:22-4:6  
Gospel Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### TUESDAY

# 4

Reading I 1 Jn 4:7-10  
Gospel Mk 6:34-44

#### WEDNESDAY

# 5

Reading I 1 Jn 4:11-18  
Gospel Mk 6:45-52

#### THURSDAY

# 6

Reading I 1 Jn 4:19-5:4  
Gospel Lk 4:14-22

#### FRIDAY

# 7

Reading I 1 Jn 5:5-13  
Gospel Lk 5:12-16

#### SATURDAY

# 8

Reading I 1 Jn 5:14-21  
Gospel Jn 3:22-30

#### SUNDAY

# 9

#### The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Reading II 2:11-14, 3:4-7  
Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



## 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.*

**Greg Herring, Joycie Donatto, James Davidson**

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 JANUARY 2, 2022

*"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."*

#### **LUKE 2:19**

O Blessed Mother, you were a witness to events you could not have imagined. You pondered on them with the Holy Spirit and your Holy Child close by. Please inspire us to reflect similarly on the unexpected events in the year past — both joyful and sorrowful. May we find meaning and purpose to carry into the New Year, while remaining close to your Son.

**Mother Mary, pray for us! 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*  
MSgt. Jason Chacon, *USMC*  
Lt Matthew Chesney, *US Navy*  
LTC 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*  
Derek Farias, *US Navy*  
Destini Gaytan, *USMC*  
SPEC Nathan J. Hoelker, *US Army*  
CPT Matthew Fenelon, *USMC*  
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*  
GySgt. 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, JAN 1**

8:00am – Sr. Theresa Nguyen Thi Kim Anh (D)  
5:00pm – Clara & Richard Dullea (D)

#### **SUNDAY, JAN 2**

7:00am – Felipe & Estelita Virtudazo (D)  
9:00am – Joseph & Khanh Tran (D)  
11:00am – Cindy Kral (D)  
1:00pm – Fr. Pdraig Costello (I)  
5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

#### **MONDAY, JAN 3**

7:30am – Frank Morello, Sr. (D)  
12:00pm – Marie Kangleon (D)

#### **TUESDAY, JAN 4**

7:30am – Ave Maria Nursing Home (I)  
12:00pm – Amy Visser (D)

#### **WEDNESDAY, JAN 5**

7:30am – Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (I)  
6:30pm – Vincent P. & Clara Posluszny (D)

#### **THURSDAY, JAN 6**

7:30am – Dorothy Macdonald (D)  
12:00pm – Orlando Quirch (D)

#### **FRIDAY, JAN 7**

8:15am – Antonio Pagalan (D)  
12:00pm – Legion of Mary (I)

#### **SATURDAY, JAN 8**

8:00am – Gloria Madeozo (D)  
5:00pm – Bill Orth (D)

#### **SUNDAY, JAN 9**

7:00am – Veronica & Lawrence Revelt (D)  
9:00am – Nico & Zora Velic (D)  
11:00am – Ashley Parambil (I)  
1:00pm – Zoila Hernández (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,  
Fater 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



# FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

## AFF WINTER/SPRING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### *New Beginnings in a New Year*

#### **CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS**

Thursdays, Jan 6-Jun 30, 5:30-7:30 am Guardian Angel Hall  
Come together with other men and learn about spiritual and practical ideas. For more info: Jim Kij, 281-253-4800, [jimkij@comcast.net](mailto:jimkij@comcast.net).

#### **CONVERSATIONS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS**

Tuesdays, Jan 18-Mar 1, 7:00-9:00 pm  
St. Francis Room/St Clare Room  
A great opportunity to dive into the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching again. Guided by the program "CST 101" Register at [stlaurence.org/CST](http://stlaurence.org/CST). For more info: Jenny at [jennynutzman@gmail.com](mailto:jennynutzman@gmail.com)

#### **DIDACHE: FAITH AND REVELATION**

Mondays, Jan 10- May 2, 7-9 pm,  
Guardian Angel Hall  
This study explores the relationship and complementarity that exist between human reason and Divine Revelation. It focuses on what Catholics believe, why we believe it, and why it is reasonable to believe it. Register at [stlaurence.org/didache](http://stlaurence.org/didache).

#### **CLASES DE BIBLIA EN ESPANOL**

Jueves, Enero 13-Abril 28, 9:30 am-1:00 pm, Marian Hall  
Únase a nosotros para estudiar a las mujeres en la Biblia y aprender lecciones que podamos aplicar a nuestra vida diaria. Para mas informacion, llamar a Veronica Reinoso, 832-231-6988, [veroreinoso62@gmail.com](mailto:veroreinoso62@gmail.com).

#### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

"United in Love, United in Christ"  
Thursdays, Jan 20-Feb 24, 6:30-9:00 pm, Marian Hall  
Come learn to have a marriage that just doesn't survive; but thrives! Not only is God the divine architect laying out the blueprint for a strong and lasting marriage, He is the one who nourishes and perfects the love of the spouses and gives us the grace to love as He loves.

Cost: \$30.00 per couple. For more info and to register go to [stlaurence.org/united](http://stlaurence.org/united)

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Mondays, Jan 3-Jun 27, 7:30-9:00 pm  
Tuesdays, Jan 4-Jun 28, 6:15-7:15 am  
St. Francis Room  
Monday evenings study different books from the Bible. Tuesday mornings examine the readings for the next Sunday's Mass. For more info: Steve Ewbank, 281-703-3873, [ewbanksix@gmail.com](mailto:ewbanksix@gmail.com).

#### **CONNECT GROUPS**

Join a monthly home-based small group for actively parenting young married adults to grow in your relationship with Christ, your spouse and families.  
For more info: [stlaurence.org/connect](http://stlaurence.org/connect).

#### **MOM'S GIFT GROUP**

Wednesday, Jan 19-Apr 6, 7:00-8:30 pm  
St. Clare Room  
Join other moms to discuss each week the stimulating conversations from Abiding Together Podcast. Hosted by Sister Miriam, Michelle Benzinger, and Heather Khym. Listen on your own and then come together that night to share what you have learned. Register at [stlaurence.org/gift-group](http://stlaurence.org/gift-group). For more info: Rachele at [rdooley1987@outlook.com](mailto:rdooley1987@outlook.com)

#### **RE-MEMBERING CHURCH**

Mondays, Jan 10- Feb 21, 7:00-9:00 pm  
St. Joseph Room  
Re-memembering Church is a process of healing and reconciliation for inactive Catholics. For more info: Deacon Tom Ruck at [truck@stlaurence.org](mailto:truck@stlaurence.org)

#### **WISDOM & WORKS OF MERCY**

Tuesdays, Jan 4 -Mar 1, 7:00-8:30 pm  
St. Joseph Room  
Join this group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. For more info: [jlchirco@aol.com](mailto:jlchirco@aol.com)

#### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Jan 11-Mar 8, 9:00 -11:45 am, Marian Hall  
"Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant" by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins. Catholics will appreciate the astounding generosity of God as they see the wonders he has given us in the Church. Register at [stlaurence.org/biblestudies](http://stlaurence.org/biblestudies). For more info: Kay at [kquenan@icloud.com](mailto:kquenan@icloud.com)

#### **THAT MAN IS YOU**

Wednesdays, Jan 26-Apr 27, 5:30-7:00 am Marian Hall  
New to TMIY: join Track One, "Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart". Returning to TMIY: join Track Two, "All Things New" For more info: Roger Peters at [rogerwpeters@me.com](mailto:rogerwpeters@me.com) or [stlaurence.org/tmiy](http://stlaurence.org/tmiy)

#### **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Mondays, Jan 24-Apr 4, 6:30-8:30 pm,  
AMC Rm 200 & 202  
The program consists of a 9-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. For more info: Sunny Soji-Tom at [sunnysoji@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnysoji@hotmail.com).

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Thursdays, Mar 24-May 26, 7:00-9:00 pm  
St. Francis Room  
The sealing of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. If you as an adult have not received this powerful sacrament, we encourage you to do so. For more info: [stlaurence.org/adultconfirmation](http://stlaurence.org/adultconfirmation).





# 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](http://stlaurence.org/family)

## FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS

There's is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.

**- Pope Francis (*Amoris Laetitia* #57).**

## FRIDAY FAMILY ROSARY

Each Friday at 8pm  
Gather with other families via Zoom  
Contact Mark Coppedge at  
[mcoppedge@chevron.com](mailto:mcoppedge@chevron.com)

## FORMING INTENTIONAL FAMILIES

Simple ideas for growing together  
as a faith-filled family  
Copies at the Hospitality Desk  
[stlaurence.org/family](http://stlaurence.org/family)

## CONNECT GROUPS

Small home groups  
Join one or organize one  
to grow in faith & friendship!  
[stlaurence.org/connect](http://stlaurence.org/connect)

## STEUBENVILLE SOUTH

**June 24-26, 2022**  
Alexandria, Louisiana  
Registration opens Jan 17  
[stlaurence.org/lifeteen](http://stlaurence.org/lifeteen)

## JAN 9: NEW LIFE TEEN SERIES



On January 9, Life Teen will kick off a new series on love & relationships. We've all heard the phrase, "They're meant to be." So, when we notice the not-so-perfect, real-life relationships around us, we might wonder, "Wait – is that how relationships are meant to be?" In this 4-week series, teens will begin to see that God, the author of love, sex and relationships, has the answers to a relationship that's "meant to be." New teens always welcome! [stlaurence.org/lifeteen](http://stlaurence.org/lifeteen)

## JAN 20: MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Have a marriage that thrives, not just survives. Register for a St. Laurence marriage enrichment series called "United in Love, United in Christ" offered at 6:30pm Thursday evenings, Jan 20-Feb 24. God is the divine architect who offers a blueprint for a strong and lasting marriage, then nourishes married couples with the grace to love as He loves. Cost is just \$30/couple. [stlaurence.org/united](http://stlaurence.org/united)

## GO TO THE LIBRARY

Did you know that St. Laurence is blessed with one of the largest and best-stocked libraries in the archdiocese? It's located on the main level of the beautiful Ave Maria Parish Life Center, with resources for children, adults, home groups and ministries. Stop by for a visit and get a library card! [stlaurence.org/parish-library](http://stlaurence.org/parish-library)

## WORK AT ST. LAURENCE

St. Laurence is now hiring an Assistant Director for the Weekday Children's Program. Must be responsible and results-oriented with a Bachelor's degree (or higher) in Early Childhood Education/related field. Submit resume to Ban Haller, [jhaller@stlaurence.org](mailto:jhaller@stlaurence.org). St. Laurence is also searching for an Assistant Youth Minister. Previous Youth Ministry experience and Theology or Education degree preferred, excellent communication and computer skills is a must. Submit resume to Christine Dunn, [cdunn@stlaurence.org](mailto:cdunn@stlaurence.org).

*“Every avalanche begins with the movement of a single snowflake, and my hope is to move a snowflake.”*

– Thomas Frey

**Start an avalanche of FAITH in your family!**

### Register for FAMILY FAITH

- ❁ Faith formation experience for the entire family
- ❁ Meets once a month, September – May
- ❁ Combines group teaching with home study experience
- ❁ Alternative to weekly CCE program
- ❁ Limited registration

Register for 2022-2023 program in May  
[stlaurence.org/family-faith](https://stlaurence.org/family-faith)

Contact: Melissa Calcote, [mcalcote@stlaurence.org](mailto:mcalcote@stlaurence.org)

**Be that snowflake! Grow intentionally as a family in your faith.**



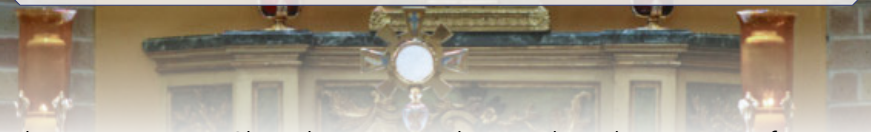
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# PARISH LIFE

## ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL



The Divine Mercy Chapel is open to the parish and community for adoration. Jesus awaits you everyday from 5:00am to 9:00pm. The chapel is open to only scheduled adorers during the night.

**Adoration will be paused Friday, December 17, 4:00pm — Monday, January 3, 2022 8:00am.**

*There is an urgent need for an adorer on Saturdays from 9pm to 10pm. We are seeking a second committed adorer for 14 hours.*

Please check online: [stlaurence.org/adoration](http://stlaurence.org/adoration). Contact Fran Magelssen at [adoration@stlaurence.org](mailto:adoration@stlaurence.org) or 281-224-6122 to sign up.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Respect Life Brochure of the Month: Roe v. Wade Questions and Answers**

In 1973, the Supreme Court made abortion legal throughout the nation. Together with the companion decision, Doe v. Bolton, the court ruled that states could not prohibit abortion in the first two trimesters, and even up until birth, must allow it to preserve the mother's health, with health defined to include emotional health. Hence abortion was legalized up until birth for virtually any reason, a national policy more extreme than the law of any state at that time. Even legal experts who favor legalized abortion agree that Roe is bad law. But when a 1992 decision reaffirmed the right to abortion before viability, three justices upheld Roe only because it had been in place for many years and many people had come to rely on the availability of abortion. They actually stated that the belief that a prior case was wrongly decided was not enough reason to overrule it!

Roe has been used not only to allow over 60 million abortions, killing babies and traumatizing women and men, but also to justify assisted suicide, the lethal neglect of handicapped newborns, and to demand legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Copies of the document are available at the Hospitality Desk at the church and at the Ave Maria Center. Links to the documents are available at [stlaurence.org/brochure-of-the-month](http://stlaurence.org/brochure-of-the-month)

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Next Classes: January 8 & February 5, 2022**

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

## WEDDING PREPARATION

**Next Wedding Info Session: January 24, 2022**

Please email Betty Holub, [bholub@stlaurence.org](mailto:bholub@stlaurence.org) for registration information. The standard preparation time for weddings is 6-9 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session.

## PARISH CELEBRATIONS IN REQUIEM

Bill Knowles, father of Mike Knowles  
Auxiliary Bishop George Sheltz



## 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.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

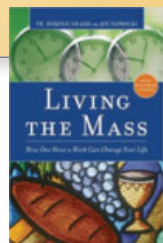
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[stlaurence.org/christmas-flowers](http://stlaurence.org/christmas-flowers)



## YOUR 'LIVING THE MASS' BOOK

At Christmas Mass, did you pick up your complimentary copy of Living the Mass? This little book powerfully explains each part of the Mass in a way that helps us to better understand and appreciate this one hour we spend together each week. Part of going to Mass is being in community and now we invite you to study this book on the Mass in small communities called "Home Groups." Form a group of your own or sign up to join one that meets at a day/time that works for you. Learn more and sign up: [stlaurence.org/homegroups](http://stlaurence.org/homegroups)



## REGISTER FOR HEART OF WORSHIP



For 14 years, our parish offered Heart of Worship, a full day of spiritual renewal right here at St. Laurence. After a 5-year pause, we're "Coming Back to the Heart of Worship"! It will be held on Saturday, February 12, 11:30am-9:00pm, with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers as the featured speaker. Expect great talks, inspiring music, Mass, Adoration and dinner. Register before 1/22/22 and pay just \$20/person. Open to everyone 6th grade and older. (Sorry, no babysitting available.) Register now: [stlaurence.org/HOW](http://stlaurence.org/HOW)

## LOCAL SYNOD PROCESS BEGINS

In October 2023, Pope Francis will hold the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops and has asked for participation from every diocese around the world. According to Cardinal DiNardo, "A synod is a conversation about who and what we are and what our experiences are. And that's what we're going to try to do in some intelligent, methodical form in the next few months. The goal is not solving a problem. That's not what synods do. Pope Francis wants us to talk together, and he wants us to disclose who we are. We have to speak together because the Spirit is the relationship, the string that holds us together." INFO: [stlaurence.org/synod-2023](http://stlaurence.org/synod-2023)

## JAN 10: RE-MEMBERING CHURCH WITH DEACON TOM

If you (or someone you love) has left the Catholic Church for any reason, meet in a small group led by Deacon Tom Ruck on Monday evenings from 7-9pm, starting January 10, to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. Re-Membering Church is a safe environment for asking and getting answers to any questions you may have. We've missed you. Please contact Deacon Tom for more information and to register: [truck@stlaurence.org](mailto:truck@stlaurence.org)

## NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

Make a resolution in the new year to grow in your faith! Our Adult Faith Formation department is featuring lots of new programs and classes starting soon. From the large Tuesday Morning Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews to smaller groups studying such topics as Divine Revelation or the Wisdom & Works of Mercy, there is something for everyone. That Man Is You meets early Wednesday mornings and Moms GIFT Group meets Wednesday evenings. Take a class in Financial Peace University or join a Conversation on Catholic Social Teaching. INFO: [stlaurence.org/AF](http://stlaurence.org/AF)

## HABITAT HOUSE

Be part of the team!  
New build begins Jan 8  
[stlaurence.org/habitat-for-humanity](http://stlaurence.org/habitat-for-humanity)

## MARIAN CONSECRATION

Begins this Thursday!  
6 Thursdays 7-8:30pm  
[stlaurence.org/33-days-to-morning-glory](http://stlaurence.org/33-days-to-morning-glory)

## CANCER SUPPORT

Thursday, January 6  
10:00-11:30am at AMC  
Support for cancer patients, survivors,  
caregivers & families  
INFO: Mariann Licato, 281-778-6356

## DIVORCE-CARE

Series meets for 13 weeks  
Begins January 26  
Wednesdays 7-9pm  
[stlaurence.org/divorcecare](http://stlaurence.org/divorcecare)

## SPEAK ENGLISH? TEACH ENGLISH!

Teacher training is next week  
Contact Wendy Moore to be a part of  
the Learn English Ministry  
[stlaurence.org/learn-english-ministry](http://stlaurence.org/learn-english-ministry)

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

For adults who have not received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation  
9-week class beginning March 24  
Leads to Confirmation on Pentecost  
[stlaurence.org/adultconfirmation](http://stlaurence.org/adultconfirmation)

## HOUR OF PRAYER ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Monday, January 3, 7-8pm  
In Chapel of Divine Mercy

## H.O.P.E. GRIEF SUPPORT

Led by a hospice-trained facilitator  
7-weeks beginning January 13  
Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm  
[stlaurence.org/hope-helping-our-pain-ease](http://stlaurence.org/hope-helping-our-pain-ease)

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

### TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

**DEC 19 COLLECTION** .....\$48,182  
Envelopes Used ..... 310  
Loose Checks..... 91

**2ND COLLECTION** ..... \$14,114  
*St. Laurence Social Concerns Ministry - People in Crisis Fund*

### ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory November 2021 ..... \$232,229  
Participants..... 1,404

### DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

**2021 Parish Goal**.....\$475,000  
**Parish Paid** (Activity thru 12/20/2021) ..... \$483,488  
Participants ..... 869

## JAN 16: NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION

*St. Laurence Social Concerns Ministry - People in Crisis Fund*



## KEEP INFORMED

Over 11,000 people are signed up to get St. Laurence Parish Flocknotes. It's the best way to stay up-to-the-minute on parish news. Sign up at [stlaurence.org/parish-communications](http://stlaurence.org/parish-communications)



## SIGN-UP TODAY AT FAITH DIRECT

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With the holiday season upon us and the hope of a better more normal year for all in 2021, we continue to rejoice in God's goodness!

We are blessed and thankful for all the gracious gifts that our parishioners provided to our parish in the past year. The prayers, support, and monetary gifts allow us to continue to spread the Gospel and share God's message of love and peace.

These contributions allow our parish to provide the facilities, the ministries and the staff that enable us to do the work of the Church. Without your sacrificial gifts we can do nothing. We prayerfully ask that you consider using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, Faith Direct.

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## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### FEB 12: STEPS FOR STUDENTS FUN RUN

Steps for Students returns Saturday, February 12. This annual fun run begins at 6:30am with Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The race starts at 8am and a post-race party will follow in the Catholic School Village. Last year's event was virtual, but still raised over \$554,000 for archdiocesan Catholic Schools. The timed-5K registration fee is \$20, untimed-5K is \$18 and a shorter Family Fun Run is \$17. INFO: [steps4students.org](http://steps4students.org)

### HELP AT SAN JOSÉ CLINIC

San Jose Clinic, located in Rosenberg, seeks volunteers to meet the demand for accessible healthcare for underserved and uninsured patients in our area. Powered largely by volunteers and in collaboration with community partners, the clinic is seeking healthcare providers from any field, Spanish/English interpreters, as well as non-clinical volunteers who are interested in helping. Please contact Anthony Ciatto ([volunteerapp@sanjoseclinic.org](mailto:volunteerapp@sanjoseclinic.org)) or visit [sanjoseclinic.org/volunteers](http://sanjoseclinic.org/volunteers)

### JAN 15: WIN 10 "HOLY HEIFERS"

Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton is selling chances to win 10 exposed, Black Brangus Heifers as a fundraiser to repair their religious education building. In addition to this grand prize, 15 \$1000 Visa gift cards will be awarded. Tickets are \$100, with a limit of just 1200 tickets sold. Drawing is on January 15. Heifers will be delivered within a 100 mile radius of Wharton or taken to auction and you'll get a check for the sale price. INFO: [hfwharton.org](http://hfwharton.org)

### JAN 16: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be offered on Sunday, January 16, 3pm, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Cardinal DiNardo will preside and the homily will be delivered by the newly-ordained Fr. Houston Okonma. All are welcome. INFO: [archgh.org](http://archgh.org)

### JAN 20: CAFÉ CATHOLICA LITE

Chris Donatto will give a talk on "Do You Love Your Neighbor: Living in Community" at the next Café Catholica Lite on Thursday, January 20, 7pm, at St. Joseph Parish in Houston. Café Catholica is specifically created for young adults, offering an opportunity to gather as a community for prayer, a great talk, Q & A, and light snacks. INFO/REGISTER: [archgh.org/cafecatholica](http://archgh.org/cafecatholica)

### SACRED HEART PARISH NOW HIRING

Sacred Heart in Manvel has two positions that they are seeking to fill. A part-time Communications Coordinator, fluent in English & Spanish, is needed to create and implement effective parish communications. They are also seeking a Marriage Preparation Coordinator, also fluent in English & Spanish, to oversee marriage preparation, rehearsals and weddings. INFO: [sacredheartmanvel.org/employment-opportunities](http://sacredheartmanvel.org/employment-opportunities)





# Happy New Year from the Social Concerns Ministry

We are so thankful for your overwhelming support during the past year! It is a privilege to serve those who come through our doors seeking understanding and someone to help them out of their despair. Because of your generosity, we have touched the lives of so many in need both here and around the world. God bless you for your generous hearts, and the hope and help you provide to those we serve.

Share God's Bounty ▶



Danny Hernandez, along with his Catholic Social Teaching class students raised money, shopped, and delivered Thanksgiving meals for families in need ▼



▲ SLCS 8th graders stock the shelves for Share God's Bounty

The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group, a group with very big hearts, generously donated funds to help make Christmas wishes come true for children in need ▶



Mary Jane Masters and her "Spiritual Springs" Theresian group, in a beautiful effort to bring Christmas joy to refugee children, assembled 100 Christmas mini backpacks filled with gifts ▲



*A year of blessings in the  
Social Concerns Ministry!*

Thank you from the SCM Team



## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptism	Barb Roy   281-265-5774
Confirmation (Teens)	Mike Cleary   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	Betty Holub   281-980-9812
Marriage Sponsor Couples	Sharon & John Harry   281-980-8090
RCIA (Becoming Catholic)	Justin Frato   281-265-5774

## FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

Adult Faith Formation	Justin Frato   281-265-5774
Catholic Men CTB Saints	Jim Kij   281-455-2372
Children's Faith Formation	Joan Hastreiter   281-265-5774
Director of Faith Formation	Christine Dunn   281-265-5774
EDGE (Middle School)	Cindy Martin   281-265-5774
Family Faith	Melissa Calcote   281-265-5774
Financial Peace University	Sunny Tom   832-620-7417
Life Teen (High School)	Mike Cleary   281-265-5774
Men's Bible Studies	Steve Ewbank   281-703-3873
Natural Family Planning	Jacob & Jillian Counts   281-300-3704
Parish Library	Susan Mulé   281-265-5774
Parish School Principal	Suzanne Barto   281-980-0500
Parish School Board	Raymond Chang   713-858-7558
Parish School PTO	Jennifer Reyes   817-845-7627
	Mary Phillippi   832-647-0642
Preschool Faith Formation (CCE)	Susan Mulé   281-265-5774
Spanish Bible Study	Veronica Reinoso   832-231-6988
That Man Is You	Roger Peters   713-857-8386
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	Kay Quenan   713-826-4939
Vacation Bible School	Joan Hastreiter   281-265-5774
Vocations Committee	Nia Sepe   281-980-9812
	Fr. Truong Son Nguyen   281-980-9812
Weekday Children's Program	Ban Haller   281-313-0329

## EVANGELIZATION, STEWARDSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Discipleship Council	Travis Nutzman   507-382-7090
Ecumenical & Interfaith	Lee Schmoe   281-979-6955
Finance Council	Bob Ladd   281-703-1747
New Evangelization Ministry	Marta Alves   713-569-3679
Pastoral Council	Jennifer Dye   832-264-6128
Re-Membering Church	Dcn. Tom Ruck   713-855-2399

## COMMUNITY & PARISH LIFE

African Catholic Community	Anie Usoro   832-419-1152
	Esther Iredia   832-661-2945
Bazaar	Sandy Basler   713-252-4594
Boy Scout Troop 828	Morgan Lasala   713-502-5778
Catholic Daughters	Pam White   281-265-3070
Challenge Club for Girls	Jenny Nutzman   512-799-5914
Council of Catholic Women	Ginny Kazmierczak   713-305-9845
Cub Scout Pack 1828	Brian Henritze   562-879-7934
Family Ministry	Melissa Calcote   281-265-5774
Filipino Community	Teddy Bentulan   832-278-9045
Hispanic Ministry	Heidy Delgado   713-298-5586
Home Groups	Mary Visser   281-265-5774
Indian Subcontinent Ministry	Ralph Mendonca   713-360-8093
J.O.Y. Club (Senior Ministry)	Anne Higgins   832-755-5597
Knights of Columbus	Tom Barry   832-368-2730
Ladies Guild	Linda Pedersen   661-428-2694
St. Laurence Singles	Ivan Cardenas   281 899 0409
Vietnamese Community	Vinnie Nguyen   832-723-5822
Women of the Cloth	Joanne Friday   281-565-3848
Young Adults	OPEN

## PRAYER, RETREATS & PRAYER GROUPS

A.C.T.S. Retreat	Ruben Alvarez   713-562-2933
	Susan Kelly-Zapata   832-563-1615
Adoration	Fran Magelssen   281-224-6122
Christian Meditation	Patrick King   713-444-6014
Contemplative Prayer	Elaine Smith   281-499-6660
Divine Mercy (Morning)	Sally Flowers   281-265-8360
Divine Mercy (Evening)	Suzan Bryan   713-816-5859
Divine Mercy (Spanish)	Rebecca Yanes   605-660-7611
Hearts of Jesus & Mary	Margie Calo   281-980-4711
Lay Apostle Prayer Group	Kay Quenan   713-826-4939
Legion of Mary (Afternoon)	Rosamar Martinez   281-201-2601
Legion of Mary (Evening)	Bridget Nwaokobia   216-212-8329
Marian Consecration	Anne Marie Daniel   281-265-5774
St. Anthony of Padua	Joseph Ellankil   832-282-3032
St. Laurence Women Retreat	Anne Marie Daniel   281-265-5774

## CARE & SUPPORT

Annulments	Anne Marie Daniel   281-265-5774
Bereavement Ministries:	
Grief Support Group	Sandy Barber   832-451-9117
Grieving Families	Agnes Fernandes   281-933-3721
H.O.P.E. Class	Annette Bisanz   281-980-1449
Cancer Support Group	Mariann Licato   281-778-6356
Caregivers Support Group	Lori Knowles   281-261-5738
	Jane Jewell   713-775-7172
DivorceCare	Janie Picou   832-860-3398
Embracing Special Needs	Cindy Martin   281-265-5774
Funeral Planning	Betty Holub   281-980-9812
Funeral Reception Ministry	Carol Giardina   281-703-8615
Loving Seniors	Julie Koeppen   713-320-7498
	Fe Vicerra   713-248-1164
Meals That Heal	Julianne Salverson   530-306-1895
NAMI	Pat Sumner   281-384-3156
Pastoral Care to Sick/Hmbd	Ambrose Graham   713-865-3729
Spiritual Direction	Anne Marie Daniel   281-265-5774
Sunday Priest Meals	Vivienne St. John   832-605-7918
Unbound Prayer	Anne Marie Daniel   281-265-5774

## SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bridges to Life	Dana Cutbirth   832-689-4010
Correctional Ministry	Dcn. Charles Plant   281-300-3059
Habitat for Humanity	Steve Pondell   281-253-7088
Learn English Ministry	Wendy Moore   713-208-5169
Learn Spanish Ministry	Adriana Gutierrez   713-269-2851
Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy	Janice Holley   281-639-8833
	Maria Jacobson   713-582-8424
	Dr. Maria Argao   281-221-8228
Mother of Divine Mercy	
Medical Mission	
Respect Life	Marie McCoy   281-265-7749
Senior Rides & More	Annette Bisanz   281-980-1449
Social Concerns Ministry	Pennie DeGroot   281-980-9812
Society of St. John de Matha	Joe Guarisco   713-504-7910

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Linen Care	Dolores Ruck   281-980-9812
Altar Servers	Win & Erinn Vahlkamp   713-614-4234
Art & Environment	Catherine Short   713-628-3949
Extraordinary Ministers	Dcn. Tom Ruck   713-855-2399
Greeters	OPEN
Lectors	Carol DeNeefe   832-498-7171
Liturgical Ministers	Betty Holub   281-980-9812
Music Ministry	Mary Thompson   281-980-9812
	Dr. Kevin Klotz   281-980-9812
Ushers	Hal Mechler   281-543-9876



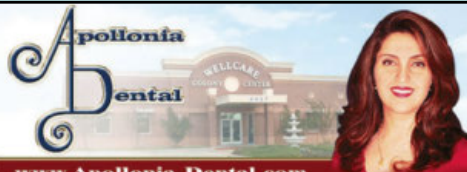


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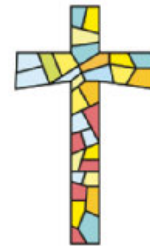
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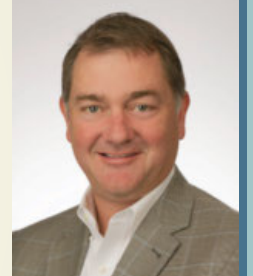


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