

OCTOBER 2, 2022 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# St. Lawrence

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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# ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

## PARISH OFFICE

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3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479  
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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 facilities are available through reservation by contacting Nia Sepe, Facilities Scheduler, at nsepe@stlaurence.org or 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.**  
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When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10).

He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

He is *always* with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

*Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.*

We don't need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.

*"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"*  
(Matthew 28:20).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### OCTOBER

#### SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1172

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
Reading II 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14  
Gospel Lk 17:5-10

#### MONDAY

3

Reading I GAL 1:6-12  
Gospel LK 10:25-37

#### TUESDAY

4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Reading I GAL 1:13-24  
Gospel LK 10:38-42

#### WEDNESDAY

5

Reading I Gal 2:1-2, 7-14  
Gospel Lk 11:1-4

#### THURSDAY

6

Reading I GAL 3:1-5  
Gospel LK 11:5-13

#### FRIDAY

7

Reading I GAL 3:7-14  
Gospel LK 11:15-26

#### SATURDAY

8

Reading I GAL 3:22-29  
Reading II LK 11:27-28

#### SUNDAY

9

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I 2 Kgs 5:14-17  
Reading II 2 Tm 2:8-13  
Gospel Lk 17:11-19

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#### 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  
and Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm

Healing Mass: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm  
First Friday Mass: October 7, 7:00pm, in the chapel

#### 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

## 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.*

Fr. Vince Dulock CSB, James L. "Pete" Paul, Landon Perez, Wally Joe, Jack Boudreau, Donna Giblin, Bobby Castillo, Cody Martin, Fr. Roy Oggero

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 OCTOBER 2, 2022

*"...we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides."*

### PSALM 95:7

O Lord, as hurricane season has wound up with a vengeance, we ask your help and healing for all suffering from storms - in the Gulf, the Caribbean, Canada, and even Alaska. May compassion and aid flow as swiftly as the wind and waters. You see and know all our needs. Be with your flock and guide us through the tempests of our lives - whether weather, economic, political or personal.

**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*  
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*  
MSG 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, OCT 1

8:00am - Eulogia Balane (D)  
5:00pm - Elva Sierra (D)

### SUNDAY, OCT 2

7:00am - Alexis Landaeta Guzman (D)  
9:00am - Peter Heidel (D)  
11:00am - Clara & Frank Carbone (D)  
1:00pm - Debra Galvin (D)  
5:00pm - Parishioners of St. Laurence

### MONDAY, OCT 3

7:30am - Erwin Teltschik (D)  
12:00pm - Natalia Kmoch (D)

### TUESDAY, OCT 4

7:30am - Tom Kachmar (D)  
12:00pm - Rita & James Hofmann (A)

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 5

7:30am - Frances Nwosuocha (I)  
6:30pm - German Rodriguez (D)

### THURSDAY, OCT 6

7:30am - Kennedy Usoro (I)  
12:00pm - Vicente Lao (D)

### FRIDAY, OCT 7

8:15am - Oscar Fermin (D)  
12:00pm - Teodorico Bentulan, Sr. (D)

### SATURDAY, OCT 8

8:00am - Mikayla Alex (I)  
5:00pm - Ernst Family (D)

### SUNDAY, OCT 9

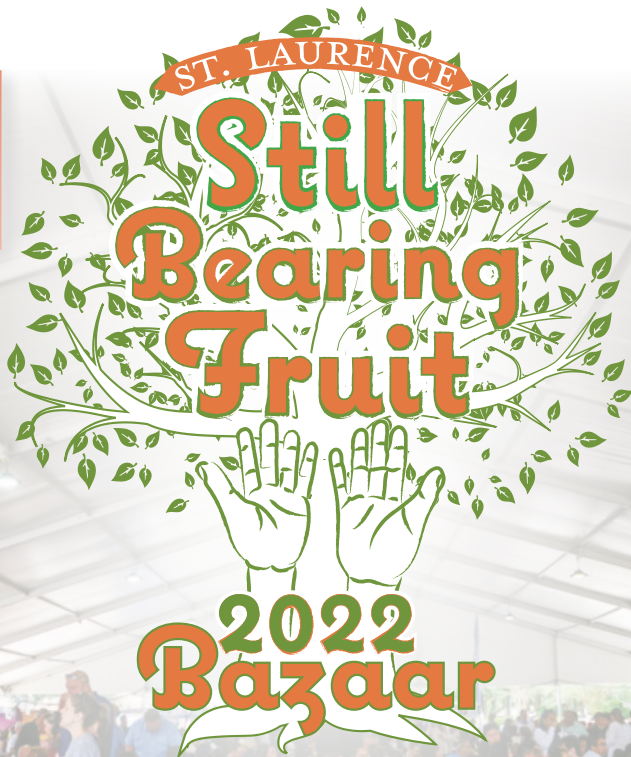
7:00am - Antonio & Arthur Gonzales (D)  
9:00am - Dcn. Al Bothe (D)  
11:00am - Rosanne Ferdico (D)  
1:00pm - Amor Masangcay (D)  
5:00pm - Parishioners of St. Laurence

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

## PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Shawn Kelly, Keenan Annicchiarico, Roger Boneno, Brother Collin Mary Brown, frater Giovanni (Billy Dodd), frater Dominic (Adrian Annicchiarico), Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sr. Maria Christi of the Holy Spirit (Leah Burrhus), Patrick Kinnick, Brandon Bain, Beau Guedry (nSJ) Br. Levi Mary Pro (Cameron Cashiola), Basil Housewright, Luke Metzger, Br. Kriston Mary Gloria





# St. Laurence Bazaar

OCTOBER 15-16, 2022

SAT 5-10PM AND SUN 10AM-5PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

**RIDES**  
**GAMES**  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
**CULTURAL ACTS**  
**BINGO**  
**ART SHOW**  
**ROCK WALL**  
**BASKETBALL**

**CORN HOLE**  
**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
**BOUNCE HOUSES**  
**FILIPINO FOOD**  
**AFRICAN FOOD**  
**INDIAN FOOD**  
**VIETNAMESE FOOD**  
**MEXICAN FOOD**  
**BBQ SANDWICHES**

**SAUSAGE ON A STICK**  
**HOT DOGS**  
**FRITO PIES**  
**COTTON CANDY**  
**SNOW CONES**  
**MARGARITAS**  
**BEER & WINE**  
**SODAS**

**Enter the RAFFLE DRAWING**  
**\$10 / Ticket or \$25 / 5 Tickets**

**Hawaii 7-Day Trip for Two**

**Galveston Getaway @ San Luis**

**Taste of Sugar Land -**  
Restaurant Gift Card Extravaganza

**Rockets Rally -**  
2 center court tickets for 6 games

**Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! -**  
4 tickets to TUTS performance of Mary Poppins

## WAYS TO HELP:

### Donate

DOLLS & TOYS - new only

PLANTS - all sizes

CAKES & DESSERTS - homemade or store-bought

**Volunteer** Work a 2-hour shift at a booth

**Art Gallery** Drawings due October 3







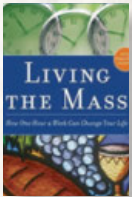
# FAMILY LIFE

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



The gathering rites and the Liturgy of the Word serve to remind us that God is God and we are not.

*- Living the Mass (pg. 74)*

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

### SLCS TUITION ASSISTANCE

Monday, October 24, 9AM

Sugar Creek Country Club

[one.bidpal.net/slcsgolf2022](http://one.bidpal.net/slcsgolf2022)

## PRAY THE ROSARY

### AS A FAMILY

[stlaurence.org/pray-the-rosary](http://stlaurence.org/pray-the-rosary)

### Friday Family Rosary

Every Friday at 8pm via Zoom

### Friday Morning Rosary

With Fr. Truong Son at 6:30am

### Rosary for the Preborn

2nd Sunday at 12:15pm

## OCT 3: BAZAAR ARTWORK DUE

Encourage your kids to be part of the Parish Bazaar Art Gallery! Fr. Drew selected "Still Bearing Fruit" as the theme for our parish. In what ways does St. Laurence bear fruit? How are you bearing fruit? What special gifts (Fruits of the Spirit) do you have to share with the world? Use your imagination and sketch, paint, or build a piece of art onto an 8.5x11 piece of paper and submit by Monday, October 3. Artwork will be displayed at the bazaar October 15-16. INFO: [stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar](http://stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar)

## OCT 15-16: VOLUNTEER AS A FAMILY

Looking for a way for your family to serve together? Have fun and make memories for years to come by signing up to work a 2-hour shift at the Parish Bazaar. There are lots of fun booths that still need volunteer help. Like to bake? Bake and decorate a cake for the Cake Walk. It's fun to see your cake being carried off by a happy Cake Walk winner! Look for the signup here: [stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar](http://stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar)

## OCT 8: FATIMA PROCESSION



Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, an apparition of the Blessed Mother appeared six times to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima, Portugal. On the day of the last apparition, 70,000 people came to witness the apparition. Since then, millions of people from all over the world make pilgrimages to Fatima. Join a Fatima Procession around the grounds of St. Laurence, organized by the Legion of Mary, next Saturday, October 8, immediately following the Vigil Mass.



FEAST OF FAITH

The  
**Transforming  
POWER**  
of the Eucharist



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION FALL SEMINAR**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 6:30-9:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9:00-11:30 AM**



*Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (aka Dr. Italy) is a renowned Catholic speaker, author, and professor who has recently been featured in several video series from Ascension Press.*

In this four talk seminar, **Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio** will offer profound reflections on the "source and summit" of our faith as well as practical tips on how to make our experience of Mass more fruitful. How the Mass is a sacrifice, how Christ is really present, and how we can better prepare ourselves so as to make weekly Mass a transformative event are all discussed, with a talk on adoration as the capstone.

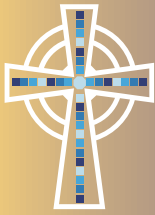
**St. Laurence Ave Maria Parish  
Life Center, Marian Hall**

**\$20/ person**

Light breakfast provided on Saturday morning



**For more information and to register go to [stlaurence.org/feast](https://stlaurence.org/feast)**



# PARISH LIFE

## ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL



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

*Two adorers are required at all times. We are seeking a second committed adorer for 10 available hours.*

**Urgent Need:** An Adorer is needed on Fridays from 2am to 3am beginning in October.

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.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: LOVING SENIORS

Loving Seniors welcomes individuals aged 60+ with mobility issues and other health conditions which require minimal assistance. The goal of the ministry is to offer a safe place where members can grow in fellowship with others who share similar challenges. Enjoy activities that promote well-being, engage in service projects to benefit others, and provide free time to their loved ones and family as caregivers.

This program offers a balance of activities to stimulate the mind and fine/gross motor skills, and develop increased confidence and dignity. There is an opportunity to develop friendships, grow in mind, strength, spirit, and ways to help serve others. Activities offered include games, Bingo, movies, service projects, holiday & birthday celebrations, music therapy, spiritual enlightenment and more.

Loving Seniors meets every Friday 9:30-11:30am in Marian Hall at the Ave Maria Center. This ministry welcomes new participants throughout the year and is happy for anyone who is interested to be a part of the team that serves these seniors. Please visit [stlaurence.org/loving-seniors](http://stlaurence.org/loving-seniors) for more information or contact coordinators Julie Koeppen (713-320-7498) or Fe Vicerra (713-248-1164).

**Representatives from Loving Seniors are at the Hospitality Desk today. Stop by to meet them and learn more about this ministry!**

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Next Class: October 8, 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: November 14, 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

### BAPTISMS:

Bea Elizabeth Castro, Cooper Lee Henson, Parker Daniel Henson, Adler Anyaugo Ihim, Calvince Gitonga Karanja, Bradley Ryan Khoa Legaspi, Elise Patton Schneider

### WEDDING:

Lauren Trang Le & Elliot J. Tomasello

### IN REQUIEM

Edith Jacks, mother of Jean-Pierre Jacks  
Ronald Damstra, husband of Barbara Damstra

## 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.



## OCT 4: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



This Tuesday, October 4, on the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, Fr. Jaison will preside at the annual Blessing of the Animals. Bring your beloved pet and gather on the lawn by the parish hall before 5:30pm, to receive a special blessing, plus a "blessed bandana," a St. Francis holy medal and a treat! Please bring a bag of Hill's Science Diet (dog or cat) or Fancy Feast (cat) or any brand of canned dog food, to be donated to the City of Sugar Land Animal Center.

## OCT 9: ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy will offer a walk-up or drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic on Sunday, October 9, 8am to 1pm, at the Ave Maria Center. For every flu shot given, a free flu shot will be donated to someone in need, so plan now to Buy One, Give One! Three different flu shots will be offered: Regular (\$30), FluMist (\$35), High Dose for Seniors (\$65). Payment is accepted by credit card, cash or check payable to MMDM.

## OCT 27: PREPARE FOR CONSECRATION TO MARY

Consecration to Mary is highly endorsed by six Popes and is the secret to entering deeply into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Using the book **33 Days to Morning Glory** by Fr. Michael Gaitley, the group will meet 7:00-8:30pm on 6 Thursdays beginning October 27, leading to Consecration on December 8, the Feast of The Immaculate Conception. Gain wisdom from Sts. Louis De Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Teresa of Calcutta, and John Paul II during your preparation. INFO: [stlaurence.org/33-days-to-morning-glory](http://stlaurence.org/33-days-to-morning-glory)

## NOV 5: JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS RETREAT

On Saturday, November 5, a Bereavement Retreat will be offered in Marian Hall from 9am to 3pm. Titled "Journey Toward Wholeness," this retreat is for all who grieve the death of a loved one, whether recent or from the past. This one-day retreat will be directed by Dr. Virgil Fry, Executive Director for Lifeline Chaplaincy; please bring a photo or small memento of your loved one. There is no cost to attend, but please register by Monday, October 24, with Anne Marie Daniel: 281-265-5774, [adanield@stlaurence.org](mailto:adanield@stlaurence.org)

## NOV 11-12: FALL SEMINAR ON THE EUCHARIST



We are excited to offer a special seminar this fall on the transforming power of the Eucharist. "Feast of Faith" will feature Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, a Catholic speaker, author, pilgrimage director and theologian, who will give four talks on the Eucharist as the "source and summit" of our faith on Friday, Nov 11 (6:30-9:00pm) and Saturday, Nov 12 (9:00-

11:30am). Mark your calendars now and register early to see this national speaker. Entrance is just \$20/person (whether you attend just one or all four talks). INFO/REGISTER: [stlaurence.org/feast](http://stlaurence.org/feast)

## JOY CLUB MEETING

Fun, Friendly Seniors Group

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**

11am – 1pm in Marian Hall

CONTACT: Anne Higgins

832-755-5597, [nannyhiggs@gmail.com](mailto:nannyhiggs@gmail.com)

## ON THE PLAZA



## PARISH BAZAAR

Enter raffle to win 7-day Hawaii Trip!

\$10/ticket -OR- \$25/5 tickets

Signup to help at a booth

[stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar](http://stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar)

## CANCER SUPPORT MEETING

THIS Thursday, October 6

10:00-11:30am in St. Clare Room

Patients, survivors, families

Call Mariann Licato: 281-778-6356

## HEALING MINISTRY WORKSHOP

HEAL BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

Saturday, Oct 8, 8am-4pm

FREE workshop, lunch provided

Advanced registration required

[stlaurence.org/hearts-of-jesus-and-mary](http://stlaurence.org/hearts-of-jesus-and-mary)

## BE SAFE, BE AWARE

Sponsored by Grief Support Group

Tuesday, Oct 11, 6-9pm

Sugar Land Police present strategies

for everyday safety & security

REGISTER: 832-451-9117 (call/text)

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Welcome all Catholic women!

Thursday, Oct 13, at 6:30pm

In the parish hall

[stlaurence.org/catholic-daughters](http://stlaurence.org/catholic-daughters)

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

### TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

**SEP 25 COLLECTION** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.... \$45,637  
Envelopes Used ..... 385  
Loose Checks..... 143

**2ND COLLECTION** .....\$13,035  
Social Concerns Ministry

### ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory August 2022.....\$241,578  
Participants.....1,441

### DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2022

**2022 Parish Goal**.....\$490,000  
**Parish Paid** (Activity thru 9/26/2022) ..... \$396,930  
Participants ..... 743

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It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit [faith.direct/TX460](http://faith.direct/TX460)
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Text "Enroll" to (Text-to-Give Number)

**Thank you and may God bless your generosity.**



## KEEP INFORMED

Over 12,000 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)

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### OCT 9: HOLY FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Holy Family Catholic Church invites everyone to its Fall Festival Sunday, October 9, 10:30am-6:30pm. Join them at 1510 Fifth Street, Missouri City, for great food, games, bingo, silent auction, raffle, kiddie games, music and more! Admission is free. INFO: [holyfamilychurch.us](http://holyfamilychurch.us)

### OCT 21-23: MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Has life got you stressed? Take a weekend away from it all. Give your marriage the gift of time and learn about God's plan for your marriage. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: A virtual conference (October 21-23) or an in-person conference in the Houston area (November 4-6). Contact Brian & Tina Little at [brian.tina.little@wwme.org](mailto:brian.tina.little@wwme.org), 281-773-4014. WEBSITE: [houstonme.org](http://houstonme.org)

### OCT 4: FISHERS OF MEN BENEFIT DINNER

Join Guadalupe Radio for the 9th Annual Fishers of Men Benefit Dinner at Lakeside Country Club, at 6pm, Tuesday, October 4. This fundraiser helps to support their mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through this 100% donor-supported radio station. Cardinal DiNardo will serve as the keynote speaker; the recipient of this year's Fishers of Men Award is Fr. Richard McNeillie, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. TICKETS: [grnonline.com/en/houstonfishers](http://grnonline.com/en/houstonfishers)

### ANDREW DINNER INVITATION



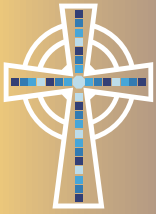
An Andrew Dinner is an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with Fr. Richard McNeillie, Vocations Director, and parish priests from around the archdiocese. It's an opportunity for young men (ages 14-18) to meet with priests in a relaxed setting to get their questions answered about the life

of a parish priest. Parents are welcome to attend. There are three Andrew Dinners scheduled this fall, all 6pm-9pm: St. Vincent de Paul in Houston on Friday, October 7; St. Theresa in Sugar Land on Tuesday, October 11; or St. Bartholomew in Katy on Friday, October 21. INFO/REGISTER: [houstonvocations.com/event/andrew-dinner](http://houstonvocations.com/event/andrew-dinner)

### NOV 10-13: WOMENS JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

The Journey to Damascus is an ecumenical weekend retreat for Christians from all faith backgrounds who desire a firmer foundation for their lives and for fostering unity in Christ. A retreat for women will be held November 10-13, at Camp Lone Star in Tomball. The retreat is put on by volunteers from Catholic and Protestant faith communities who are committed to service and growing their personal relationship with God. REGISTER: [houstonjtd.com/retreat-registration](http://houstonjtd.com/retreat-registration)





# SOCIAL CONCERNS

Visit [stlaurence.org/social-concerns](http://stlaurence.org/social-concerns) to learn more about the Social Concerns Ministry and to sign-up for our weekly newsletter.

## WHAT WE NEED

**You can make a difference by helping with these simple donations. Items can be dropped off at the SCM and parish office or in the SCM donation bin in the church narthex.**

- men's clothing for residents of ISAIAH HOUSE, a project providing transitional services for Catholic men recently released from incarceration: new underwear, new socks, gently used/new long & short sleeve shirts, pants, shoes & jackets
- mini/trial sized shampoo/conditioner, men/women's deodorant, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes and feminine products for the MILITARY, HOMELESS & REFUGEES
- new white crew socks, new white t-shirts (size large), individual peanut butter cups, applesauce cups, granola bars, peanut butter/cheese crackers and 16 oz bottled water for HOPE BAGS for the HOMELESS
- new/gently used children's books & small fleece blankets for CHILDREN IN SHELTERS (ages infant through 17 yr olds).
- Sunday Coupon inserts for COUPONS FOR A CAUSE and TROPOONS program. Inserts can be dropped off at the SCM and parish office or the coupon basket located behind the Hospitality Desk in the church narthex
- Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, disinfectant spray cleaners and unexpired non-perishable food for PEOPLE IN CRISIS

## RESPECT LIFE

**Respect Life Brochure of the Month:** Another Look at Contraception. Decades of use of contraception have shown serious negative consequences of contraception for women, children, families and society. First of all, some oral contraceptives can act by causing an early abortion of a newly conceived child. Women using the pill experience a significantly higher risk of cancer and potentially life-threatening blood clots.

The use of the pill brought a dramatic increase in extra-marital sex, and out of wedlock births nearly tripled. Since the woman controlled the decision to contracept or abort, many men took no responsibility for their children, leading to the "feminization of poverty." Poverty and the absence of the biological father in the household are the two strongest predictions of poor academic, emotional, and behavioral outcomes in children. Every year one million of the eleven million U.S. women on the pill get pregnant, and 40% of them undergo abortions.

**Register to vote:** Last day to register to vote in November is Oct 11. Those new to Fort Bend County need to register; changes of address within the county may be done online. See <https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments/elections-voter-registration/voter-registration>

**40 Days Prayer at Planned Parenthood** Thurs Oct 6, 7 am to 5 pm. See details at <https://christianvoicesforlife.org/40-days-for-life>, where there is a link to the sign-up.

**Annual White Mass to honor healthcare workers** Saturday, October 15, 5pm. The Archdiocese will honor all healthcare workers at its annual White Mass celebration at the Co-Cathedral on Saturday, October 15. Bishop Italo will offer Mass.

## SHOE BOX PROJECT FOR SEAFARERS – DONATIONS DUE TODAY!

The ACCW is requesting the help of the parish in collecting items to be placed in Christmas gift boxes for the seafarers calling on the Port of Houston this coming December. The gift boxes lift the seafarer's spirits while they are away from their families during the Christmas holiday. Items needed are **Hygiene:** band-aids, Gold-Bond powder or cream, Kleenex, lotion, lip balm, nail clippers, deodorant, soap, shampoo, combs, toothbrush and toothpaste, dental floss, disposable razors, and shaving cream. **Clothing:** baseball caps (new), t-shirts, socks, knitted and crochet hats. **Misc.:** needle and thread, calendars, playing cards, Texas souvenirs, Word Search and Sudoku books, postcards, pocket-sized notebooks, flashlight, USB Flash Drives, cash to buy phone cards, stamps, pencils, and pens, key chains, paper, and envelopes, address books. **Food:** gum and candy, popcorn, hot chocolate. Please mark your donation "seafarers" and drop it in the SCM bin in the narthex or the parish or SCM office by **Sunday, October 2.**

## OCT 9: LET'S SHARE THE WARMTH COAT DRIVE



The cold season is approaching. Help us warm the hearts and hands of Refugee Resettlement families by donating your GENTLY used adult or children's winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Please drop your donations in the SCM bin in the narthex the weekend of October 8/9 ONLY.

## GOT COSTUMES?!

We are collecting new and gently used non-scary Halloween costumes for the children served by Bethel Ministry. Mark your donations "Bethel" and drop them in the Social Concerns bin in the church narthex or bring them to the SCM office. We will be collecting costumes until October 25.



## CAKES WANTED!

Social Concerns is once again sponsoring the Cake Walk at the Parish Bazaar on October 15/16. We need LOTS of cakes and volunteers for this popular event. Cakes can be homemade or store-bought. Sign up at [signupgenius.com](http://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](mailto:socialconcerns@stlaurence.org). Once in, sign up to bring a cake or work a 2-hour shift. Thanks so much for your help! Contact [pdegroot@stlaurence.org](mailto:pdegroot@stlaurence.org) if you have any questions.



## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptism  
Confirmation (Teens)  
Confirmation (Adults)  
First Holy Communion  
First Reconciliation  
Marriage Preparation  
Marriage Sponsor Couples  
RCIA (Becoming Catholic)

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Mary Visser | 281-265-5774  
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Justin Frato | 281-265-5774

## FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

Adult Faith Formation  
Catholic Men CTB Saints  
Director of Faith Formation  
EDGE (Middle School)  
Elementary Faith Formation  
Family Faith  
Financial Peace University  
Life Teen (High School)  
Men's Bible Studies  
Natural Family Planning  
Parish Library  
St. Laurence Catholic School  
Principal  
Advisory Council  
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Preschool Faith Formation  
Spanish Bible Study  
That Man Is You  
Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
Vacation Bible School  
Vacations Committee

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Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774  
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Jacob & Jillian Counts | 281-300-3704  
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Fr. Truong Son Nguyen | 281-980-9812  
Ban Haller | 281-313-0329

Weekday Children's Program

## EVANGELIZATION, STEWARDSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Discipleship Council  
Ecumenical & Interfaith  
Finance Council  
New Evangelization Ministry  
Pastoral Council  
Re-Membering Church

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## COMMUNITY & PARISH LIFE

African Catholic Community

Bazaar  
BSA Troop 828B  
BSA Troop 818G  
Catholic Daughters  
Challenge Club for Girls  
Connect Groups  
Council of Catholic Women  
Cub Scout Pack 1828  
Family Ministry  
Filipino Community  
Hispanic Ministry  
Indian Subcontinent Ministry  
J.O.Y. Club (Senior Ministry)  
Knights of Columbus  
Ladies Guild  
Moms & Tots  
St. Laurence Singles  
Vietnamese Community  
Women of the Cloth  
Young Adults

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Morgan Lasala | 713-502-5778  
Odin Fernandez | 713-367-5900  
Lucy Guin | 281-507-0696  
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Brian Henritze | 562-879-7934  
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Linda Pedersen | 661-428-2694  
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## PRAYER, RETREATS & PRAYER GROUPS

A.C.T.S. Retreat  
  
Adoration  
Christian Meditation  
Contemplative Prayer  
Divine Mercy (Morning)  
Divine Mercy (Evening)  
Divine Mercy (Spanish)  
Hearts of Jesus & Mary  
Lay Apostle Prayer Group  
Legion of Mary (Afternoon)  
Legion of Mary (Evening)  
Marian Consecration  
St. Anthony of Padua  
St. Laurence Women Retreat

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Vivian Rodriguez | 832-878-3459  
Fran Magelssen | 281-224-6122  
Patrick King | 713-444-6014  
Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660  
Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360  
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Rebecca Yanes | 605-660-7611  
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Rosamar Martinez | 281-201-2601  
Bridget Nwaokobia | 216-212-8329  
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Joseph Ellankil | 832-282-3032  
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## CARE & SUPPORT

Annulments  
Bereavement Ministries:  
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Grieving Families  
H.O.P.E. Class  
Cancer Support Group  
Caregivers Support Group

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Funeral Planning  
Funeral Reception Ministry  
Loving Seniors

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Meals That Heal  
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Spiritual Direction  
Sunday Priest Meals  
Unbound Prayer

## SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Correctional Ministry  
Habitat for Humanity  
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Learn Spanish Ministry  
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Marie McCoy | 281-265-7749  
Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449  
Pennie DeGroot | 281-980-9812  
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Respect Life  
Senior Rides & More  
Social Concerns Ministry  
Society of St. John de Matha

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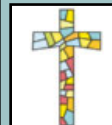
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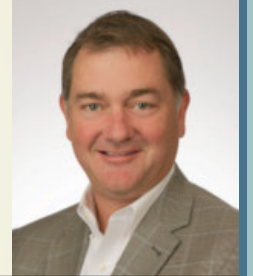


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