

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.”



NEW TO PARISH?

REGISTER TODAY

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, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm; Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; 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:

8:00 am - 9:00 pm, Monday-Thursday

8 am - Noon, Friday

Closed 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 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.

Want to submit something to the bulletin?
stlaurence.org/bulletin-submission

Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator, rmartinez@stlaurence.org



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed are you who are poor.
(Luke 6:20)

Can you imagine telling someone without a job or a place to live, "Look at how much God has blessed you!" That's not something anyone should do, and it's not what Jesus is doing in today's Gospel. He is doing two things: he is proclaiming God's care and concern for those who are materially poor, and he is announcing blessings on "his disciples," who have "left everything and followed him" (Luke 6:20; 5:11). He is blessing all those who have accepted the poverty, the hardship, and the rejection they are experiencing as followers of Jesus.



The Greek word that is translated as "blessed" in today's Gospel carries a number of meanings, including "happy," "fortunate," or "enjoying divine favor." So Jesus is reinforcing for his disciples that the life they have chosen is ultimately a life of happiness. He promises them "the kingdom of God" (Luke 6:20). He promises them that the day is coming when they, along with all those trapped in poverty, will "laugh" and "leap for joy" (6:21, 23).

He makes the same promises to you.

Jesus knows how challenging it can be to live out the call to discipleship. He knows there are days when you feel as if you're always swimming against the current of the world. He sees the sacrifices you make to be generous with your resources. He sees your humility as you strive to forgive those who have hurt you.

If this describes you in any way, then know that Jesus calls you blessed. Know that he is promising you all the joys of his kingdom. And know that he is blessing you right now. As Jeremiah proclaimed in today's first reading, he is making you as strong as a "tree planted beside the waters" (17:8). Even if you don't feel particularly blessed today, you can still take heart because Jesus is faithful to all his promises.

"Lord, help me to trust in your blessings when the call to discipleship feels hard."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1109

16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Jeremiah 17:5-8

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

MONDAY

17

Reading I
Gospel

Genesis 4:1-15, 25
Mark 8:11-13

TUESDAY

18

Reading I
Gospel

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
Mark 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY

19

Reading I
Gospel

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22
Mark 8:22-26

THURSDAY

20

Reading I
Gospel

Genesis 9:1-13
Mark 8:27-33

FRIDAY

21

Reading I
Gospel

Genesis 11:1-9
Mark 8:34—9:1

SATURDAY

22

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

Reading I 1 Peter 5:1-4
Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

SUNDAY

23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Healing Mass: First Wednesday of the Month, 6:30pm

First Friday Mass: 1st Friday of the month, 7:00pm, in Chapel of Divine Mercy

St. Anthony of Padua Mass: 7:00pm 1st Tuesdays (Church)
& other Tuesdays (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

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.

Ted Siwierka, Celina Alfonso, Michael Klotz, Angela Rankin, Fr. Vince Dulock CSB

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.



*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of
Hope, a yearning for the
treasures of heaven.*

From the Jubilee Prayer

jubilaum2025.va

SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

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

SPC, Jacob Castro, *US Army*
CPT Kari Patrick, *USMC*
SGT Jonathan R Partida, *US Army*
SPC Joshua T. Cabrera, *US Army*
CW3 Brett Aderhold, *US Army, AV*
SGT 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*
Lt Matthew Chesney, *US Navy*
LTC Christopher Coffman, *US Air Force*
LtCol 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*
Maj. Matthew Fenelon, *USMC*
SGT 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*
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*
Major Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
SPC Michael Nester, *US Army*
CPT 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*
LC Michael Thesing, *USMC, Reserve*
1LT Kevin Wheeler, *US Navy*
SGT Bryce Whitley, *US Navy*
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, *US Army*
CPT Kazimira Karwowski., *US Army*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEB 15

8:00am – Michael Edwards (D)

5:00pm – Kimberly Lewis (D)

SUNDAY, FEB 16

7:00am – Jesselyn Framo (I)

9:00am – Anna Tuyet Nguyen (D)

11:00am – Collette, Edison & Olivia Nguyen (D)

1:00pm – Mary Silva (D)

5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

MONDAY, FEB 17

7:30am – Mathew Pullattu (D)

12:00pm – Patrick Sweeney, Sr. (D)

TUESDAY, FEB 18

7:30am – Gina Allende (D)

12:00pm – Barbara Jean Kingston (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEB 19

7:30am – Wanda Hoelscher (D)

6:30pm – Alexandria & Thomas Faleiro (D)

THURSDAY, FEB 20

7:30am – K.K. Abraham (D)

12:00pm – Norma Magat (D)

FRIDAY, FEB 21

8:15am – Anna Mathew (I)

12:00pm – Ramon Vergara (D)

SATURDAY, FEB 22

8:00am – Dolores Murphy (D)

5:00pm – Adelina Bentulan (D)

SUNDAY, FEB 23

7:00am – Albin Tarnowski (D)

9:00am – Alvaro Vaz (D)

11:00am – Milt Neumann (D)

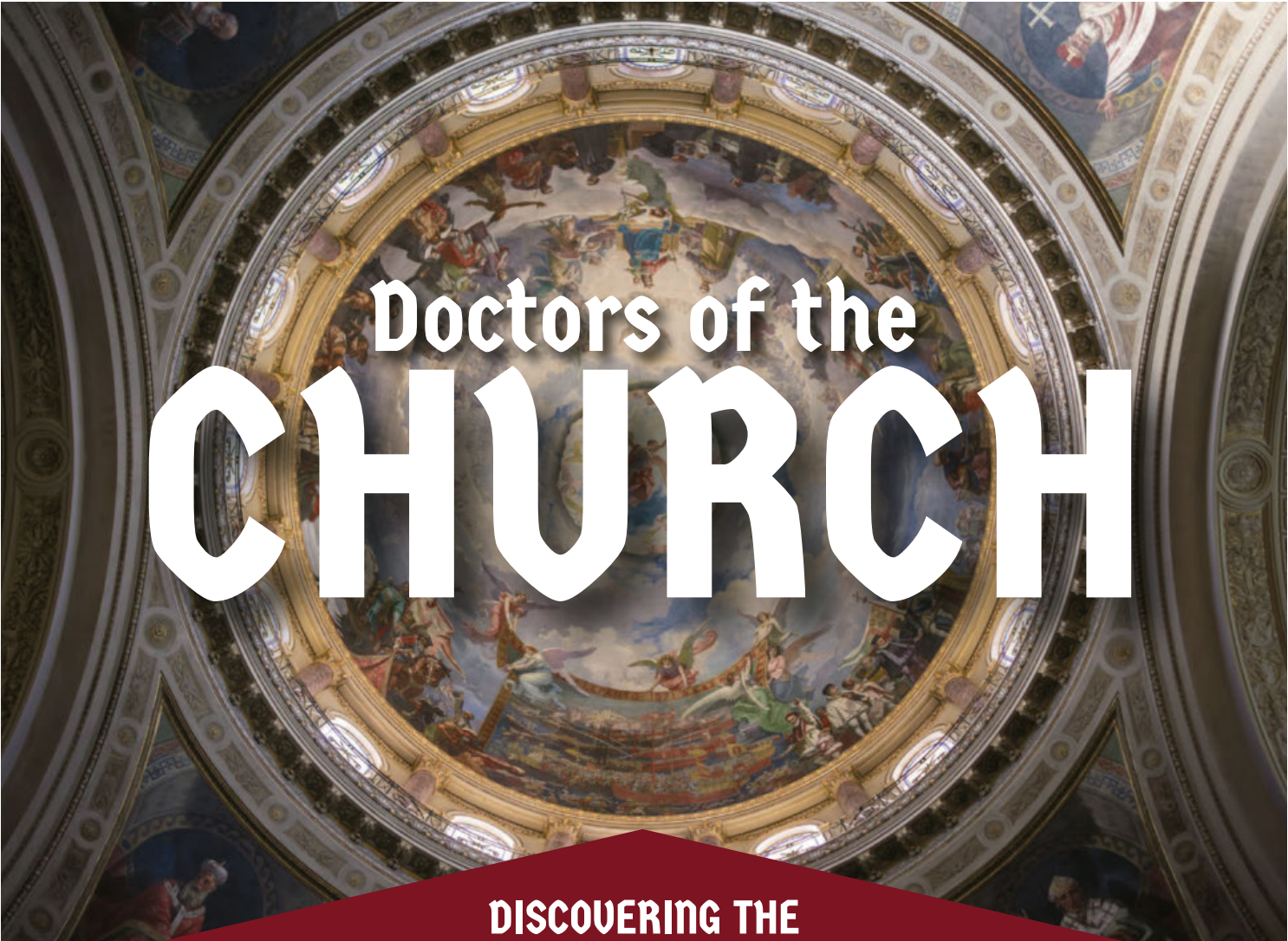
1:00pm – Cau & Nghiem Nguyen (D)

5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

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

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Marek Lawera, William Dodd, Sebastian Delgado, Keenan Annicchiarico, Roger Boneno, Brother Collin Mary Brown, frater Dominic (Adrian Annicchiarico), Beau Guedry (SJ) Br. Levi Mary Pro (Cameron Cashiola), Basil Housewright, Luke Metzger, Br. Kriston Mary Gloria, Br. Peter Mary of the Cross (Colton Marks), Win Vahlkamp



Doctors of the CHURCH

DISCOVERING THE DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH PART OF THE LOGOS SERIES

Mondays, February 17, 24, March 17, 24, 2025
St. Laurence Ave Maria Parish Life Center, Guardian Angels Hall
7:00-9:00 pm

Throughout history, the popes have declared 37 men and women "Doctors of the Church" in recognition of the outstanding contribution they have made to the understanding and interpretation of the sacred Scriptures and the development of Christian doctrine. Join us in learning more about these remarkable people in the church and their profound contributions to the Catholic Faith.

Catechists: Deacon Tim Cullen, Deacon Tom Ruck, Christine Hernandez, PH. D, Charles Johnson

To register/ information go to stlaurence.org/logos





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



CONGRATULATIONS DEACON ROGER BONENO

RECEPTION NEXT SUNDAY
February 23, 2-4pm
Parish Hall

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

START APPLICATION PROCESS

Offering quality education for children
ages 6 weeks through 5 years old
Contact us for details:

wcregistrar@stlaurence.org

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

START APPLICATION PROCESS

Openings in Grades 1, 2 and 3

CONTACT: Christina Stanton

admissions@stlaurence.org | 281-980-0500

stlaurenceschool.org/admissions

A LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 5

8:30am-12:30pm

APR 3: ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

stlaurence.org/adultconfirmation

If you are a baptized Catholic adult who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, a special weekly preparation class is available to you, leading to Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. The class meets on 9 Thursday evenings, 7pm-9pm, at the Ave Maria Center, starting April 3. Registration is open now through March 27. In advance, please contact the church where you were baptized to request a re-issued copy of your Baptismal Certificate. Please contact Mary Visser with questions at 281-265-5774.

APR 3-6: WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

stlaurence.org/womens-acts-retreat

An ACTS retreat provides an opportunity to grow closer to God, grow in your Catholic Faith, and grow in friendship with others from your own parish family. These retreats are staffed and run by parishioners who have experienced a life-changing ACTS Retreat themselves. A Women's ACTS Retreat will be offered April 3-6, open to all women 21+ and registration is open now. The theme for this retreat is "Return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful" (Joel 2: 12-13). Please visit the web page for details and to register.

FEB 25: TECHNOLOGY'S IMPACT ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

stlaurenceschool.org/smart-families

Do you wonder how technology use is affecting your child's development? Come to a special parent education session at St. Laurence Catholic School on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30pm. Dr. Crystal Collier, named 2019 Counselor of the Year by the Houston Counseling Association, will present on the topic, "Unveiling the Impact of Technology on Child Development." Open to adults only.

*Hold
Us
In Your Mercy*

HOW

HEART OF WORSHIP

**MARCH 1, 2025
11:30 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

JOIN ST. LAURENCE FOR A DAY OF INSPIRING TALKS, PRAISE AND WORSHIP,
PRAYER, MASS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Sonja Corbitt & Fr. Dat Hoang

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

St. Laurence Life Teen Praise Group
Led by Dr. Kevin Klotz

REGISTER ONLINE

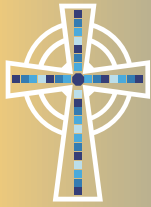
2/14/25 AND LATER
\$50 per person

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PARISH LIFE

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."

– Saint Maximilian Kolbe

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 only to scheduled adorers during the night.

We need committed adorers for eleven hours. Please check online: stlaurence.org/adoration. Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281 224-6122 to sign up.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER & CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"We do not know how to pray but the Spirit Himself prays within us" (Romans 8:26).

St. John Damascene gives us a classic definition of prayer: "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God." Most of our training in prayer, however, has been limited to the mind, but that is only half of the mystery of prayer. The other half is what was called in the Early Church the prayer of the heart, where we are not thinking of God, or talking to him, or asking for anything. We are simply being with God, who is in us in the Holy Spirit. Meditation is the prayer of the heart, uniting us with the human consciousness of Jesus in the Spirit.

It is a prayer of silence, stillness, and simplicity where we allow the body to become still and silent. We learn in this way to become less distracted and more present to God and ourselves and to those we live and work with. Christian meditation and contemplative prayer is simple.

Here at St. Laurence, we have three contemplative prayer groups: Contemplative Prayer (Wed 9am-11am), Spanish Contemplative Prayer (Fri 10am-12pm), and Christian Meditation (Thu 7:00-8:15pm). Christian Meditation is offered as a hybrid session, both in-person and virtual. No experience is necessary, we invite you to join us when you can.

Meet with members of these contemplative prayer groups at the Hospitality Desk today!

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next Class: March 8, 2025

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

The next online session is March 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 12.

Please email Betty Holub, 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

BAPTISM:

Madison Ballas, Elliana Fleischmann, Alma Glasgow, Anthony Glasgow (sibling to Alma), Ivy Sartin, Madelyn Sullivan, Callum Schweiger, Adrian Vazquez

WEDDING:

Madison Gabino & TJ Buitron

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.

LISTENING ASSISTANCE FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

stlaurence.org/listen

Beginning next weekend, people who experience difficulty hearing at Mass may borrow Listening Assist equipment to better understand the Word of God. This equipment was donated by the Knights of Columbus and the people who tested the system really like it! To try Listening Assist yourself, please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass and find an Usher who will lend you the equipment and show you how to use it.



LENT: TIME FOR CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

stlaurence.org/contemplative-prayer

stlaurence.org/christian-meditation

Try a prayer practice this Lent that calls you into quiet time with the Lord. A Lenten Introduction to Christian Meditation will be offered at the Ave Maria Center at 7pm on five Thursdays beginning March 6. Appropriate for all ages and no experience is necessary, so bring the family for this quiet prayer of the heart. Ongoing, our Contemplative Prayer group meets each Wednesday morning (9-11am) in Corpus Christi and our Spanish Contemplative Prayer group meets each Friday morning (10am-12pm) at the Ave Maria Center.

MAR 18: H.O.P.E. GRIEF SERIES BEGINS

stlaurence.org/hope-helping-our-pain-ease

H.O.P.E. is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully. Classes are led by hospice-trained facilitators and there is no cost to attend. Sessions are available at St. Laurence both in the evening and in the afternoon. The next series begins March 18 (Tuesday afternoons) and March 20 (Thursday evenings). To register for the afternoon program, please contact Kathryn Green (361-779-1734); for the evening program, contact Kathy Heinemann (281-468-0738) or Annette Bisanz (713-569-4490).

FEB 20: IGNATIAN HOME RETREAT BEGINS

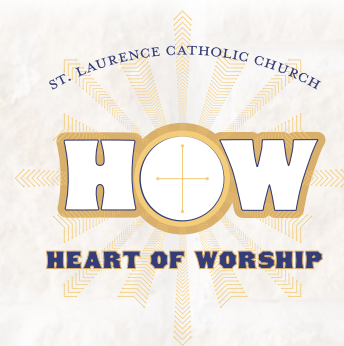
stlaurence.org/spiritualdirection

An Ignatian Home Retreat is an 8-week experience of prayer using themes from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to help participants strengthen their personal prayer practice and deepen their relationship with God. Retreatants pray daily at home using selected scripture passages and meet weekly at 7pm on Thursday evenings with a small group led by a trained facilitator. The retreat begins Thursday, February 20. Please contact Anne Marie Daniel (adaniel@stlaurence.org) to sign up. Space is limited.

CAMPUS MINISTRY & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTER

stlaurence.org/parish-job-opts

St. Laurence is seeking to hire a Coordinator of Campus Ministry/Middle School Youth Minister. Open to self-driven, vibrant and faith-filled youth ministers, who are knowledgeable in theology and have a love for drawing people closer to Christ. Responsibilities include retreats and special events, with particular focus on SLCS Middle School Retreats, plus being part of the Youth Ministry team. Inquirers may contact Director of Faith Formation Christine Hernandez (chernandez@stlaurence.org, 281-265-5774).



HEART OF WORSHIP

REGISTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

11:30am-9:00pm

Featuring Sonja Corbitt & Fr. Dat Hoang

stlaurence.org/how

PRAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10:00am-11:00am

Adoration, music & prayer

MASS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Vigil Mass will begin at 6:00pm

All are welcome

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

- NEW Schedule -

6:30am - Service

9:00am - MASS

12:00pm - Service

4:30pm - Service

6:00pm - MASS

7:30pm - Service

stlaurence.org/lenten-season

GRIEF SUPPORT

GRIEVING FAMILIES

Monthly support group

Thursday, Feb 20, 1:00-2:30pm

stlaurence.org/grieving-families

TAMALES

ON THE PLAZA

St. John Fisher Parish

\$15/dozen until sold out!

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

FEB 9 COLLECTION *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time* \$35,030
 Envelopes Used 467
 Loose Checks 114
2ND COLLECTION *California Fires* \$9,413

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory *Dec 2024* \$345,829
 Participants 1,502

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2025

2025 Parish Goal \$555,000
Updates will be available in March

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION FEB 23 — SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Make the change to online giving! Visit
faith.direct/TX460, or text 'Enroll' to (281-
888-0441). Thank you for your continued
support of our parish family.



**ST. LAURENCE 2025 DSF
 GOAL = \$555,000**

Your donation
 helps 64
 ministries across
 the archdiocese.

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 menu

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MAR 13: CAFÉ CATHOLICA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

archgh.org/cafecatholica

Café Catholica Lite for young adults will be held on Thursday, March 13, 7pm, at the Holy Family Parish Life Center in Galveston. The guest speaker is Fr. Jorge Alvarado, CC, pastor of the Catholic Charismatic Center. The title of his talk is "Recognizing God's Voice in Prayer." The night includes lite snacks, the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer. If you are unable to attend in person, join via livestream.

MAR 22: MAGNIFY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

archgh.org/magnify

All young adults are invited to Magnify, a day with speakers, workshops, Mass and fellowship, at St. Mary's Seminary on Saturday, March 22, 12:00-8:15pm. The bilingual event features keynote speakers Sr. Albert Marie Surmanksi, OP (English) and Mari Pablo (Spanish) on the theme, "Journey to the Father's Heart." Register by 2/17 for early bird pricing (\$45) or by 3/17 (\$55).

MAR 29: ASTROS CATHOLIC FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

fevo-enterprise.com/event/CatholicFamilySteps

It's Catholic Faith and Family Night on Saturday, March 29, when the Astros play the Mets at Daikin Park. Get your tickets now to sit in a special reserved section; a portion of each ticket sold benefits tuition assistance for students in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, paving the way for a brighter future!



APR 4: PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

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Situated in Richmond, the Clubhouse offers free services to individuals with a mental health diagnosis, fostering a welcoming and accepting atmosphere. It's not a daycare, but rather members work daily on attaining goals necessary to improve their situation. Whether it's education, employment, affordable housing, or securing SSI or SSDI benefits, the Clubhouse is a space for positive transformation. Step inside, and you'll witness incredible transformations. Members, once withdrawn, now find acceptance and joy, and connections flourish.

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The Clubhouse is open 9 am – 5 pm M-F Pat Sumner, Hope Fort Bend Clubhouse and NAMI, 281-384-3156 (send a quick text before calling to let her know your call is about Fort Bend Clubhouse)

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Senior Rides and More, a non-profit agency established in 1994, has been dedicated to assisting the elderly and impaired in our community. By providing essential transportation services to doctor appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, dialysis, cancer treatments, and other vital destinations, the organization helps seniors maintain their independence at home. Since 2022, the demand for these services has doubled, reflecting the growing need within the community. The organization's operating budget is primarily supported by St. Laurence and seven other local churches, supplemented by private grants and community donations. The agency also depends on its trained and insured volunteers and utilizes Uber and Lyft to ensure all transportation requests are met.

In the upcoming fiscal year, Senior Rides and More faces challenges as many previous volunteers are unable to continue their involvement and some grants are no longer



available. To maintain their crucial services, the agency urgently needs your support. Your contributions, whether in time or financial donations, are essential to sustain these life-sustaining services for our elderly population. To make a donation or volunteer, please contact Debby Posso, Executive Director, at 713-772-8181 or Info@SeniorRidesandMore.org. For more information, visit their website at seniorridesandmore.org.

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Healing after abortion: Whether a woman had been coerced, or felt like there was no alternative, God still loves everyone who has been involved in an abortion decision. He wants to offer you forgiveness and healing. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats, sponsored by the archdiocese, will be held in English on Feb 21st- 23rd, and in Spanish on Feb 28- March 2, 2025. . All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. For more information or to register please contact Julie at 713-440-3443 or jdumalet@archgh.org. or for Spanish, contact Zulema at zgonzalez@archgh.org.

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference – Catholic Social Doctrine in Medicine. Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9:15am to 5:45pm at University of St. Thomas in Houston. CE credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. Virtual option available. To register or for more information, visit www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/cr25-htx/

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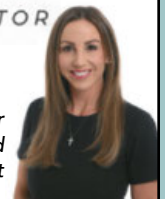
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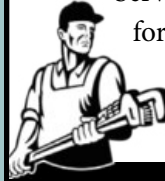
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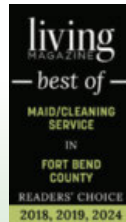
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