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HEART OF WORSHIP

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

PARISH OFFICE

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





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 - 4:30 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.



For 18 years, St. Laurence has opened wide our doors for Heart of Worship, inviting people from our parish, our archdiocese and beyond, for a day of prayer, learning, fellowship, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Fr. Drew first envisioned this "day like no other" for his parish, and today, Fr. Reginald continues the great spirit and tradition of Heart of Worship. Because of the loving leadership of these two pastors, we are able to enjoy the gift of this day before entering into the season of Lent.

Inspired by the theme, "Hold Us In Your Mercy," Fr. Reginald references a quote from Pope Francis: "What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on."

On mercy, Fr. Reginald continues:

"As disciples, we show God's love and mercy. This is so important because the world is not merciful. As Christians, we must step out of our own comfort zones to show mercy to our brothers and sisters. It is not comfortable and it is not easy to serve other people, but God always calls us to serve.

It is God who prompts us, leads us and guides us. We, who are discerning His will, take one step at a time *behind* God, as He whispers in our hearts, 'here is the right path.' God calls us step by step, leading us through mercy. We all need that mercy in our lives and we are all called to show that mercy with others. If God is showing us mercy, then He's calling us to show mercy to those around us.

Mercy changes us, exalts us and makes us whole."

May this weekend inspire our Lenten journeys to hear God's quiet voice, to discern His Will, and to share the great gift of His Mercy with our brothers and sisters.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1115

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading I Sirach 27:4-7

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Gospel Luke 6:39-45

MONDAY

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Reading I Gospel Sirach 17:20-24 Mark 10:17-27

TUESDAY

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Reading I Gospel Sirach 35:1-12 Mark 10:28-31

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Reading I Reading II Gospel Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

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Reading I Gospel Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Luke 9:22-25

FRIDAY

7

Reading I Gospel Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY

8

Reading I Gospel Isaiah 58:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32

SUNDAY

First Sunday of Lent

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Reading I Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Reading II Romans 10:8-13 Gospel Luke 4:1-13

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.

Andrew Sodek, Alfredo Perez, Tony Miscio, 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.



Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.

Pope Francis, Spes Non Confundit, 5/9/24

jubilaeum2025.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 GySqt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC LCPL Tv 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, MAR 1

8:00am - Dcn. Al Bothe (D) 5:00pm - Fr. Drew Wood (D)

SUNDAY, MAR 2

7:00am – Hexequio & Amparo Cuaresma (D) 9:00am – Sebastian Espinoza (I) 11:00am – Tony Hernandez (D) 1:00pm – Haget Family (I) 5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

MONDAY, MAR 3

7:30am - Rev. William Kuba (D) 12:00pm - Mathew Joseph (I)

TUESDAY, MAR 4

7:30am – Waller Family (I) 12:00pm – Lawrence Pilkinton (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAR 5

9:00am – Arturo & Zenaida Sapon (D) 6:00pm – Marvin Haas (D)

THURSDAY, MAR 6

7:30am – Theodora Unachukwu (I) 12:00pm – Margarita & Valentin Torres (D)

FRIDAY, MAR 7

8:15am – Don & Dorothea Ottosen (D) 12:00pm – Evelyn Caruncho (D)

SATURDAY, MAR 8

8:00am – Tresa Varghese (D) 5:00pm – Patricia Cassidy (D)

SUNDAY, MAR 9

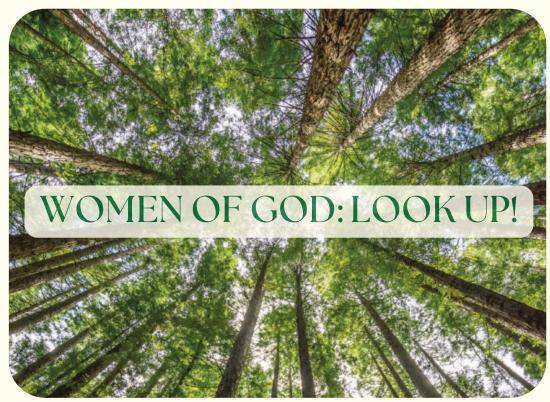
7:00am – Geminiano Macuha (D) 9:00am – Suzanne Ambrose (D) 11:00am – Remigio T. Reyes (D) 1:00pm – Orlando Quirch (D) 5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

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

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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

A Lenten Morning of Reflection for Women



Speaker: Sister Odessa Stanford SFCC

Saturday, April 5 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Parish Hall

As women seeking to be faithful in our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ we must "look up." This beautiful season of quiet and reflection purges us to be women of hope as each day we undo knots for those we love and for ourselves. The spiritual process is never ending and filled with challenges. We must "look up." Let us spend this time together to be encouraged, empowered and ready to exhale beyond this Lenten season.

Cost per person: \$30 by 3/25 and \$35 on 3/26 and later Registration closes April 1st.

To register and pay go to stlaurence.org/WomensMOR Breakfast catered by La Madeleine

For more information: Mary Visser at mvisser@stlaurence.org





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

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 3

7-8pm in Chapel of Divine Mercy Pray before the Blessed Sacrament stlaurence.org/vocations

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

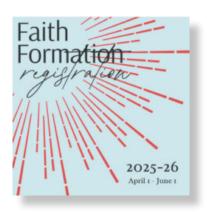
THURSDAYS 7PM THIS LENT

Introduction for all ages Learn this quiet form of prayer stlaurence.org/christian-meditation

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

8:30am-12:30pm Parish Hall Register in advance stlaurence.org/womensmor



APR 3-6: WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

stlaurence.org/womens-acts-retreat

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.

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.

MAR 22: VIETNAMESE LENTEN RETREAT

stlaurence.org/vietnamese-community

Families of Vietnamese descent are invited to a Lenten day retreat at St. Laurence on Saturday, March 22, 8:00am-3:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center. The theme, "You are the Light of the World," based on Matthew 5:14, will be explored by two very special guest speakers: Fr. Hy Nguyen and Fr. Truong Son Nguyen. Youth track, lunch served, confessions available in Vietnamese. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

SERVE IN FAITH FORMATION

stlaurence.org/serve

Over 1,500 children are formed in our Faith by volunteer catechists. This is a great way to serve the parish, form our young people and grow in your own faith. When registration for the 2025-2026 year opens April 1, please consider signing up yourself to help as a Catechist, small group leader or assistant. This is also a great way for grandparents, empty nesters and young adults to serve. No experience is necessary, training & materials are provided. We're grateful for your help!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent in the Church 6:30pm – Liturgy of the Hours 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

CHILDREN'S STATIONS

Friday, March 28, 5:00pm In the church for young families

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Fridays in Lent in Parish Hall 5:00-8:00pm \$15/adults, \$5/kids stlaurence.org/fish-fry

THE GIVING TREE

Social Concerns Lenten Drive Donate Household Supplies March 8-9 and March 15-16 stlaurence.org/the-giving-tree

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Introduction to Christian Meditation 7pm Thursdays in Lent

stlaurence.org/christian-meditation

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 18 6:30-8:30pm In the Church 20 priests available to hear confessions

ADORATION THIS LENT

Invite a friend for a Holy Hour! Chapel of Divine Mercy stlaurence.org/adoration

PRAY THE ROSARY

stlaurence.org/pray-the-rosary

Friday Family Rosary at 8:00pm Friday Morning Rosary at 6:30am Saturday Morning Rosary at 7:30am

Before Noon Mass in Lent Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Rosary for the Preborn 2nd Sundays at 12:15pm

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Saturday, April 5 8:30am-12:30pm Speaker: Sr. Odessa Stanford, SFCC stlaurence.org/womensmor

ST. LAURENCE WEEKEND LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

"Jubilant Pilgrims"
March 21-23
At Holy Name Retreat Center
stlaurence.org/mens-retreat

VIETNAMESE FAMILY RETREAT

Featuring: Fr. Truong Son Nguyen and Fr. Hy Nguyen, P.S.S. Saturday, March 22 8:00am-3:30pm stlaurence.org/vietnamese-community

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5

Schedule and more info at: stlaurence.org/lenten-season





PARISH LIFE



"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.

There is an urgent need for an adorer on Sundays 11am to noon each week.

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.

COME BACK TO THE HEART OF WORSHIP!

HEART OF WORSHIP 2026

Saturday, February 7, 2026

St. Laurence Catholic Church Registration opens 12/1/25

stlaurence.org/how

Also, coming this fall...

Heart of Worship @ St. Theresa-Houston Saturday, September 13, 2025

Featuring Dr. John Bergsma

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:

Shane Chapman, Logan Huffman, Sullivan Nguyen

IN REOUIEM:

Galvin Anciano

Marlis Kilboy, mother of Matt Kilboy

Margaret Parsons, mother of Steve Parsons

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

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.

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).

MAR 9: RECEPTION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you visiting or new to St. Laurence? Please come to a reception especially for you next Sunday, March 9, 12:30-1:30pm. Let us get to know you and your family and give you the opportunity to meet clergy, other newcomers and some of the staff. Light refreshments are served. Please RSVP to Glen & Stephanie Guidry at welcome@stlaurence.org by March 6. Welcome!

FRIDAYS: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

stlaurence.org/fish-fry

The holy season of Lent is upon us and that means the Knights of Columbus Fish Frys are the place to be on Friday night. Enjoy time with friends over a great fish dinner in the parish hall. Just \$15 per person (\$5 for kids) gets you a full meal of fried or baked fish and all the sides. Plus, the Catholic Daughters will be there as well, selling their delicious home-baked desserts. If you've never been, give it a try this Lent. All profit goes 100% to charity. Prefer to takeout? Order a Family Pack (feeds 4) for \$58, online by noon Friday, skip the line inside and pickup your order outside.

MAR 3: JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

stlaurence.org/joy-club-for-seniors

St. Laurence seniors are called the JOY Club and they meet each first Monday at the Ave Maria Center. Join them Monday, March 3, as they begin "Praying Our Way into Lent," featuring two guest speakers, Elaine Smith from Contemplative Prayer and Marlene Sanders from Divine Mercy. Come explore different types of prayer in preparation for Lent and please bring a sack lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.



ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN GUIDELINES



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

- NEW Schedule - 6:30am - Service

9:00am – MASS

12:00pm - Service

4:30pm – Service

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6:00pm - MASS

7:30pm - Service

stlaurence.org/lenten-season

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STARTING FRIDAY, MARCH 7

6:30pm – Liturgy of the Hours 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

KC FISH FRY

STARTING FRIDAY, MARCH 7

5pm-8pm in Parish Hall Eat-in or take-out stlaurence.org/fish-fry

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

6:30-8:30pm In the Church 20 priests available to hear confessions

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS - 7,300

| FEB 23 COLLECTION Seventh Sunday in Ordinary | Time.\$34,009 |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Envelopes Used | 432 |
| Loose Checks | 107 |
| 2ND COLLECTION Social Concerns Ministry | \$12,767 |

ONLINE GIVING

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

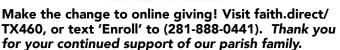
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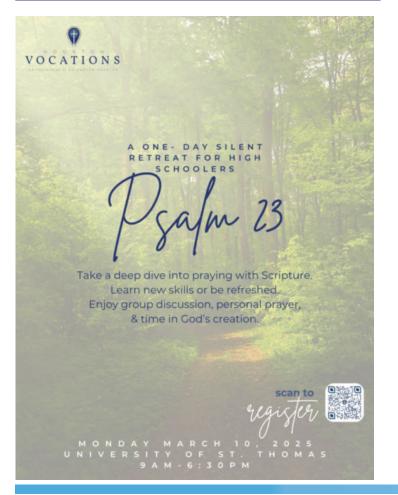
2025 Parish Goal\$555,000

Updates will be available in March

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION MARCH 5, ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES (ASH WEDNESDAY)







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 3-6: JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS FOR WOMEN houstonjtd.com

The Journey to Damascus is an ecumenical 3-day weekend in which Christians from all faith backgrounds come together in a spirit of Christian Unity to seek a closer relationship to Christ. The next retreat for women is April 3-6, at Camp Lone Star in Tomball. The cost is \$250 (includes lodging & meals), scholarships available. Apply now for a truly transformative and ecumenical weekend.

MAR 2: ROUND UP AT ST. THOMAS sths.org/support/fundraising/round-up

Head to St. Thomas High School today, Sunday, March 2, 12pm-6pm, for their annual Round Up, including games, activities, food, participate in the Big Red Market and the popular theme basket and raffle drawings.

MAR 2: SPRING FLING AT STRAKE JESUIT strakejesuit.org/giving/spring-fling--raffle

Strake Jesuit hosts their annual Spring Fling on their campus today, Sunday, March 2, 12pm-5pm. Bring the whole family for an exciting day of food, live music, games, raffle drawing and festivities for all ages.





FAITH IN ACTION: 5TH GRADERS GIVE BACK

On President's Day, a dedicated group of 5th graders from St. Laurence Catholic School spent part of their day off serving others. They packed rice and beans for the Mamie George Community Center, which provides food for those in need, assembled hygiene kits for the Hope Bags for the Homeless, and decorated Easter eggs for children. The students also brought food items to support the Social Concerns Ministry pantry. Through these simple acts of service, they put their Catholic faith into practice, following Jesus's call to care for others. We're grateful to these students and their parents for their kindness and generosity!





COMING SOON THE GIVING TREE DRIVE



MARCH 8-9 & 15-16

The Giving Tree Drive restocks the shelves of the Social Concerns workroom with essential household items. These items, ranging from soap to pots and pans, as well as gift cards, are utilized throughout the year to support families referred to us through Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement, as well as parish and community families in need. Select a tag from the line after Mass on March 8-9 or March 15-16 to make a significant impact on the lives of these families. Thank you for your generosity!



RESPECT LIFE

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, and offers forgiveness and healing. A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, sponsored by the archdiocese, will be held in Spanish on Feb 28- March 2, 2025. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. For more information or to register please 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/

End of Life decisions: For those nearing the end of life, and for their care-givers, it can be difficult to make decisions on care in order to both preserve life and minimize suffering. The National Catholic Bioethics Center has a New Charter for Health Care Workers that presents the church's teaching on end-of-life care as well as concerns regarding procreation and living. The document can ordered at www.ncbcenter.org/store/newcharter

Did you know? ...that birth control pills have serious health risks as well as the possibility of causing early abortions? ...that "pregnancy" has been redefined to begin at implantation (when the young embryo imbeds itself in the mother's womb) rather than fertilization (when egg and sperm unite)? With that definition, certain products (IUDs and the Morning After Pill) can claim to only "prevent" pregnancy. Read about the abortifacient effect of birth control as well as the serious health risks of the pill, at www.christianvoicesforlife.org/contraception

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