

MARCH 9, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LAURENCE

Catholic Church

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

PARISH OFFICE

3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
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stlaurence.org/bulletin-submission

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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 - 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

This Sunday marks a special day for those on their journey to entrance into the Catholic Church through the OCIA (formerly RCIA) process.

During the Rite of Sending at the 9 a.m. Mass, our parish community will send the Candidates and Catechumens in the process to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion. At this rite, Cardinal DiNardo will give his blessing to them as they prepare to enter the church this Easter. Please keep them in your prayers as they go through this final period, known as Purification and Enlightenment. You can see more of what their journey entails by looking at the map on page 5 of this bulletin.

This process, now known as the Order (formerly Rite) of Christian Initiation of Adults, has undergone some recent updates in the United States. The intention in changing the title of the process from "Rite" to "Order" indicates that this is truly an incremental process with several periods and rites, and not simply a single event. Additionally, there have been some minor updates in the translation to more closely align with the Latin original and offer more precise theological understanding.

This process, originally known as the Catechumenate in the ancient church, was where adult converts underwent a structured process of initiation. After the Second Vatican Council, this powerful process for facilitating conversion was brought back and adapted for the needs of our modern era. The effectiveness of this process is rooted in the three aspects of its liturgical, catechetical, and pastoral nature. The beauty of the liturgical rites of this process, along with the transformative teaching of the truths of the Catholic Faith, and the incremental facilitation of one's personal conversion to Jesus Christ all combine to transform lives in OCIA. You can find out more details about the Church's process for drawing people into relationship with Christ and the Church by scanning the QR code on this page. These updates are an excellent opportunity for our parish community to recommit ourselves to sharing in the Church's evangelizing mission. Perhaps this is the time for you to invite someone to consider growing in their relationship with Christ, to join the OCIA process, or for you to personally join the OCIA Team when we start up again in the fall!

Justin Frato

Adult Faith Formation and OCIA Coordinator

For more information: jfrato@stlaurence.org, 281-265-5774, or stlaurence.org/ocia,



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1018

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First Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY

10

Reading I Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY

11

Reading I Isaiah 55:10-11
Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY

12

Reading I Jonah 3:1-10
Gospel Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY

13

Reading I Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Gospel Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY

14

Reading I Ezekiel 18:21-28
Gospel Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY

15

Reading I Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

SUNDAY

16

Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Reading II Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel Luke 9:28b-36

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.

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 Metzger, Br. Kriston Mary Gloria, Br. Peter Mary of the Cross (Colton Marks), Win Vahlkamp



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Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love.

St. Augustine

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, 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

MONDAY, MAR 10

7:30am – Anita D'Souza (I)
 12:00pm – Alex Pham (D)

TUESDAY, MAR 11

7:30am – Kevin Hinguillo (D)
 12:00pm – Johnny Curiale (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAR 12

7:30am – Fr. Drew Wood (D)
 6:30pm – Brian Huynh (D)

THURSDAY, MAR 13

7:30am – Theodora Unachukwu (I)
 12:00pm – Jose Hortillo (D)

FRIDAY, MAR 14

8:15am – Jeremiah Pascual (D)
 12:00pm – Alfredo Diego, Sr. (D)

SATURDAY, MAR 15

8:00am – Mary Kutty Devasia (D)
 5:00pm – Connie Simmons (D)

SUNDAY, MAR 16

7:00am – Ginalyn Leones (I)
 9:00am – Victoria Rangel (D)
 11:00am – Ajay Thomas (I)
 1:00pm – Andrew Albert Lubrano (D)
 5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

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

LISTENING ASSISTANCE

Listening Assist equipment is available in

the sanctuary courtesy our Knights of Columbus Reverend John T. Weyer Council 11343. See an usher for assistance or visit stlaurence.org/listen



Liturgical Components of the Christian Initiation Process

Gateways and Sources of Grace for Conversion

MYSTAGOGY AND THE NEOPHYTE YEAR

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Devoted to post-baptismal catechesis, this period is a time for deepening the Christian experience, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the community.

RITE OF ELECTION
Calling to Continuing Conversion

PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

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Coinciding with **Lent**, this period consists more in interior reflection than instruction. It is intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of participants with a deep knowledge of Christ the Savior.

CATECHUMENATE

This is an extended period for pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training participants in the Christian life; it includes a thoroughly comprehensive catechesis on the truths of Catholic doctrine and moral life.

CATECHUMENATE

PRE CATECHUMENATE

This is a time for inquiry and evangelization, an opportunity for the beginnings of faith.

RITE OF ENTRANCE
Right of Welcoming

PRECATECHUMENATE

Start

CATECHUMENS
(Not Baptised)

CANDIDATES
(Already Baptised)

PERIODS

STEPS



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

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

ESSAYS DUE MARCH 30

8th grade: TWO \$1,000 scholarships

HS seniors: TWO \$2,000 scholarships

Find details and apply online

stlaurence.org/kc-scholarship

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

5:00-5:30pm

In the Church

Booklets provided

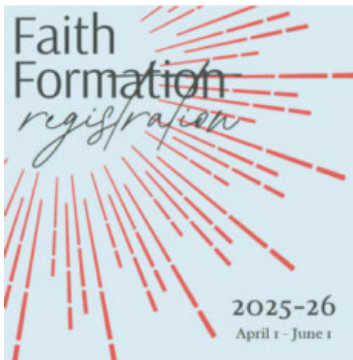
Welcome all families!

FORM YOUR FAMILY INTENTIONALLY

ENGLISH, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE & TAGALOG

Ideas for growing as a faith-filled family!

stlaurence.org/family



Vietnamese St. Laurence Lenten Retreat 2025

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM Saturday March 22, 2025

@ Ave Maria Center, 3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479

"You are the Light of the world" (Matthew 5:14)

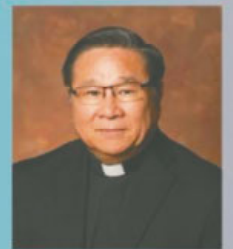
Chủ đề của ngày tĩnh tâm

"CÁC CON LÀ ÁNH SÁNG THẾ GIỚI" (MT 5:14)



Fr. Nguyễn Trường Sơn
St. Hyacinth Church
Linh Hưởng Ngày tĩnh tâm

Chúa Giêsu trao cho chúng ta sứ mạng là Ánh Sáng cho thế gian. Nhưng chính chúng ta đã nhiều lần dập tắt ánh sáng đó. Mùa Chay nhắc nhở chúng ta sứ mạng cao cả của mình.



Fr. Nguyễn Khắc Hy
Cha giảng thuyết

**Separate Activities
FOR THE YOUTH GROUP**



**Reconciliation
throughout
the day**

Join us for a special
retreat & explore
the inspiring lives
of saints

Liên lạc: vnstlaurence@gmail.com or Kim Vu (901) 550-9635

Donations are appreciated

Rất biết ơn sự đóng góp tài chánh của quý vị

For checks: pay to St. Laurence and memo to "VNSL"

For online: <https://stlaurence.org/vietnamese-community>

For cash: drop in the Church office. Write on the envelope to "VNSL"

All are welcome with Lunch provided. Registration required!

LENT AT ST. LAURENCE

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

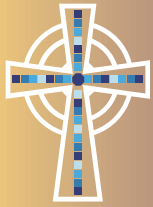
Featuring: Fr. Truong Son Nguyen
and Fr. Hy Nguyen, P.S.S.
Saturday, March 22
8:00am-3:30pm
stlaurence.org/vietnamese-community

SEARCH THE FULL SCHEDULE

stlaurence.org/lenten-season



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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.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next Class: April 5, 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

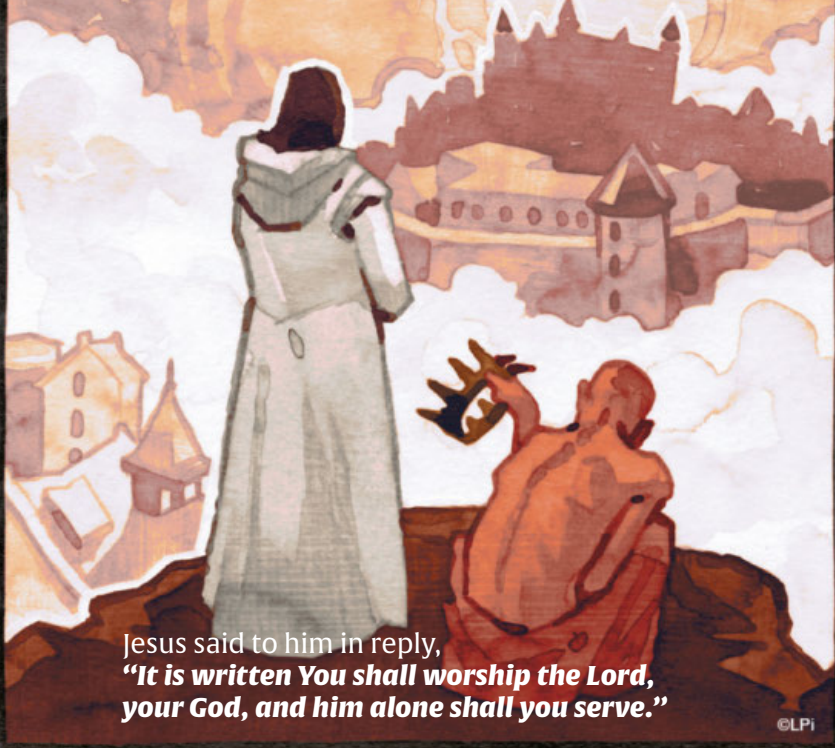
BAPTISM:

Calista Delgado, Azalea Dumlao

IN REQUIEM:

Ismael Montero, Sr., brother of Yvette Crawford

LUKE 4:8



Jesus said to him in reply,
***"It is written You shall worship the Lord,
your God, and him alone shall you serve."***

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.

FRIDAYS: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

stlaurence.org/stations-cross

Each Friday in Lent our deacons lead us in prayer through the 14 Stations of the Cross, beautifully posted on the walls of our church, to meditate upon the Passion and death of Jesus on the Cross. Arrive at 7:00pm to pray the Stations of the Cross; arrive a littler earlier at 6:30pm to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. All ages are welcome and booklets are provided. A recording is also available on the parish website



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 17: FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY BEGINS

stlaurence.org/financial-peace-university

Financial Peace University will start a new 9-week class on Monday evenings at 7pm, starting March 17. This proven program is a video curriculum taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey with small group breakouts. Participants learn to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. To reserve a spot, contact coordinators Sunny Tom and Eddie Rios at fpu@stlaurence.org.

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).

OUR PARISH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY: 1985-2025

August 1, 2025 marks a milestone anniversary for our parish: 40 years! Plans are underway for a series of events around the feast day of St. Laurence (August 10) to remember, to give thanks, and to celebrate together as a parish family. These special celebrations will replace our Parish Bazaar this year, but you can count on the return of the Bazaar in October 2026. Meanwhile, we invite you to participate in our parish's anniversary later this year. So, stay tuned! Details are coming soon.



ST. LAURENCE

NO NOON MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Our clergy will be at the Installation of Archbishop Vásquez (7:30am Morning Mass as scheduled)



2025 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

PARISH GOAL = \$555,000

Please select St. Laurence from the drop-down menu to donate online
give.archgh.org

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

8:30am-12:30pm Parish Hall

Register in advance

stlaurence.org/womensmor

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

THURSDAYS 7PM THIS LENT

Introduction for all ages

Learn this quiet form of prayer

stlaurence.org/christian-meditation

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

6:30-8:30pm In the Church

20 priests available to hear confessions

WORK FOR SLCS

JOB OPENINGS AT OUR SCHOOL

7th-8th Grade Math Teacher

7th-8th Grade Science Teacher

choosecatholicsschools.org

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

MAR 2 COLLECTION Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time .. \$47,198
 Envelopes Used 408
 Loose Checks 135

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 MARCH 9, BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS



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.

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

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APR 3-6: JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS FOR WOMEN

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MAR 24: DAY OF PRAYER FOR SENIOR MEMBERS

All those 55-and-older are invited to a special Day of Prayer at St. Cyril of Alexandria on Monday, March 24, 10am-2pm. The theme is "Jesus Christ Our Living Hope." The cost to attend is \$20 and your registration must be received by March 12. Please contact Leslye Henderson at leslye54@yahoo.com for more information and to register.

APR 4: PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

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Cheer on your favorites at the 8th annual Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game on Friday, April 4, at 7:00pm, at Rice University Tudor Fieldhouse. This game between the seminarians (Saints) and the priests (Martyrs) is always a sellout, so get your tickets now and plan to join the tailgate at 4:30pm. Tickets range in price from \$4 to \$95; all proceeds benefit the seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary.

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Rosary for the Preborn: Please join us THIS Sunday, Mar 9, after the 11:00 Mass to pray a rosary for greater respect for life in the womb. We will meet at the fountain in the church courtyard.

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference
– Catholic Social Doctrine in Medicine. Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 9:15 am to 5:45 pm at the 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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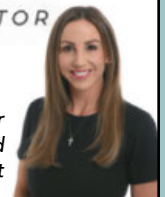
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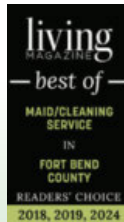
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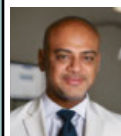
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