

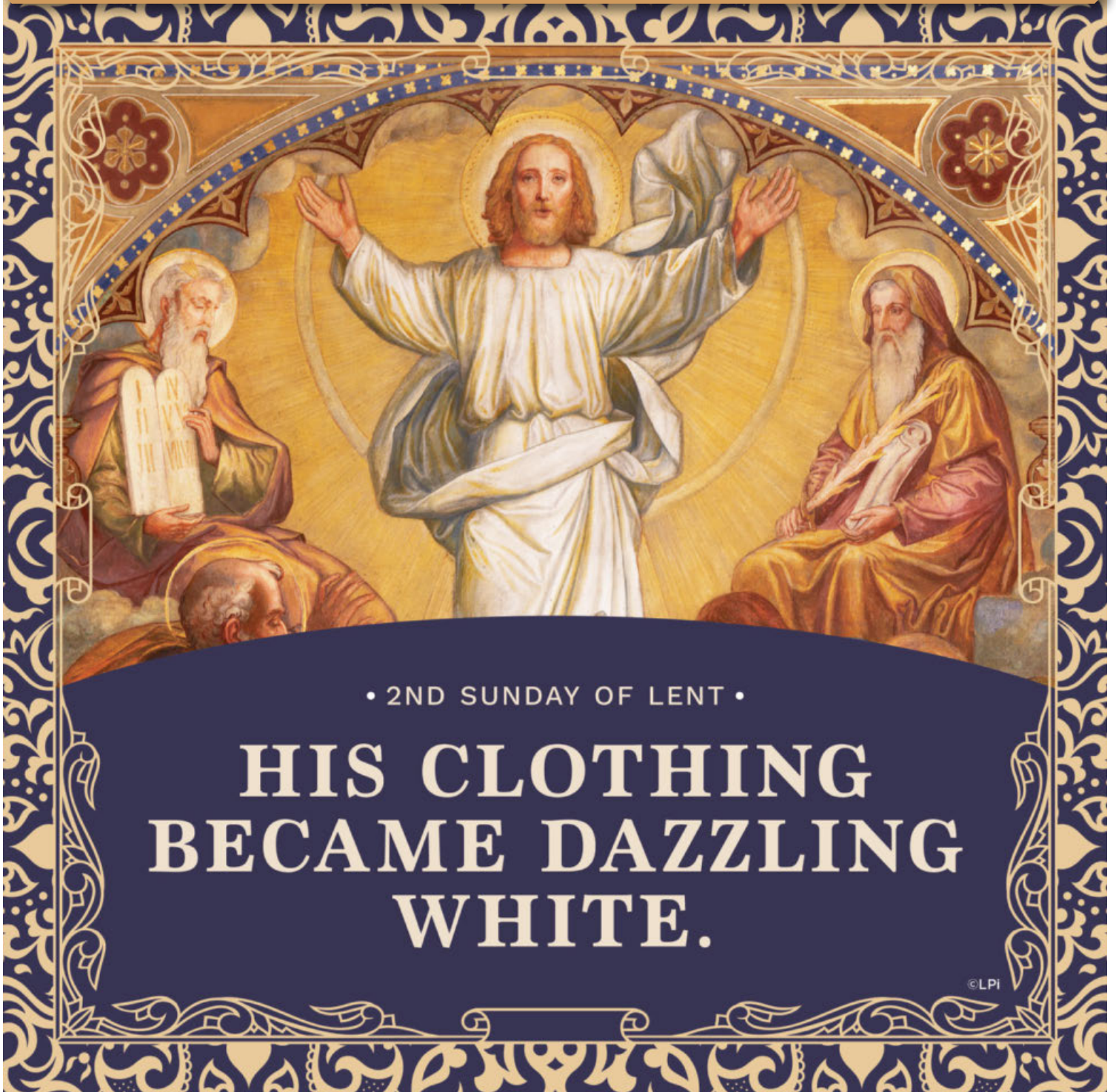
MARCH 16, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LAURENCE

Catholic Church

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



• 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT •

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ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

PARISH OFFICE

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281-980-9812

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

They saw his glory. (Luke 9:32)

Picture a split screen of two images of Jesus. On the left is Jesus on Mount Tabor as the three disciples saw him, shining in all his glory (Luke 9:32). On the right is Jesus hanging on the cross in agony, his face and body covered in blood.



Such a contrast can be jarring. How could the Holy One of God, transfigured and radiating his divinity, be the same One who was nailed to a cross, at the mercy of his persecutors, and completely stripped of any semblance of heavenly glory?

We know the answer: Jesus willingly accepted "death, even death on a cross" to save us (Philippians 2:8). He willingly let go of any outward show of his divinity and power out of love for each of us.

Today's Gospel describing the Transfiguration is a revelation of who Jesus truly is. As Luke describes it, "His face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white" (9:29). It's an other-worldly glimpse of Jesus, one that was hidden while he walked the earth, but a sign of how he may appear to us one day in heaven.

When we think of Jesus as he was transfigured, it can make us even more grateful for what he was willing to endure for our sake. As the divine Son of God, he could have called on his angels in heaven at any moment and liberated himself from the agony of the cross. At any moment, he could have rained down fire on all those who were trying to kill him. But he didn't. He loved us so much that he let himself be tortured and crucified. He did it even for the people that had accused and sentenced him!

Today, imagine yourself on Mount Tabor with Peter, John, and James. What does Jesus' face look like? How bright is his clothing? Think about what you might say to him. Above all, be sure to thank him from the bottom of your heart for being willing to die so that you might live!

"Jesus, let me see your glory today."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1021

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Second Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY

17

Reading I Daniel 9:4b-10
Gospel Luke 6:36-38

TUESDAY

18

Reading I Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM-

19

Reading I 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Reading II Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Gospel Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

THURSDAY

20

Reading I Jeremiah 17:5-10
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

FRIDAY

21

Reading I Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Gospel Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY

22

Reading I Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY

23

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Reading II 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel Luke 13:1-9

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: April 4, in the church, 8:00pm, due to Lenten Season

St. Anthony of Padua Mass: 7:00pm 1st Tuesdays (Church)
and 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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May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation.

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

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 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

MONDAY, MAR 17

7:30am – Erwin Teltschik (D)
 12:00pm – Doug Roberts (D)

TUESDAY, MAR 18

7:30am – Edwin Lobo-Prabhu (D)
 12:00pm – Charles Wayne Beneke (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAR 19

7:30am – Antonio Gonzales (D)
 6:30pm – Francisco Parra (D)

THURSDAY, MAR 20

7:30am – Zane Joseph (I)
 12:00pm – Teresa & Juan Siman (D)

FRIDAY, MAR 21

8:15am – Joan Konze (D)
 12:00pm – Diana Ploch (D)

SATURDAY, MAR 22

8:00am – Devasia Joseph (D)
 5:00pm – Froilan Parado, Sr. (D)

SUNDAY, MAR 23

7:00am – Collin Nwachukwu (D)
 9:00am – Francisco Parra (D)
 11:00am – Genevieve Nguyen (D)
 1:00pm – Samuel Davila (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





CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

*It's Never Too Late...
To Complete Your Initiation!*

THURSDAYS, APRIL 3- JUNE 5, 2025

7:00- 9:00 PM

ST. FRANCIS MEETING ROOM

All baptized Catholic adults, who have not yet celebrated Confirmation, are invited to nourish and strengthen their relationship with God.

Adult Confirmation is offered for adults

- At least 18 years of age and graduated from High School
- Already baptized and received first Eucharist
- Actively practicing their faith
- If married, marriage must be sacramental in the Catholic Church

Before registering, ask the church where you were baptized to “**re-issue**” your Baptismal Certificate **dated within the last 6 months**. Registration will close on March 27, 2025.

Discernment interviews are required prior to the first session. You will be contacted after we receive your form for an interview.

Register at www.stlaurence/adultconfirmation



FAMILY LIFE

It is incumbent upon husbands and wives, mothers and dads, and single parents to spend time in prayer, discernment, and dialogue about the kind of family they will be. Family and home does not automatically happen.

Fr. Drew Wood

stlaurence.org/family

WORK FOR SLCS

JOB OPENINGS AT OUR SCHOOL

7th-8th Grade Math Teacher
7th-8th Grade Science Teacher
choosecatholicsschools.org

ANNULMENTS

GETTING STARTED

Get your questions answered
CONTACT: Anne Marie Daniel
adaniel@stlaurence.org | 281-265-5774
stlaurence.org/annulments

FORM YOUR FAMILY INTENTIONALLY

ENGLISH, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE & TAGALOG

Ideas for growing as a faith-filled family!
stlaurence.org/family

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

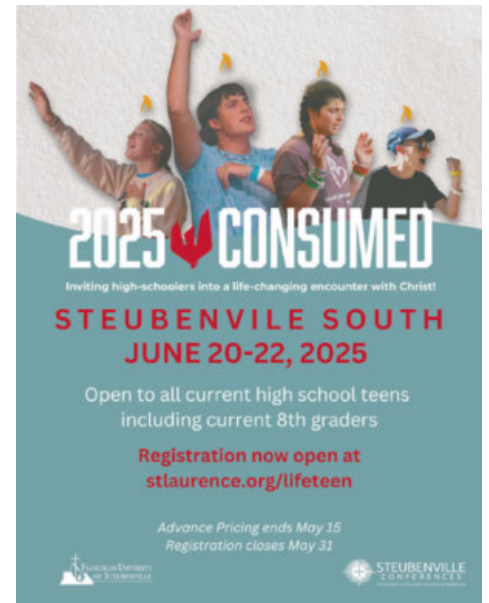
stlaurence.org/moms-tots-ministry

Bring the whole family to the church at 5pm on Friday, March 28, and "let the children come" to Jesus in the Stations of the Cross, as they are led around the church by Deacon Tom Ruck. Booklets will be provided. This special Lenten event is hosted by St. Laurence Moms & Tots Ministry and is intended for families and children of all ages. Join us at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry afterwards for fellowship!

REGISTER TEENS FOR STEUBENVILLE

stlaurence.org/steubenville-youth-conference

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security and love. Join thousands of Catholic teens at Steubenville South in Alexandria, LA, on June 20-22, to be transformed by the love of Christ. All current 8th graders through graduating seniors are invited to attend. Registration is open; advance pricing thru May 15; registration closes May 31.



MAR 30: KC SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

stlaurence.org/kc-scholarship

The Reverend John T. Weyer Knights of Columbus Council 11343 is offering FOUR scholarships to the students of our parish. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to 8th grade students who will attend a Houston Catholic high school next fall. Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who are enrolled in college. Find the application online. The deadline for entry is Sunday, March 30, and winners will be announced in May.



INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

ST. LAURENCE AVE MARIA
PARISH LIFE CENTER
THURSDAYS 7:00-8:15 PM
BEGINS MARCH 6
*ENDS APRIL 8

Be still and know that I am God (Ps 46:10).

5 WEEK INTRODUCTORY COURSE

Offered by the St. Laurence Christian Meditation Prayer Group

In an age of rush and noise it is essential that we find time to be still and quiet.

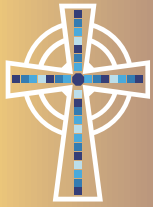
In this prayer of silence called Christian Meditation, we find God who dwells within our hearts. And in finding Him, we find also our true selves, and thus are renewed. Christian Meditation is the natural progression of our prayer life towards a deeper experience of God.

You do not need to attend all sessions to benefit from this course.
Appropriate for all ages and no prior experience is necessary.

**Note: We will not meet March 13, due to spring break.*

CONTACT: Patrick King, patrickking50@gmail.com





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:

ART & ENVIRONMENT

The mission of Art & Environment is to keep the integrity of the liturgical seasons. We do this by creating a worship space conducive to prayer and centered on the Eucharistic celebration. With careful attention to detail, our team ensures that the church is decorated beautifully and appropriately for each liturgical celebration.

The duties of the Art and Environment team are multiple, and we always welcome more members, especially during the busy liturgical seasons. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Setting up Christmas with trees, poinsettias, manger scene, wreaths and other decorations
- Setting up for Easter with flowers on the Altar and in the narthex
- Decorating for Lent and Pentecost
- During Ordinary Time, helping to care for the plants on the Altar and in the narthex

We are always open to new members and can find a spot for anyone interested in joining us! Creativity is not a requirement. We need volunteers who can climb ladders to hang greenery, as well as help with watering plants and shining brass. Volunteer opportunities and meeting times are varied.

Consider joining our energetic, dedicated team of volunteers. You will be so glad you did! If you would like to join our team or have questions, please contact Catherine Short (713-628-3949).

Meet with members from Art & Environment at the Hospitality Desk after Mass to see how you can get involved.

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 May 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 14.

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:

Cruz Avila, Mia Avila, Isabel Monceller, Emory Narciso, Lina Olicia, Olivia Valdivia

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 little 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 (\$8 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.

APR 5: LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

stlaurence.org/womensmor

On Saturday, April 5, 8:30am-12:30pm, women are invited to a special Lenten Morning of Reflection, Women of God: Look Up, led by Sr. Odessa Stanford, SFCC. Raised in the Baptist Church, Sister Odessa converted to the Catholic Faith as a young adult. A popular retreat leader, Sister Odessa serves as a mentor for new Spiritual Directors at the Emmaus Spirituality Center. This special morning will inspire and inform your Lenten journey. Register before March 25 for advance pricing.



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.

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.



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

6:30-8:30pm In the Church

20 priests available to hear confessions

NO NOON MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Our clergy will be at the

Installation of Archbishop Vásquez
(7:30am Morning Mass as scheduled)

GRIEF SUPPORT

GRIEVING FAMILIES

Monthly support group

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

stlaurence.org/grieving-families

HOPE 7-WEEK PROGRAM

Small groups led by hospice facilitators

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm (Starts Mar 18)

Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm (Starts Mar 20)

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

The Healing Ministry of the
Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group
of St. Laurence invites you to a

Healing Service

Friday, March 21st • 7-9 pm
Chapel of Divine Mercy
3100 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP

**JESUS
OUR HEALER**

"At sunset, all who had people sick with
various diseases brought them to Him. He laid his
hands on each of them and cured them." - Luke 4:40

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory Jan 2025 \$243,098
Participants 1,502

SUNDAY COLLECTION

MAR 9 COLLECTION First Sunday of Lent \$38,758
Envelopes Used 407
Loose Checks 109
2ND COLLECTION Black & Indian Missions \$11,192
MAR 5 COLLECTION Ash Wednesday \$10,362

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2025

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

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION MARCH 23, SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



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



CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE IN MEDICINE

APRIL 12, 2025 | 9:15 AM - 5:45 PM
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS | HOUSTON, TX

PRESENTATION TOPICS

Catholic Social Doctrine and Its Implications for Health Care
Subsidiarity and Health Care Reform
Collaboration & Cooperation with Non-Catholic Partners
and more!

CONTINUING EDUCATION AVAILABLE FOR:

Physicians | Physician Assistants
Nurses | Nurse Practitioners
Chaplains | Clergy | Religious



REGISTER
HERE

[CONVERGINGROADS.COM/HOUSTON](https://convergingroads.com/houston)

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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!

MAR 16: STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS TURKEY DINNER

needvillecatholic.com

Everyone is invited to Sts. Cyril & Methodius (603 Parrott Ave, Damon, TX, 77430) for their annual Turkey & Dressing Dinner on Sunday, March 16, 10:30am-1:00pm, or until sold out. Enjoy in-person or drive-thru, just \$12 a plate, includes turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, bread & dessert. Additionally, there is a Bake Sale, Craft Sale and Raffle. Proceeds benefit the Altar Society and KJZT Society #85.

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 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

houstonvocations.com/events

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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The Divine Mercy Retreat Center is offering their popular Girls Summer Day Camp in Weimar on Thursday, June 12 (9:15am-5:00pm), open to girls age 4-12 years. Then, on Saturday, July 5, the whole family is invited to Family Camp (9:30am-6:30pm) at nearby Jones Creek Ranch Park in Richmond. Get details and register by March 30, for Early Bird pricing.



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The Giving Tree, our Lenten Service Project, continues this weekend. The Giving Tree aims to replenish the Social Concerns workroom shelves with essential household items. From soaps to pots and pans, and even gift cards, these items assist individuals referred to us by Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement, as well as families in need within our parish and community. Pick up a tag or monetary donation envelope today on the plaza. If you prefer online donations, you can contribute at stlaurence.org/the-giving-tree



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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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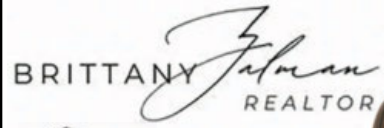


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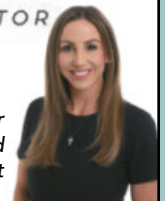


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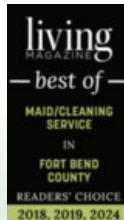
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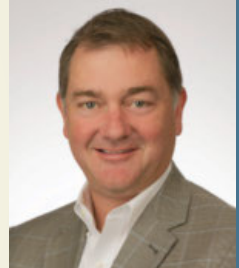
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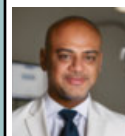
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