

MARCH 23, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LAURENCE

Catholic Church

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



BUT WHEN YOU PRAY, GO TO YOUR INNER ROOM, CLOSE
THE DOOR, AND PRAY TO YOUR FATHER IN SECRET. AND
YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REPAY YOU.

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

Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator, rmartinez@stlaurence.org



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.

COME BACK TO ME

I woke up Ash Wednesday with the song "Hosea" reverberating in my head; then at Mass, it was the opening hymn. Lent is a time of purification and illumination. God is calling each of us back to Him.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

Each and every Lent we have an opportunity to go deeper. To live my life with Him, within. To move closer to our Lord. One of the most profound ways we move towards Him is through prayer.

Where do you pray? Scripture tells us: *But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.* My inner room is my soul, where Christ resides. But for me, the best place to physically close the door is the Chapel of Divine Mercy in Perpetual Adoration. I go there and see Jesus in the Eucharist. I sit in quiet contemplation and just gaze upon Him with love. His love, returned to me, illuminates my soul.

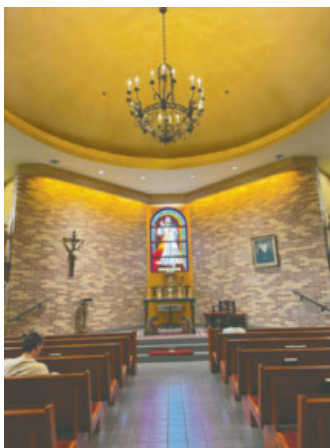
This is the season of Lent and repentance. My Lord calls me to the chapel to contemplate my life and see where virtue has been lacking. Perhaps a thorough examination of conscience is needed? Then I go make a most complete reconciliation and receive absolution. Or perhaps I am to read the gospel while I am there? When we received ashes, we were reminded: Repent and believe in the gospel.

My rosary ends with, O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen. Perhaps I have been called to Adoration to pray the rosary for others as I kneel before Jesus? Or perhaps I need to make a sacrifice of prayer in reparation for all those times when I did not trust in Jesus?

Lent is not something that we do in isolation. We come together in community, willing everyone to move closer to the Lord. Jesus said to us: For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

This Lent, we encourage you to invite a friend to Adoration.

Fran Magelssen, Adoration Coordinator



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1024

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

MONDAY

24

Reading I 2 Kings 5:1-15ab
Reading II Hebrews 10:4-10
Gospel Luke 4:24-30

TUESDAY

25

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Reading I Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Reading II Hebrews 10:4-10
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY

26

Reading I Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Gospel Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY

27

Reading I Jeremiah 7:23-28
Gospel Luke 11:14-23

FRIDAY

28

Reading I Hosea 14:2-10
Gospel Mark 12:28-34

SATURDAY

29

Reading I Hosea 6:1-6
Gospel Luke 18:9-14

SUNDAY

30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Reading II 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

Jillian Counts, 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, John Knowles



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Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-2.5

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 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

MONDAY, MAR 24

7:30am – Mr. Mendonca (I)
 12:00pm – J.J. Furnace (D)

TUESDAY, MAR 25

7:30am – Roland & Kathy Wachel (I)
 12:00pm – NO NOON MASS

WEDNESDAY, MAR 26

7:30am – Theodora Unachukwu (I)
 6:30pm – Soares & Faleiro Families (D)

THURSDAY, MAR 27

7:30am – Marina Mendonca (I)
 12:00pm – Milt Neumann (D)

FRIDAY, MAR 28

8:15am – Albert Hajda (D) pronounced HI-da
 12:00pm – Pedro & Zenaida Solorzano (D)

SATURDAY, MAR 29

8:00am – Olivia Joseph (D)
 5:00pm – Jesus de Leon & Family (I)

SUNDAY, MAR 30

7:00am – Jane D'Souza (D)
 9:00am – Katie Espinoza (I)
 11:00am – Francisco Khanh Lai (D)
 1:00pm – Jacob Richard (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



A Lenten Morning of Reflection for Women



WOMEN OF GOD: LOOK UP!

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

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.



BRING A FRIEND TO ADORATION DURING LENT

“THIS IS MY BODY” “BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD” (PS 46:10)

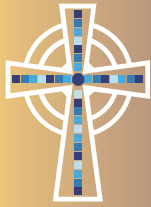
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. Jesus awaits you and your friend at the Divine Mercy Chapel every day. Open hours are from 5am to 9pm.



JESUS SAID ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ Mark 12:31

What better way to pray and to love your neighbor than to invite a friend to Adoration with you. We endeavor to pray more during Lent to prepare ourselves for the glory of the resurrection. We want to repent and become more Christlike. Together, you are with Him who loves you.

TO JOIN THE ADORATION MINISTRY EMAIL ADORATION@STLAURENCE.ORG



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: ADORATION MINISTRY

Adoration Ministry prays for our families, our church, and our world before our Lord who is present before our very eyes in the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer is done in silence however He calls you to pray. Some pray the rosary, some pray the divine mercy chaplet, some talk to our Lord, and some sit in silent adoration. Some use their hour to immerse themselves in the word by reading scripture in the presence of the Word. It can be a time to praise, a time to give thanks, a time to petition Him. He is there always to help you discern the direction in your life.

The Ministry has over 400 active members. Two persons pray each hour of the day, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. By committing to a regular weekly hour of Adoration or being a regular substitute the opportunity for prayer before His Presence is available to all in the church. Not only our parishioners but our community of saints from all over Sugar Land come to pray before Him. Visitors from afar also stop in to pray.

"How can we come to know Christ," he asked? How can we come to know "the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge"? (Eph 3:14)

We urge you to come to know Christ in silent adoration. Ministry members are waiting to talk to you at the Hospitality Desk after Mass. You can also email Adoration@stlaurence.org or call Fran Magelssen on 281-224-6122.

You can also just stop in the chapel and be with Him anytime. There is untold wealth there.

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

IN REQUIEM:

Jose Magbag, *father of Christina Harmon & Brother-in-law of Loida Wyatt*

Richard John Mazzola, *husband of Deborah Mazzola*

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.



2025 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

eucharisticpilgrimage.org

After the success of last year's National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, a new procession is scheduled for this Jubilee Year! The 2025 Drexel Route opens with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Indianapolis on Sunday, May 18. Pilgrims will process through the Midwest before arriving in Texas in early June, then move across the Southwest toward Los Angeles, where it will come to an inspiring conclusion Corpus Christi weekend. More than a journey, this pilgrimage is a mission, scheduled to bring the Blessed Sacrament to assisted living facilities, food banks, hospitals, a juvenile detention center, and a federal prison. Be part of it!



COFFEE & DONUTS THIS MORNING

AFTER 7AM, 9AM, 11AM MASS

In the Parish Hall

Hosted by Challenge Club

stlaurence.org/challenge-club-for-girl



CONGRATULATIONS

ARCHBISHOP JOE VÁSQUEZ

3RD ARCHBISHOP OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Installation Mass

Tuesday, March 25, 2pm

LIVESTREAM: archgh.org/live



LENTEN INTRODUCTION CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

THURSDAYS AT 7PM, AMC

Learn this quiet form of prayer

Open to all ages

stlaurence.org/christian-meditation



MASS CHANGES

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Noon Mass **CANCELED**

(Clergy at Installation of Archbishop)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Mass **MOVED**

7:30am in the Chapel

(Due to Confirmation Mass in Church)

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

ONLINE GIVING

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

MAR 16 COLLECTION Second Sunday of Lent..... \$46,214
Envelopes Used..... 491
Loose Checks 96

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2025

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

TODAY'S 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.

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!

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.

REGISTER NOW: DIVINE MERCY SUMMER CAMPS

divinemercyretreatcenter.org/blog

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.

MAR 29: BILINGUAL HEALING HANDS MASS

All physicians and healthcare professionals are invited to a bilingual Healing Hands Mass in honor of Blessed Dr. José Gregorio Hernández, the first Venezuelan saint. The Mass is at 5:00pm Saturday, March 29, in Warren Chapel, St. Dominic Village, 2401 Holcombe Blvd, Houston. Fr. Miles Useche, LBJ Hospital Chaplain, will preside. Confessions are available at 4:00pm. CONTACT: Laura Celis Black, lmcelis_2001@yahoo.com

APR 12: YOUNG ADULT MINI PILGRIMAGE

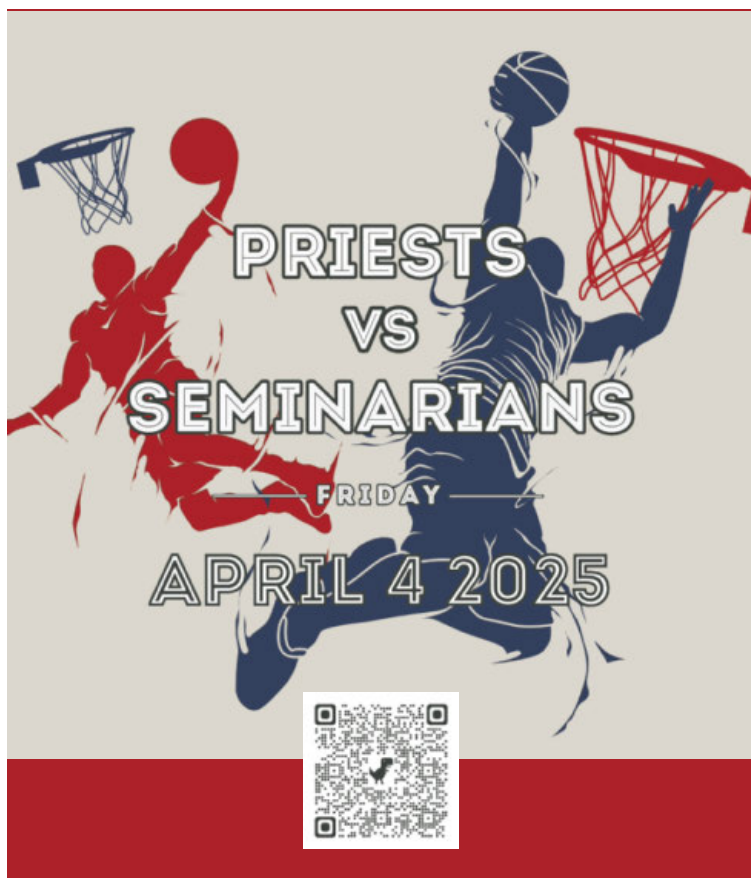
archgh.org/yapilgrimage

Young Adults are invited to join Bishop Italo Dell'Oro on a mini-pilgrimage walk Saturday, April 12. Meet at St. Joseph Church (1505 Kane St, Houston) for 9am Mass, then enjoy a 5-mile walk together on the Bayou Trail near Memorial Drive. Bring your own water bottle and lunch to eat at end of walk. Please register in advance before March 29.

APR 12: CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE ETHICS CONFERENCE

convergingroads.com/houston

Health care professionals are invited to the 10th annual Converging Roads health care ethics conference on Saturday, April 12, 9:15am-5:45pm at the University of St. Thomas. Explore the theme of Catholic Social Doctrine in Medicine and receive continuing education credit for health care professionals, rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition.



Social Concerns Ministry



Visit stlaurence.org/social-concerns to learn more about the Social Concerns Ministry and to sign-up for our weekly newsletter.

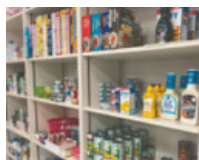


LENTEN DAY OF SERVICE

Over 30 dedicated volunteers gathered in the parish hall to serve our community in the true spirit of Lent. Embracing this season of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and acts of kindness, our parishioners came together to pack rice and beans, assemble Easter eggs and cards for seniors, create first responder appreciation kits, and prepare fresh lunches for families in need. Their collective efforts beautifully demonstrate how faith and service work hand in hand to uplift those in need.

THE GIVING TREE UPDATE

THANK YOU, St. Laurence! Over 1,000 Giving Tree tags were taken, and we are well on our way to restocking our workroom shelves to provide much-needed items for refugee families, individuals in crisis, and our Village families. **Donations are due March 30** and can be conveniently dropped in the SCM bin in the church narthex or the parish and SCM office. Your generous and compassionate contributions will make a meaningful impact on hundreds of families throughout the year. Thank you for your kindness.



BLACK BAG DONATION TODAY

This Sunday's black bag collection will go towards our People in Crisis fund, which has been providing more than \$15,000 in financial assistance to individuals seeking assistance from the Social Concerns Ministry. Thanks to your generous donations, in January and February we provided vital assistance to 65 families in crisis with rent/mortgage payments, utilities, counseling, medical/cancer costs, burial, clothing, food, and gas cards. We and those we serve are incredibly grateful for your support!

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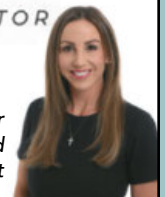
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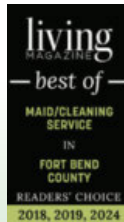
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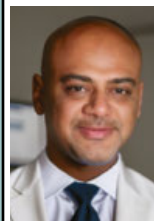
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