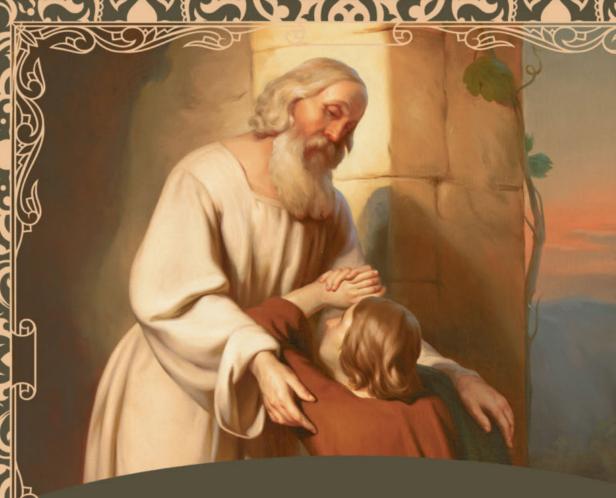




His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



• 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT •

QUICKLY BRING THE FINEST ROBE.

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ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

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

Or email communications@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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH / APRIL

Be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

These four words from St. Paul are a great summary of what Lent is all about. But just what does it mean to "be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20)?

For Paul, reconciliation with God meant to be restored to God's favor. He taught that we have all turned away from God through sin, but that in Christ, God has brought us

back. By coming into this world as a man and offering himself on the cross, Jesus has repaired the breach in our relationship with God. He has done something we could never do on our own. "All this," Paul wrote, "is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:18). Now the Lord asks us to receive the favor he holds out to us.

And what favor it is! We can live as sons and daughters of God; we can experience all the riches of heaven filling our hearts. Sin might cloud our relationship with him, but our heavenly Father continues to offer us his mercy. It's as if we hear God calling out to us personally as we read Paul's words.

We can hear our Father's pleas in today's Gospel story of the prodigal son, too. The father of the prodigal stands ready, on the lookout, to welcome his wayward younger son back into the family. And he goes out to beg his resentful older son to join him and experience the fullness of life that is already his.

Lent is a perfect season to lay hold of this restoration in a new and deeper way. And what better way to do it than through the Sacrament of Reconciliation! The examination of conscience can help you prepare to receive this sacrament with an open heart. So let your heavenly Father restore you through the life-giving power of Jesus' death and resurrection. Listen to his voice as he pleads with you to receive all the riches of his "home." It's all there—come and receive it!

"Lord, I say yes to the reconciliation you offer me!"

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GATHER BOOK #1027 SUNDAY **Fourth Sunday of Lent** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Reading I 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Reading II Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 OCIA Scrutiny Readings, Sunday 9am Reading I 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14 Reading II John 9:1-41 Gospel MONDAY

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Reading I Isaiah 65:17-21 Gospel John 4:43-54

Reading I Gospel

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

Reading I Isai Gospel Joh

Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30

THURSDAY

Reading I Gospel Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47

FRIDAY

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Reading I Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Gospel John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY

5

Reading I Gospel Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Reading I Reading II Gospel Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

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.

Levi and Maya Simpson, 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 Metzer, Br. Kriston Mary Gloria, Br. Peter Mary of the Cross (Colton Marks), Win Vahlkamp, John Knowles



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A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others... Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life.

-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 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 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

MONDAY, MAR 31

7:30am – Dr. Dosuma (D) 12:00pm – George & Marykutty Nirappil (A)

TUESDAY, APR 1

7:30am – Aleyamma Philip (D) 12:00pm – Lelia Altamirano (D)

WEDNESDAY, APR 2

7:30am - Rosalinda Puentespina (I) 6:30pm - Andy Farly (D)

THURSDAY, APR 3

7:30am - Dorothy Stefans (D) 12:00pm - Fr. Randy Marquez (D)

FRIDAY, APR 4

8:15am – Luis Hagget (D) 12:00pm – Diana Ploch (D)

SATURDAY, APR 5

8:00am – Rachelle Parry (D) 5:00pm – Estela de Leon & Family (I)

SUNDAY, APR 6

7:00am – Leslie Smith (D) 9:00am – Felix Thomas (D) 11:00am – Kevin Jimon (I) 1:00pm – Dionisio Villarreal (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**



Parents & Littles "PALs"



SUNDAY, MAR 30, AFTER THE 9AM MASS PARISH HALL

Parents and littles (5 & under) join us after the 9 am Mass for fellowship and food. We will offer a short Lenten reflection for the adults and provide an activity for the children.

For more info: stlaurence.org/pals

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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 **choosecatholicschools.org**

SLCS OPENINGS

1ST GRADE & 2ND GRADE CONTACT: Christina Stanton stlaurenceschool.org/admissions

NEXT WEEK BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Pregnancy Resource Medical Center stlaurence.org/respect-life

BRING A FRIEND

ADORATION IN CHAPEL Spend an hour with Jesus stlaurence.org/adoration

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

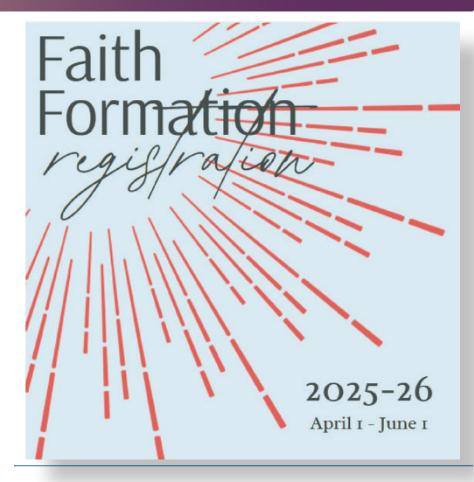
LENTEN INTRODUCTION

Come any Thursday 7pm
Ave Maria Center
stlaurence.org/christian-meditation

FORM YOUR FAMILY

ENGLISH, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE & TAGALOG Ideas for growing as a faith-filled family!

stlaurence.org/family



Faith Formation registration for children and youth opens April 1st! Commit to another year of faith and fun: Clubhouse 10:14, CCE, Edge, Life Teen, or Home Study. Get ready to prepare for the sacraments: First Sacraments (2nd grade and up) or Confirmation (9th-12th grade). Be sure to take advantage of advance pricing for the month of April.

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.



Inviting high-schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!

STEUBENVILE SOUTH JUNE 20-22, 2025

Open to all current high school teens including current 8th graders

Registration now open at stlaurence.org/lifeteen

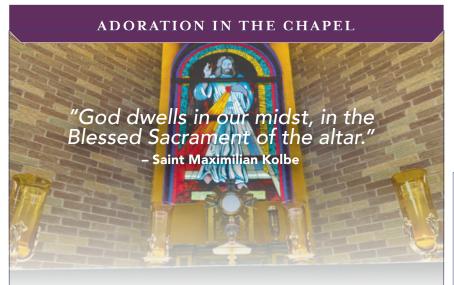
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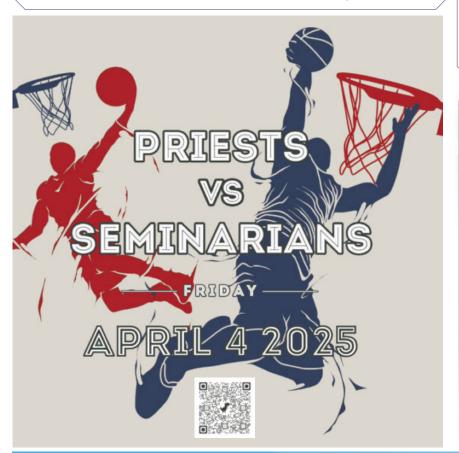


PARISH LIFE



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.



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

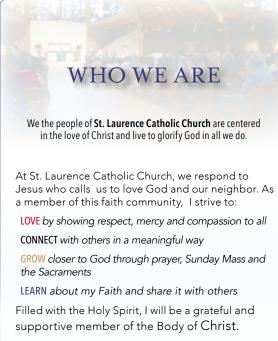
The next online session is May 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 14.

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.

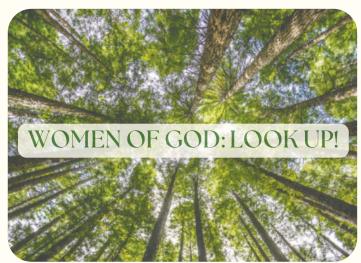
PARISH CELEBRATIONS

IN REQUIEM:

Melissa Gannuch, sister of Christine Hernandez Eddie Clinton Dolan, son of Barbara Dolan



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: \$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



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!

FRIDAY FISH FRY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

5:00-8:00PM IN PARISH HALL \$15/adult, \$8/child Pre-order Family Dinner Pack \$58/serves 4, pickup to go stlaurence.org/fish-fry



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

7:00pm in the Church 6:30pm Liturgy of the Hours **Booklets** provided stlaurence.org/stations-cross

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 12, 5pm With Procession of Palms Sunday, April 13 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm RCIA Candidates confirmed at 1pm Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18 Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross 12pm noon Solemn Good Friday Liturgies 3pm (wear RED) 7pm (wear RED)

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm, 5pm (in church) 9:15am & 11:15am (at Ave Maria Center)

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS - 7,300

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory March 2025	. \$265,878
Participants	1,523

SUNDAY COLLECTION

MAR 23 COLLECTION Third Sunday of Lent	\$33,107
Envelopes Used	455
Loose Checks	104
2ND COLLECTION Social Concerns Ministry	\$15,749

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2025

2025 Parish Goal\$555,000

Updates will be available in March

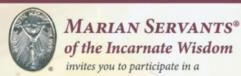
TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION MARCH 30 - CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION





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.

Does your family suffer physical, emotional, or spiritual ills that seem to follow a pattern from one generation to the next?



MASS FOR FAMILY HEALING

Tuesday, April 22nd | 7:00 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Community 19222 Tomball Parkway | Houston, TX 77070 Celebrant: Fr. Pat Garrett

Preparation Dates:

April 8th 6:30pm - 8:00pm Prince of Peace Catholic Community (St. Joseph Center, Room 213)

April 15th 10:30am -12:30pm Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Ctr. (Large Conference Room) 3417 W. Little York Houston, TX 77091

For more information call 832-322-4541 or email info@MarianServantsHouston.org



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

APR 3-6: JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS FOR WOMEN houstonitd.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.

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.

SPRING FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

archgh.org/offices-ministries/pastoral-educational-ministries

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple. Courses are offered virtually on Thursday evenings (and some Saturdays). Topics include scripture, Christology, Catholic beliefs, moral teachings of the Church, and Church History.

APR 26: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER FORMATION stlaurence.org/extraordinary-ministers

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is holding a formation class for people interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Classes will be offered on Saturday, April 26, in both English and Spanish. Sessions begin at 8:30am with morning prayer and concludes at 3:30pm. Lunch is provided. Please register online by April 6 for early registration pricing (\$30).

2025 Philippine Medical Mission Accomplished!

Thank you again St. Laurence Church community from the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy!

We return from the Philippines: Mission accomplished! The impossible made possible only by God's good graces upon each one of us!

Yes, this mission is a promise kept. Mother Trinidad of the Carmelite Nuns requested our team to help the hungry, poor and sick way back in 2017, waited with love and patience.

So in September 2024, 41 relief boxes left St. Laurence Church headed to the Philippines. About 16 of those boxes containing donations of food, clothing, shoes, towels, blankets, toys, medical equipment, medicines, Sacramentals and Forming Intentional Families (Tagalog version) booklets are what our US team of 32 unpacked along with local pharmacy prescriptions and eyeglasses before the start of our mission, for distribution during the 5 day mission from February 6-10, 2025.

It was an organization like no other! And yes, hands down, we recognized Christ's constant presence in our midst!

Over 1,800 patients served at the Shrine of Divine Mercy of the Carmelite Nuns of the Holy Trinity in Ligao, Albay, Philippines.

Healing body, mind and spirit of those we served and those who came to serve. Indeed, the Spiritual Acts of Mercy of our medical mission were led by Father Truong Son Nguyen, who presided over our daily mass, over 30 daily Confessions, anointing of the sick, close to 2,000 Brown Scapular investitures, while helping us lead the daily rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We the missionaries needed to stay holy and nourished by God. And yes, did the nuns feed us too!

Rain or shine! Daily, there were 8-10 doctors (pediatrics, Ob-Gyns, internists, a dermatologist and surgeon) came to help heal the sick along with 5-7 dentists who performed over 600 tooth extractions.

Also to mention our nurses and non-medical team who worked tirelessly to bring time talent and treasures to serve God and neighbor. God is good!

Over 1,400 food baskets were given out to help accomplish our Corporal Acts of Mercy of feeding the hungry.



Free lunch was provided as patients waited to be seen by doctors.

We thank God, Fr. Reginald Samuels, Fr. Jaison Thomas, Fr. Truong Son Nguyen, the Social Concerns ministry, the entire St. Laurence community and the many prayer warriors who prayed for this mission and our safety.

To God be all praise, glory and thanksgiving! Blessings always,

Maria Argao, MD



The MMDM missionaries, local volunteers and the Carmelite Nuns.



Fr. Truong Son Nguyen





The Vision team assists patients in need of eyeglasses.

PARISH LIFE DIRECTORY

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