

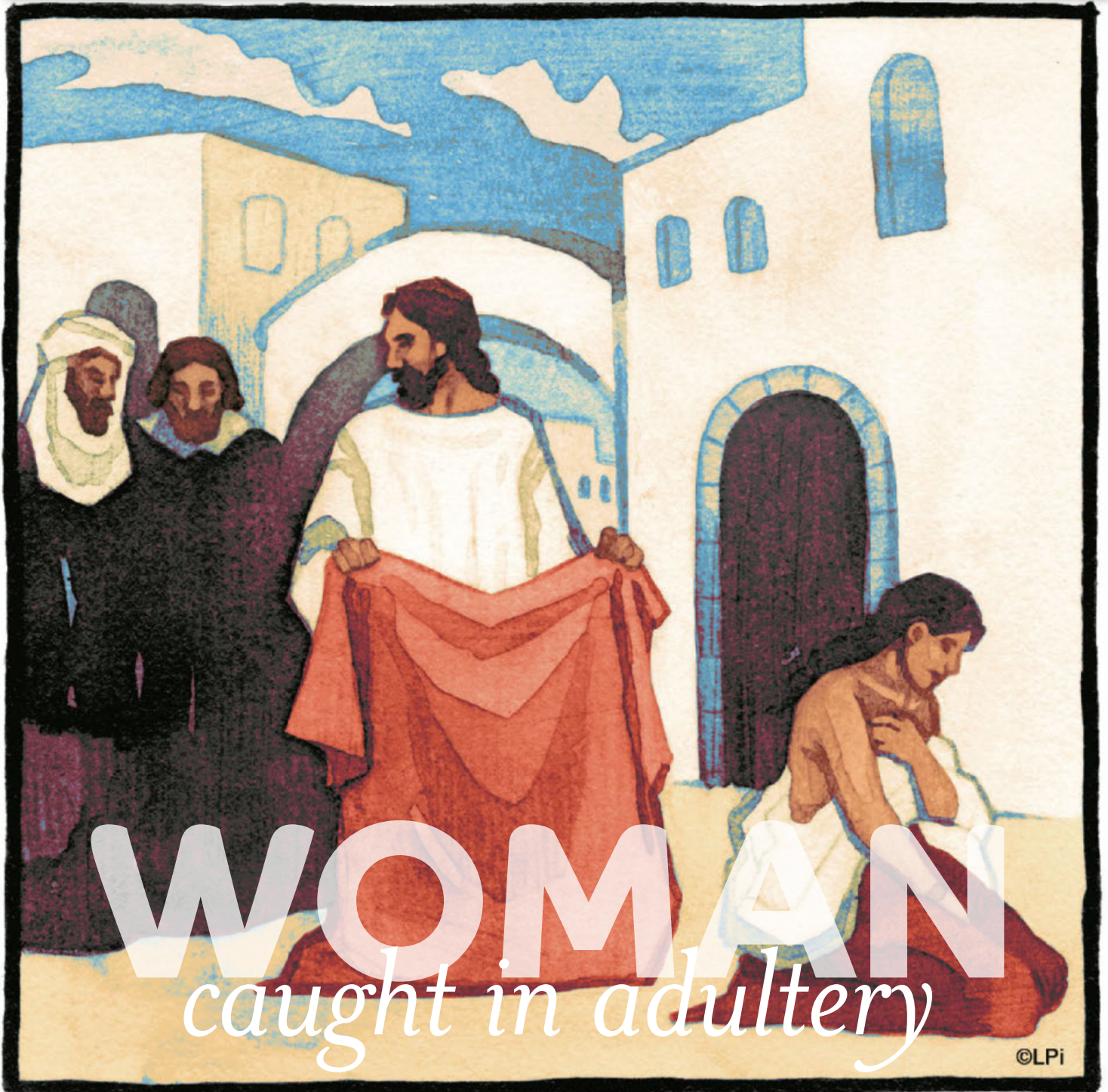
APRIL 6, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. LAURENCE

Catholic Church

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

PARISH OFFICE

3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-9812

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jaison Thomas, MSFS

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Deacon: Patrick Kinnick, pkinnick@stlaurence.org

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead . . . (Philippians 3:13)

St. Paul's description of his life in Christ can sound like a burdensome set of rules: accept the loss of all things; share in Jesus' sufferings; forget what lies behind; strain toward God's upward calling.

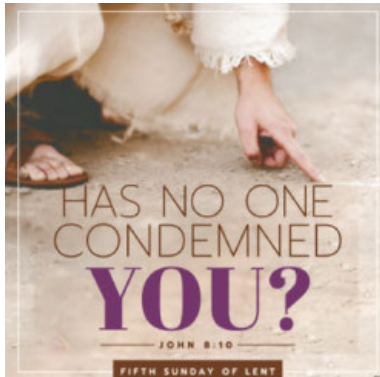
But Paul was happy to do all of this. Why? Because he had been changed. He had encountered Jesus, experienced his mercy, and was convinced that his new life was infinitely better! The imprint of Paul's experience of conversion on the road to Damascus, and every choice he made to follow Jesus thereafter, transformed his perspective. The entire direction of his life was different.

You can imagine something similar happening in the heart of the woman caught in adultery in today's Gospel reading. Her sin was laid bare before Jesus, and she was about to be killed by an angry mob. But she received God's unexpected and surprising mercy as Jesus dispersed the crowd and said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:11). Surely, empowered by Jesus' words, she gladly accepted the loss of her old way of life, just as Paul had. She was happy to forget the emptiness of what lay behind her and, by God's grace, to strain toward his upward calling of a life free from her past sins.

How have you encountered Jesus? You might have decided to give your life completely to him at a pivotal point. You might have brought a burdensome sin to Confession and been convinced of God's forgiveness and love. Maybe you're longing for an even deeper encounter right now!

These experiences can change your heart and shape your perspective. They make losing your life for Jesus—even when it involves difficulty—completely worth it! You, like Paul, can hold onto the "supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus [your] Lord" (Philippians 3:8).

"Jesus, I will follow you!"



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL

SUNDAY Fifth Sunday of Lent GATHER BOOK #1030

6

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

OCIA Scrutiny Readings, Sunday 9am

Reading I 1 Ezekiel 37:12-14
Reading II Romans 8:8-11
Gospel John 11:1-45

MONDAY

7

Reading I Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Gospel John 8:12-20

TUESDAY

8

Reading I Numbers 21:4-9
Gospel John 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

9

Reading I Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Gospel John 8:31-42

THURSDAY

10

Reading I Genesis 17:3-9
Gospel John 8:51-59

FRIDAY

11

Reading I Jeremiah 20:10-13
Gospel John 10:31-42

SATURDAY

12

Reading I Ezekiel 37:21-28
Gospel John 11:45-56

SUNDAY

13

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

At the procession with palms - Gospel Luke 19:28-40
Reading I Isaiah 50:4-7
Reading II Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Luke 22:14—23:56

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



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Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in 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*
 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, APR 5

8:00am – Rachele 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

MONDAY, APR 7

7:30am – Albert Louis Angie (D)
 12:00pm – Gary & Sylvia Angie (D)

TUESDAY, APR 8

7:30am – Gilbert Starkweather (D)
 12:00pm – Carol Voelkel (D)

WEDNESDAY, APR 9

7:30am – Carmela Reyes (D)
 6:30pm – Alphonse Tamnou (D)

THURSDAY, APR 10

7:30am – Rosalia Sonnier (D)
 12:00pm – Brenda Flowers (D)

FRIDAY, APR 11

8:15am – Norman Ralph (D)
 12:00pm – Kelly Suter (D)

SATURDAY, APR 12

8:00am – Angel & Nora Fadera (D)
 5:00pm – Diana Ploch (D)

SUNDAY, APR 13

7:00am – Veronica & Lawrence Revelt (D)
 9:00am – Milt Neumann (D)
 11:00am – Ronald Vecinal (D)
 1:00pm – Revilak Family (I)
 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





Celebrate
A
New
Beginning

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

Do you feel as if something is missing in your life?
Are you searching for greater meaning?
Do you feel disconnected from God?
Know this: **GOD IS SEEKING YOU!**

Mondays, Starting April 28, 2025
7:00–9:00 pm, St. Joseph Room
Ave Maria Parish Life Center

There is no better time than the present to return and we are here to help. Re-membering Church is a process of healing and reconciliation for inactive Catholics. Join us for evenings of dialogue to renew your relationship with the Catholic Church and St. Laurence Community, confidentially voice your feelings and needs, and learn about Catholic teachings.

For more information contact Deacon Tom Ruck at truck@stlaurence.org or visit stlaurence.org/remembering.



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

ON THE PLAZA 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

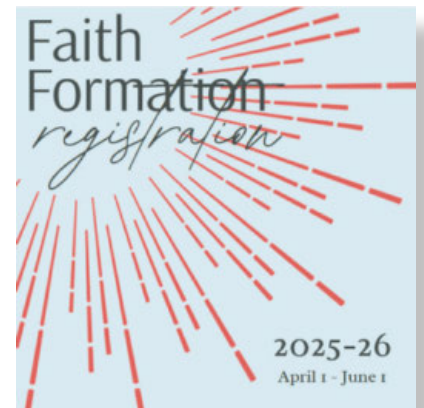
Come any Thursday 7pm
Ave Maria Center
stlaurence.org/christian-meditation

FORM YOUR FAMILY INTENTIONALLY

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUR FAMILY

Here at St. Laurence, we believe that faith formation is a lifelong journey to understand God and to grow more aware of God's presence and action in our lives. Therefore, our programming is designed to accompany you and your family at every age and stage of your lives. Together, we can help your family grow in knowledge & understanding of our Catholic Faith, enjoy a rich Sacramental life, learn ways to pray, grow in virtue, cultivate healthy relationships and serve others.



REGISTER NOW

stlaurence.org/registration

Registration is open now for the 2025-2026 (SEPT-MAY) formation year for children ages 3 through high school. Here at St. Laurence, we offer a period of 2 months to register – April and May. This allows you to register your children early, before the distraction of summer activities and family vacations. Additionally, an Advance Pricing incentive is being offered for families who register in April. On May 1, registration fees go up \$20 during the Regular Pricing period, which ends June 1. This includes programs for PreK and Elementary CCE, Edge, Life Teen, Family Faith and Sacrament Preparation.

SACRAMENTS

stlaurence.org/registration

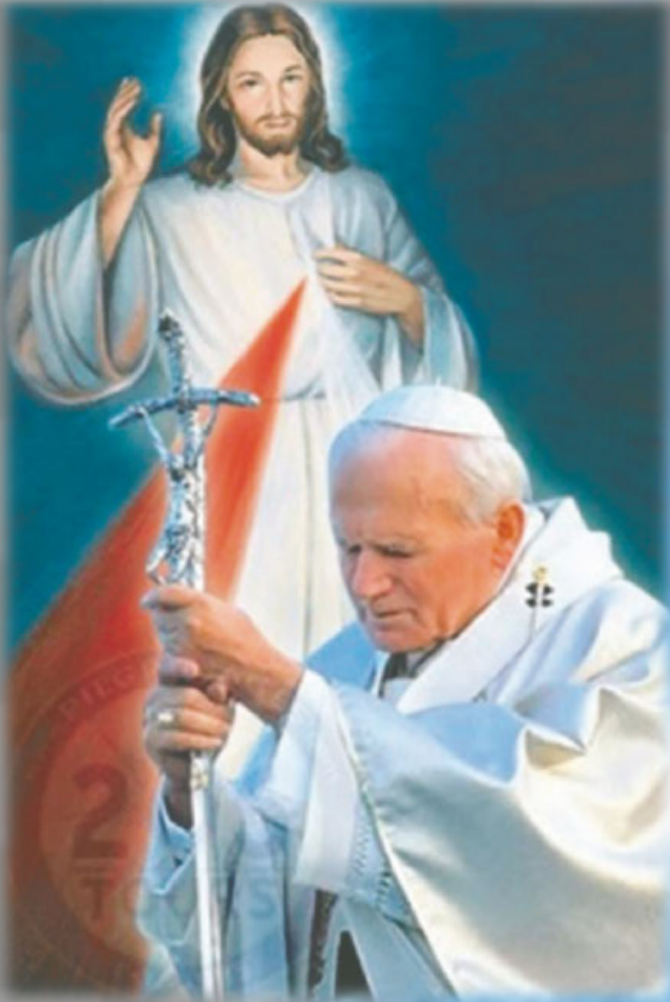
Preparation for Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation is a 2-year process. YEAR 1: Enroll your child in CCE (or Catholic school) in 1st grade so that he/she may receive First Sacraments in 2nd grade. YEAR 2: Enroll your child in CCE (or Catholic school) in 2nd grade AND enroll your child in First Sacraments. For 9th graders, the process is similar, with a first year of Life Teen and a second year of Life Teen AND Confirmation.

HELP OUT

stlaurence.org/serve

In total, over 1,500 children are formed in our Faith by adults from our parish – just like YOU! When you register your own kids, consider helping out as a Catechist, small group leader or assistant. This is also a great way for grandparents, empty nesters and young adults to serve. Shape young lives and discover your own faith growing in ways you didn't expect. No experience is necessary, training & materials are provided. We're so grateful for your help!

This is the Time for Mercy



Jesus told St. Faustina, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (Diary, 699)

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Day

APRIL 27th 2:30
Fr. Christopher Plant
Cindy Schmitz-Testimony

SAVE THE DATES

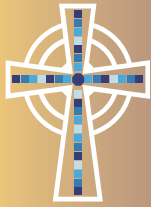
DIVINE MERCY STATIONS
APRIL 11th CHURCH 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY
DM DEVOTION & DM STATIONS
APRIL 18th CHURCH 12:00 Noon

DM NOVENA
DM NOVENA, DM CHAPLET &
TALKS ON DIVINE MERCY, MUSIC
APRIL 20st 27TH CHAPEL 7-8pm
(Tues.& Sat. 6-7pm)

Sunday	Dcn Rey Arellano
Monday	Fr. Wayne Ly
Tuesday	Dcn Tom Ruck (6-7)
Wednesday	Dcn Don Burns
Thursday	Gabriel Castillo
Friday	Sally Flowers
Saturday	Fr. Chris Alar (Video 6-7)

*Jesus Promised : Extraordinary Graces outpoured
on those who pray the Novena starting Good Friday!*



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:

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY

The Divine Mercy Ministry is a guided study program that includes the Diary of St. Faustina, the Sacred Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Ministry touched by these private revelations of (Jesus to St. Faustina) put into action the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy. This includes yearly Conferences, Divine Mercy Devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday, and Good Friday.

The apostolate nurtures the genuine belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist, promotes Eucharistic Adoration, together with hourly praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and dying. This Ministry is under the umbrella of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception and the Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy (EADM) who provide shipments of medical and educational materials to the poor and imprisoned worldwide.

St. Laurence has two Divine Mercy Cenacles: Thursday mornings at 10am in the St. Francis Room at the Ave Maria Center (contact: Sally Flowers 281-265-8360) or our Cenacle in Spanish on Friday mornings at 10am via Zoom (contact: Rebecca Yanes 605-660-7611).

Get information about the upcoming Divine Mercy Novena and meet with members of the Divine Mercy Cenacles at the Hospitality Desk today after Mass.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next Class: May 3, 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:

Jaxon Castillo, Gabriel Chakam, Juan Deshon III, Benedict Erice, Edmund Erice, Travis La, Kai Nyssen, Daniel Rosima, Ellie Salamanca, Jacob Salamanca, Zoelle Salamanca, Mila White

IN REQUIEM:

Ted Krell, *father of Meredith Novosad*
Victor Ortega, *brother of Suzette Lim*

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.

APR 11: FINAL FISH FRY WITH CRAWFISH

stlaurence.org/fish-fry

Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for serving up the best fish dinners around and Catholic Daughters for making everything sweeter with your delicious desserts this Lent! The KCs will take it up a notch this Friday by adding crawfish to the menu.

Get a 3-pound platter of crawfish for \$30, while they last. Of course, they'll still be offering fried and baked fish dinners (\$15/adults and \$8/child) from 5-8pm in the parish hall. And if you want to order a Family Pack (fish dinner for 4 for \$58), be sure to place that order online by noon Friday and pickup outside the parish hall.



APR 18: GOOD FRIDAY AT ST. LAURENCE

On Good Friday, we read, hear and pray the Passion of Our Lord. Our tradition at St. Laurence is to WEAR RED to the Solemn Good Friday Liturgies at 3pm and 7pm. At noon, a Divine Mercy Devotion is offered, followed by Stations of the Cross. Please observe the rules for fasting and abstinence on Good Friday: fast (people age 18-60) and abstain from meat (age 14+). Finally, from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, please be unwilling to participate in tournaments or competitions during these holiest days of the year.

APR 17/18: BILINGUAL VIGIL IN THE CHAPEL

"Remain here and keep watch with me" (Mt 26:38). Accompany Jesus and Our Blessed Mother during their time of sorrow and suffering in a bilingual prayer vigil (English & Spanish) in the Chapel of Divine Mercy late Holy Thursday into the morning hours of Good Friday. The prayer vigil follows the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and procession/prayer in the parish hall, beginning at midnight in the chapel through 6am Good Friday. All are welcome to participate.

MAY 31: GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

stlaurence.org/holy-spirit-workshop

Join us at the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Workshop on Saturday, May 31, 8am-4pm, in celebration of the coming of Pentecost. Experience the power and charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit and discover and receive the gift of tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discernment, faith, healing and miracles (1 Cor 12:7-11), culminating in a powerful healing service. We welcome guest speaker Fr. Cedric Pisegna, CP. The cost to attend is \$15 (includes box lunch). Online registration now open, limited to 250 participants. Sorry, no walk-ins.

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 7

7pm-8pm in Chapel

Pray for priests and religious vocations

stlaurence.org/vocations

DIVINE MERCY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 7PM

6:30pm - Liturgy of the Hours

stlaurence.org/stations-cross

EASTER FLOWERS

Make a donation in honor
or memory of a loved one

stlaurence.org/easter-flowers

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 30 COLLECTION Fourth Sunday of Lent..... **\$40,222**
Envelopes Used..... 451
Loose Checks115
2ND COLLECTION Catholic Relief Services **\$11,073**

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2025

2025 Parish Goal..... **\$555,000**
Total Amount Paid..... **\$201,863**
Loose Checks 438

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTION

APRIL 13 - SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FAITH DIRECT®
inspiring secure giving®



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

Creative Writing Camps at UST

June 9-13, 2025



Fearless Catholic Writing Camp



High School Writers Institute



IGNITE THE *Creative Spark* IN YOUR CHILD

Register

www.catholicliteraryarts.org
CATHOLIC LITERARY ARTS



APR 10: I-FEST AT UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

The annual International Festival (I-FEST) at the University of St. Thomas is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 5pm-8pm, on the UST campus. At this student-led event, different cultures are celebrated through performances, food and cultural booths. This event is free, open to the public and suitable for families. INFO: Andrea Barrera (iss@stthom.edu)

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.

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).

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Our St. Laurence Habitat Ministry continues to make great progress on the Sultan family's future home! This past week, two of the Sultans' older children (pictured above) joined in on the construction efforts, contributing to the 300 hours of sweat equity their family must complete as part of the homeownership process.



We also want to give a huge thank-you to all our dedicated volunteers who have given their time and energy to this project. Your hard work is making a real difference! We are also grateful to the various parish ministries that have generously provided lunch for our workers – your kindness and support keep everyone going!

The home is coming together, and we are about two months away from the expected move-in date. However, we still need more hands! If you can volunteer, even

for a few hours, your help would be greatly appreciated. No construction experience is necessary – just a willingness to serve. Visit stlaurence.org/habitat-for-humanity to sign up via Sign Up Genius (the link is on the right-hand side of the page) or contact Steve Pondell at spondell@comcast.net for more information.



RESPECT LIFE

Baby Bottle Boomerang - fundraiser for Pregnancy Resource Medical Center begins today. Come to the table in the plaza to pick up a bottle or get the QR code to donate online. PRMC helps women with the choice for life.

Brochure of the Month: Raising Chaste Children in a Pornographic World.

One of the more difficult jobs of a parent is to educate their children on sexuality. Many parents feel very awkward about broaching the subject, but children want direction and guidance. Children will be well exposed to our broken culture's messages about sexuality, so it is vital for parents to teach children about authentic love and chastity.

This brochure clearly outlines five steps that parents can take to raise chaste children. These include teaching children the beauty and sacredness of the body and sexuality, and that we are made for a lasting love relationship in marriage. Sexuality can be said to be like a fire. Good in the fireplace but extremely dangerous and destructive in the living room. Parents are cautioned to be aware of the widespread availability of pornography and the fact that many children are exposed to it at young ages.

Update (not from the brochure): Pornography peddlers are deliberately marketing to young children. The sooner they begin looking, the sooner they can become addicted. While filtering software on cell phones may be helpful, it is not sufficient. See DefendYoungMinds.com for a wealth of resources to explain the dangers of pornography and help your children to reject it.

See stlaurence.org/brochure-of-the-month for links to the article in English and Spanish.

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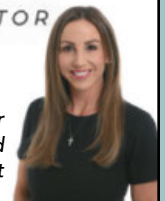
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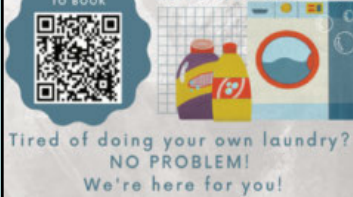
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