ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Director: Becky Wilkinson bwilkinson@stlaurence.org

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Pastoral Council: Tom Ruck rucktg@gmail.com
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PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WEEKLY OFFERTORY
April 10 Collection $ 58,050
Registered Households 7,275
Envelopes Used 853
Loose Checks 207

AUTOMATED GIVING
Monthly Offertory $ 154,942
Participants 882

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
2016 Parish Goal $ 495,000
Amount Paid $ 210,041
Amount Pledged $ 308,032
Participants 740

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
May 6 – In the Chapel
7:00 pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30 pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
May 7 – In the Church
7:45 am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30 am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Abril 23 - En la Capilla
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm.
Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833

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 hall and meeting rooms are available through reservation by calling Nia Sepe at 281-980-9812. Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm; Friday 8:00am-6:00pm; and Saturday 8:30am-12:00noon.

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. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. The Weekday Children's Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, WCP hours Monday-Friday are 8:00am-3:00pm.

PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL
St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 720 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8. Office Hours: Monday-Friday are 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.

The Lord is risen! As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Laurence Catholic Church by using safe and efficient electronic donations through Faith Direct. You may sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code TX460 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.
Lord, Hear Our Prayer

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 17, also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.”* Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. *Find resources and info at www.usccb.org/vocations.*

I am writing this letter on this day of World Day of Prayer for Vocations to invite everyone to consider the necessity of praying for the increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, but also to pray for the strength of the vocations to the Marriage and Single Life for our Church.

**Why do we pray for Vocations?** It is because the vocation is arising by prayer. We unite together and express to God our need that He already knows.

**What is a Vocation?** This simple question has a very complex answer. The vocation is the *call of God and a call from God.* God himself calls his people to a particular state of life. He wants to *give a specific mission to each one of us* in the Word and the Church. However, each person needs to hear the Call of God and respond to him. Without intimate prayer, it will be impossible to hear that call and respond to it.

The call of God comes to us through a mediation that is communal. God calls us to become a part of the Church and, after reaching certain maturity in it, we receive a specific vocation (mission).

On this day dedicated to prayer for Vocations, I urge all the faithful of St. Laurence to **take responsibility for the prayer, care, and discernment of vocations.** When the apostles were looking for someone to take the place of Judas Iscariot, St. Peter brought together 120 brothers (Acts 1:15); and in order to choose seven deacons, a group of disciples were gathered (cf. 6:2). St. Paul gave Titus specific criteria for the selection of presbyters (cf. Titus 1:5-9).

Today, we are called to be present in the discernment of Vocations, in their training and perseverance (cf. Apost. Ex. Evangelii Gaudium, 107).

**May God hear our prayer and the Lord bless you all!**

*Fr. Simon Kipiti*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**SUNDAY, April 17**

(#1072 IN YOUR GATHER BOOK)

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### PRAYING THE NEWS

**April 17, 2016**

*My sheep hear my voice.*

*John 10:27*

O Lord, we pray for little Lizzy Myers, recently blessed by Pope Francis, and for all in danger of losing their sight and hearing. May physical and spiritual healing come through faith, prayer, inspired medical skill and research. We know your voice can reach the human heart in ways beyond earthly hearing. Please heal our own deafness and lack of sight. May we never doubt your desire and power to lovingly draw everyone to your side.

*Jesus, we trust in you.*

*Amen.* †
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:


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Funerals
Jesus J. Chao, father of Olga Gisser

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Lt Matthew Chesney, US Navy
Capt. Brandon Dorrissi, USMC
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Derek Farias, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Felonel, USMC
Pvt Jahnville Xavier George, US Army
SSgt. Philip Graham, US Army
1stLt Spencer Henry, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
2LT Michelle Horstman, US Army
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
Joseph Kingserski, US Navy
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
PFC Philip Loera, US Army
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Cpl Kevin McGinnis, USMC
Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
1stLt Todd Miller, US Army
Capt. Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Army
LCpl Byron Raymond Ramirez, USMC
Sgt. Santiago Ramirez, US Army
2ndLt Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
ENS Kevin Stransky, US Navy
LCpl Daniel Thiesen, USMC
Capt. Michael Thiesen, USMC
Sgt. Bryce Whiteley, US Army

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Pray for Our Parishioners in Religious Formation
Marc Fryer, Br. Peter Francis (Brian Kelsch), Chad Henry, Bryan Williams, Sr. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sr. Rachel (Gosda), Sr. Daniela (Megan Bennett) Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson

PRAY FOR INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON
Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for...
Cristian Perez, Makayla Mendez, Gonzalez family, Munguia family, Stockhouse family, Maria Almaraz, Carlos & Ortiz Espendez, James Wehagen & family, Jesus Martinez & family, Bob Ahmad, Eva Metcalfe, Patricia LaFleur, Deacon Al Bothe, the Society of St John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3.

WEDDING PREPARATION
Next class: JUNE 6
The standard preparation time for weddings is 9-12 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session, usually offered every other month. Register with Theresa Rawls at 281-980-9812.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Next class: MAY 14
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. To schedule a baptism call Rose Davis at 281-980-9812. The parent prep class is offered monthly.
MEN: Sign up NOW for the ACTS Retreat

St. Laurence Catholic Church
A.C.T.S.

All men 21 and over, regardless of religious affiliation, are welcome to attend the next St. Laurence Men’s ACTS Retreat. The retreat begins Thursday, June 9, with check-in at St. Laurence at 5:00pm, and ends Sunday, June 12, after a luncheon following the 11:00am Mass at St. Laurence. This weekend retreat gives you the chance to spend time with God, focus on your faith and cultivate friendships. For info and to register, go to www.stlaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat. Space is limited and this retreat is filling up quickly. Contact Larry Stryk (832-520-4044), Greg Cordova (832-457-3011) or Mick Coady (314-565-1949) for more info.

APR 17: Annual KC Scholarship Contest DUE!
The Reverend John T. Weyer Knights of Columbus Council 11343 is offering FOUR scholarships to the students of our parish. You do not have to be enrolled in Catholic school at this time to qualify, but must be a member of the parish. TWO $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to 8th grade students who will attend a Catholic high school in the area for the first time in the fall of 2016. Also, TWO $2,000 scholarships will go to graduating high school seniors entering college for the first time in the summer or fall of 2016. Get the details & application at www.kofc11343.org. The deadline is Sunday, April 17; winners announced in late May. More info: Nathan Raun (nathan.raun@gmail.com).

APR 24: Changing lives of orphans in Kenya

Next Sunday, April 24, students from St. Agnes Academy will be selling St. Basil Coffee to benefit the children at Our Lady of Grace School in Kisumu, Kenya. Look for their table at Sunday Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall following the three morning Masses. Proceeds help these orphaned and vulnerable children have a Catholic education, food, shelter and medical care. Without OLG School, these kids would be on the streets, or in forced labor situations. Please pray for St. Agnes students who will travel to Our Lady of Grace School on June 6, to visit the Dominican Fathers and spend 3 weeks with the children providing tutoring, fellowship, and special projects for school improvements. Learn more at www.ourladyofgracepartners.org.

MAY 14: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Come to a life-changing Growth in the Holy Spirit Seminar on Saturday, May 14, from 9:00am-5:00pm, in Marian Hall B. Dynamic speakers, including Fr. Drew, Fr. Paulissen, Fr. Salen, Barbara Mackie and Sherry Burns, will talk on the Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, growing in the Spirit and how the Holy Spirit has influenced their lives. The seminar will end with a powerful healing service. This is a free event with lunch provided, sponsored by the Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group and the Filipino Community of St. Laurence. For more info or to register in advance, call Deacon Rey (713-854-8804), Margie Calo (281-980-4711), Fe Vicerra (713-248-1164), Teddy Bentulan (281-529-5338).

1st Grade Openings

St. Laurence Catholic School
SLCS has a few openings in the 1st grade class for the school year 2016-2017. Please contact Admissions Coordinator Marie Brown at mbrown@stlaurence.org to schedule a tour and see what makes SLCS so special!

PRAY FOR OUR MISSION

Please pray for Fr. Jaison and our Medical Missionaries who bring medicine & mercy to the poor of Costa Rica this week! Donations make this mission possible. Please make out checks to MDM. THANK YOU!

CHAMBER SINGERS IN CONCERT

Friday, April 22, at 7:30pm
Grace Presbyterian Church
10221 Ella Lee Lane, Houston

How Can WE Keep From Singing?
Free concert featuring choirs from around the city, including the Houston Cecilia Chamber Choir, Paul Revere Middle School Choir, Grace Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir, and our own St. Laurence Chamber Singers!

Women’s ACTS Retreat
July 21-24, 2016
Registration opens in MAY!
ACTS Sisters, interested in serving on Team?
Team discernment and meetings begin Tuesday, April 19. Join us! Please contact Beth Kulger (sheba_rufus@yahoo.com), Jane Hausler (savannahrose22@msn.com), or Susan Herrington (sherrington14@gmail.com)

Advertise in this Bulletin!
Representatives from our bulletin publishing company are currently selling ad space for the upcoming year. Call the parish office for more information.
For Adults

Coming up in Adult Faith Formation
www.stlaurence.org/aff
facebook.com/groups/stlaurenceadultfaith

MONDAY
Men’s Bible Study  (Weekly)
7:30-9:00pm, St Francis Rm, Contact: Steve Ewbank
281-980-5575, stevee@pcdltd.com

Lay Apostle Prayer Group  (First Monday, May 2)
10:30am-12:00pm, St. Anne Room OR
7:00-8:30pm, Ave Maria Center Rm 205
Contact: Kay Quenan, 281-265-3238

TUESDAY
Men’s Bible Study  (Weekly)
6:30-7:30am, St Francis Rm, Contact: Steve Ewbank
281-980-5575, stevee@pcdltd.com

NEW - Tuesday Evening Bible Study  (Weekly)
7:30-9:00pm, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky 281-265-4084
BEGINs MAY 3 – REGISTER NOW

WEDNESDAY
Contemplative Prayer  (Weekly)
9:30-11:30 am, Return to the Corpus Christi Room
Contact: Elaine Smith, 281-499-6660

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy  (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7:30-9:00pm, Corpus Christi Rm,
Contact: Patti Kallemeyn, 281-438-0696

THURSDAY
Catholic Men Called to be Saints  (Weekly)
6:00-7:30am, Guardian Angels Room
Contact: Jim Kij, 713-855-0108, jimkij@comcast.net

Divine Mercy Study & Book Study  (Weekly)
9:00am/12:00pm, St Clare Room
Contact: Sally Flowers at 281-799-0331

Spanish Bible Study  (Weekly)
9:30-12:00pm, Marian Hall A, Contact: Veronica Reinoso, 281-980-1194, veronicareinoso62@gmail.com

Thursday Scripture Study  (Weekly)
2 OPTIONS: 1:00-2:30pm, St Anne Rm OR 7:15-8:30pm, Ave Maria Center Rm 205, Contact: Julie Evett, jevett@comcast.net

SPEAKER SERIES presents:
Barbara Elliott

STREET SAINTS:
Renewing America’s Cities through the Works of Mercy

Monday, May 9
7:00-9:00 pm
Marian Hall

We are called to reveal the mercy of the Father to this hurting world through the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy. Join Barbara Elliott as she shares the inspirational stories of those around America who are living out this call by serving “the least ones” in our society.

Barbara J. Elliott is the founder of the Center for Cultural Renewal, a resource center for faith-based organizations working to renew the cities of America, and founder of WorkFaith Connection that exists to provide disadvantaged job seekers with the skills and beliefs to gain employment to lead healthy, productive and spiritually rich lives.

President George W. Bush awarded her the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights in 2001, recognizing her work with refugees and the poor. Barbara is currently a professor in the Honors College of Houston Baptist University and is the author of several books including “Street Saints: Renewing America’s Cities”.

Rediscover your Church!
“COME AND SEE”

Monday, April 18:  The Church Today - Changes Since Vatican II
7:15-9:00pm
Ave Maria Center, St Anne Room
Contact Art & Marilyn Ramponi for more info:
832-945-2110, artmarilyn2@att.net

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
8 Tuesdays: 7:30-9:00pm Ave Maria Center
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 14, 21, 28

If you would like a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, join us for this study in 8 engaging sessions (half-hour Jeff Cavins video presentation followed by group discussions). Online registration only. Cost for materials is $17.95, plus shipping and handling. INFO: Joe Kanusky, jkanusky@aol.com.

Marriage Enrichment
“Beloved” Summer Salad Series RETURNS
Wednesday evenings: May 18 – June 29
Mark your calendars!
More information to follow...
Children’s Faith Formation
PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY!

ELEMENTARY CCE THIS WEEK

The Beatitudes
True happiness is the happiness that God created us to have. Jesus taught his disciples that real happiness is being with God as a friend now on Earth and forever in Heaven. We come to know and discover this real happiness when we live as Jesus taught us.
This week in CCE, we will discuss the Beatitudes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount which are like signposts in our lives that point us in the right direction. As a family, discuss the true meaning of Christian happiness and how that sometimes contradicts what our culture and society tell us of ‘happiness.’

OPEN NOW: 2016-2017 CCE Registration
Registration for the upcoming CCE program year (starting in September) is now open. Register early, as many classes fill up fast! A registration packet was sent home with the youngest child of each family currently in CCE. If you are new to the CCE program, please register online or pick up information at the AMC.

TODAY! Children’s Liturgy of the Word
At the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses
Encourage your child (grade K-4) to participate in Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Led by adult ministers and youth volunteers, children leave their parents during Mass to learn the Sunday’s Scripture readings in a way they can understand.

WCP SUMMER CAMP
Open to children age 6 months - entering 5th grade
“Experience Different Cultures”
Session 1: June 13-June 17 Pack Your Bags
Session 2: June 20-July 1 Hola, Mexico
Session 3: July 11-July 22 Aloha, Hawaii
Session 4: July 25-August 5 Ni Hao, China

REGISTRATION INFO:
NOW: St. Laurence Parishioners
APR 20: Open Registration (9:30am-noon)
See www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR
Contact Peggy Finch at 281-313-0329 or stop by the Ave Maria Center to learn more about this early childhood program.

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For Children

St. Laurence Catholic School
www.stlaurence.org/school

Student competes in State Geography Bee
Congratulations to Alex Garcia for his participation in the State Geography Bee! Alex was one of just 100 students in the state of Texas in grades 4-8 to advance to compete at the state level! Way to go, Alex! We are proud of you!

Some 2016-2017 Openings in First Grade
SLCS still has limited openings in the 1st grade class for the school year 2016-2017. If you are interested in Catholic education, please contact Admissions Coordinator Marie Brown at 281-980-0500 and mbrown@stlaurence.org to schedule a tour.

“I WANT MY SLCS” Auction & Dinner
SLCS is excited to present their 24th annual dinner and auction next Saturday, April 23, at the Sugar Land Marriott Town Square. The theme for this year’s fundraising event is “I Want My SLCS!” and will benefit St. Laurence Catholic School, which educates students from four years of age through 8th grade. Please contact the Advancement Office of the school at 281-980-0500 for more information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

Follow us on...

Follow us and witness the amazing things happening in our school!
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Live to Glorify God!
Stewardship Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Easter
www.catholicstewardship.org

In today’s Gospel reading Jesus is quite emphatic: “My sheep hear my voice...” Those who exercise good stewardship of their prayer lives realize that hearing or listening is fundamental to prayer. Prayer is a personal encounter with the Lord and requires dialogue. Some people never learn the art of listening. When we enter into a dialogue with someone we love we speak and we listen. Otherwise it cannot be a dialogue. This week let’s think about how we pray. Do we do all the talking and then get up and do something else? Or do we sit quietly, waiting for God’s voice to enter our hearts?

STEWARDS AMONG US
Roland Bienvenu

Roland grew up in Lafayette, Louisiana, the only boy with three sisters. (Maybe that’s why he’s such a nice guy!) He made Houston his home in 1981, and then St. Laurence his spiritual home in 2009. After a career in human resource management, Roland retired three years ago, finding ample time to dedicate to parish ministry. Currently, he co-chairs the St. Laurence Adult Singles group, is active in JOY Club (for parishioners aged 50+), and he enjoys supporting many of the service projects organized through Social Concerns. Roland says, “My involvement grew from regular participation in Adult Singles and being approached to assume a leadership role within that group. I am very impressed that St. Laurence has so many different ministries and organizations which effectively serve the needs of both our parishioners and our community.” He encourages everyone to find a way to get involved and serve others. “There is something for everyone! Take a careful look at our 80 ministries and parish organizations and select at least one which you believe matches your interests and talents. Everyone has a personal skill set they can put to use to benefit our church!”

Catechism Corner

Answers to your questions from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Q. What does the Eighth Commandment require of us?

A. The Eighth Commandment teaches us not to lie. Lying means consciously and intentionally speaking or acting against the truth. Someone who lies deceives himself and misleads others who have a right to know the full truth of a matter. Every lie is an offense against justice and charity. Lying is a form of violence; it introduces the seed of division into a community and undermines the trust on which every human community is based. Living in respect for the truth means not only being true to oneself. More precisely, it means being truthful, being true to God, for he is the source of all truth. We find the truth about God and about all of reality quite directly in Jesus, who is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). Someone who really follows Jesus brings greater and greater truthfulness into his life. He eliminates all lies, falsehood, pretense, and ambiguity from his accomplishments in life and becomes transparent toward the truth. To believe means to become a witness to the truth.

Dig Deeper: Read CCC sections 2464-2470 for more on this subject. This answer is reprinted from YOUCAT questions 452-453.

ASK PAULA

Q. What’s the best part of your job?

A. Wow, it would be hard to pick just one thing, so here’s a couple... I love when Ms. Dodson and Toni come by the office and have chats before and after noon Mass. (I’m a talker, for sure.) Like I tell the gals in the office, it’s what I dooooon, just saying. 

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for over 19 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
You are all invited to a

GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
SEMINAR

Saturday, May 14, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Laurence Ave Maria Center
(Marian Hall B)
3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479

Main Speakers:
Rev. Drew Wood, Pastor, St. Laurence Catholic Church
Rev. Richard E. Paulissen, M.M., Retired
Rev. Enrique V. Salen, Hospital Catholic Chaplain
Sherry Burns, St. Laurence Catholic Church
Barbara Mackie, Director of Faith Formation, St. Hyacinth Church

All are welcome. This is a free event.

SPONSORS:
FCSL-Filipino Community of St. Laurence
Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group

MUSIC:
FCSL & PRAYER GROUP Choir
Ludy Hernandez - Piano

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
Fe Vicerra - FCSL Chairperson - 713-248-1164 • Deacon Rey, 713-854-8804
Margie Calo - Prayer Group Leader - 281-980-4711
UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE
An Engaging 8-Part Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

Date, Times, Location
Tuesday Evenings
May 3-June 28
7:30-9 p.m.
Ave Maria Center

Cost/Registration
Register online at stlaurence.org/biblestudies
Cost: $17.95 + shipping and handling

For More Information
Contact Joe Kanusky at jkanusky@aol.com
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This study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about. The Bible is a story about the Father’s unfailing love for you, a love that you are now called to share with others.

“The effect on my parishioners has been wonderful: a deeper love for Christ, a deeper experience with the sacraments, and continued love for the Scriptures.”

—Fr. Becker, Minnesota

Visit BibleStudyForCatholics.com to learn more.
Peter Ran to the Tomb

EASTER 2016 HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

What thoughts crossed Peter’s mind and stirred his heart as he ran to the tomb? The Gospel tells us that the eleven, including Peter, had not believed the testimony of the women, their Easter proclamation. Quite the contrary, “these words seemed to them an idle tale” (v. 11). Thus there was doubt in Peter’s heart, together with many other worries: sadness at the death of the beloved Master and disillusionment for having denied him three times during his Passion.

There is, however, something which signals a change in him: after listening to the women and refusing to believe them, “Peter rose” (v. 12). He did not remain sedentary, in thought; he did not stay at home as the others did. He did not succumb to the somber atmosphere of those days, nor was he overwhelmed by his doubts. He was not consumed by remorse, fear or the continuous gossip that leads nowhere. He was looking for Jesus, not himself. He preferred the path of encounter and trust. And so, he got up, just as he was, and ran towards the tomb from where he would return “amazed” (v. 12). This marked the beginning of Peter’s resurrection, the resurrection of his heart. Without giving in to sadness or darkness, he made room for hope: he allowed the light of God to enter into his heart, without smothering it.

We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord – each of us knows what they are – so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancor and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the center of our lives.

The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. This is so necessary today. However, we must not proclaim ourselves. Rather, as joyful servants of hope, we must announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love: otherwise we will be only an international organization full of followers and good rules, yet incapable of offering the hope for which the world longs.

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ is risen! And we have the possibility of opening our hearts and receiving his gift of hope. Let us open our hearts to hope and go forth. May the memory of his works and his words be the bright star which directs our steps in the ways of faith towards that Easter that will have no end.

Excerpt from Pope Francis I Homily on Easter Vigil (3/26/2016)
Serve Others

WEEKLY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
MONDAYS: Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom

WEDNESDAYS: Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm, SCM Workroom

OTHER GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
Bingo Call weekend Bingo games for nursing home residents at Sugar Land Health Care Center

Birthday Celebrations Organize bi-monthly birthday/holiday celebrations at Sugar Land Health Care Center

Caring Creations Meets first 3 Fridays each month to create crafts to donate to Mamie George & other Fort Bend agencies

Child Advocates Snack Bags Monthly assembly of 100+ snack bags for children

Fresh Food Delivery Twice a month, purchase and deliver fresh food St. John Fisher food pantry

Learn English Ministry Teach English to non-English-speaking adults; no teaching or foreign language experience necessary

Lunches of Love Decorate lunch bags; over 1,000 brown bag meals provided each week to children in Richmond-Rosenberg

Village Program Matches parish families with families that struggle each month to make ends meet

For more info about these and other great ways to serve others, go to www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

What We NEED

- men’s clothing for residents of ROSARY HOUSE, a halfway house for ex-prisoners: new underwear and gently used and new long & short sleeve shirts, pants, socks, shoes and jackets. There are 18 to 20 residents at the home.
- baby wipes, mini-toothpastes, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, mini Gold Bond foot powder for the MILITARY & HOMELESS
- new white crew socks, new white t-shirts (size large), pop-top tuna/meat, individual peanut butters, granola bars for the HOMELESS
- birthday party gifts of new/unused toys, $10-$20 gift cards (fast food, Wal-Mart, Target) Birthday in a Bag Ministry, new or very gently used small children’s books, and small fleece blankets (Nighttime Cuddle Kits) for CHILDREN IN SHELTERS
- Sunday Coupon inserts for COUPONS FOR A CAUSE program; drop off in parish office or the Hospitality Desk in the church

It’s Baby Bottle Time!

Honor your mother with a gift to PRMC! Baby bottles will be offered again this weekend as a fundraiser for our local Pregnancy Resource Medical Center. Please take a bottle home, and fill it with a donation to PRMC (coins, bills or a check). Donations returned by April 25 may be made in honor of a mother. PRMC will send a card, in time for Mother’s Day, letting her know that a donation was made in her honor. PRMC supports the sanctity of life by offering emotional support and practical help to women tempted by abortion.

BLACK BAG COLLECTION TODAY!

A portion of this Sunday’s black bag collection will help fund summer programs for the homeless teens at Park’s Youth Ranch and our People in Crisis fund which is currently averaging more than $8,000 a month in financial assistance to individuals who come to us for help or are referred to us by our community partners.

LEARN SPANISH FOR YOUR MINISTRY WORK

Sign up for free (beginning, intermediate and advanced) Spanish classes this summer, offered through our Learn Spanish Ministry. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm and are open to priests, deacons, religious, missionaries and those active in parish ministries. Classes will be June 9-August 4. For more info, to register or to volunteer as a teacher, contact Adriana Gutierrez, Learn Spanish Ministry Coordinator at 281-265-5419 or LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com.

ENSEÑE ESPAÑOL ESTE VERANO

¡Clases de Español este verano! Necesitamos voluntarios que hablen español como lengua materna, para enseñar español para niveles principiante, intermedio y avanzado. Estas clases se ofrecen a voluntarios de diferentes ministerios de la iglesia, incluyendo sacerdotes, diáconos, ministros, religiosos y misioneros. Las clases serán de Junio 9 - Agosto 4, lunes y jueves de 7:00-8:30 pm. Para más información contactar a Adriana Gutierrez, Coordinadora de Learn Spanish Ministry, 281-265-5419 o LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com.

NAMI MEETINGS AT ST. LAURENCE

Join the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) support group on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the Social Concerns Workroom. If you care for someone with mental illness, you can gain support and learn of resources that are available to help our loved ones and ourselves. The NAMI Spanish Support Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. A Chinese Support Group is also available. There are no charges for the services. For more information, please contact Ken or Pat Sumner at 281-265-1554 or psumner1@comcast.net.
JOIN OUR HABITAT TEAM!

Spend a Saturday with our Habitat for Humanity ministry to build their 11th house for a family in need. No tools or experience needed, just be at least 16 years old and eager to work. Call Steve Pendell at 281-253-7088 or go to www.stlaurence.org/habitat-for-humanity. Want to help feed the hungry volunteer workers one Saturday? Sign up for a Saturday with Lawerence Perreau at lperreau@comcast.net, 832-525-8717.

Help the Fort Bend Habitat Restore!
Donations of furniture, ceiling fans, light fixtures and appliances are welcomed and needed at the Fort Bend Restore located in Stafford. Every donation helps toward providing adequate housing for those in need. Call 281-403-0708, ext. 301, to schedule a pickup. For more information and donation guidelines, visit their website at www.fortbendhabitat.org/restore/restore-donation-guidelines.

2 Months in Social Concerns
In February and March alone, through monetary and goods donations by St. Laurence parishioners and service projects by students and volunteers, the Social Concerns Ministry was able to...

- Provide 436 Spring Break lunch bags to Bethel Ministries and Fort Bend Family Promise
- Provided over 253 household items (sheets, towels, dishes, pots & pans, pillows, etc) through the Giving Tree drive, for Park’s Youth Ranch, Rio Bend and our adopted refugee families
- Donate 50+ bags of men’s dress and casual clothing and shoes for the residents of the Rosary house, a house for ex-offenders
- Send 10,152 meals to the hungry men, women and children of Burkina Faso
- Complete 5 service projects during Lent to help the homeless, seniors and children in Fort Bend and Harris counties
- Provide 300 holiday themed snacks for homebound seniors who receive Meal on Wheels
- Keep the utilities on for 20 families
- Provide emergency shelter for 19 families
- Provide emergency food assistance for 20 families
- Provide 450 bags of bagels and bread to 6 local agencies

...and so much more! Thank you, St. Laurence, for your loving kindness and compassion for our neighbors in need!

A special THANK YOU goes to our hardworking and dedicated office assistant, Monica Hager. With joyful enthusiasm, she keeps our workroom organized, runs our service projects and keeps up with the hundreds of donations coming in and going out each month.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?
NEED SERVICE HOURS?
Visit the Social Concerns page on the parish website: www.stlaurence.org/volunteer-service-opportunities

Around the Archdiocese

LIBANGA: CATHOLIC CONGOLESE COMMUNITY
Congolese Catholics and others interested in building community are invited to join Libanga. Members share a desire to strengthen connections within the Congolese community while integrating into American society, celebrate and promote their homeland’s culture, and live the joy of the Gospel. The organization has an immediate need for a volunteer to start a Children’s Choir and another to coordinate fundraising activities and special projects. Longer range, Libanga hopes to build a school and provide crisis assistance to single mothers, abandoned children and rape victims. For more information, please visit www.libangacch.com or contact Fr. Simon Kipiti at skipiti@stlaurence.org.

APRIL 21-24: WOMENS JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS
The Journey to Damascus is an ecumenical 3-day weekend retreat held at Circle Lake Retreat Center in Pinehurst, TX. The weekend is meant to equip, inspire and challenge you on your faith journey. It is a Catholic-based retreat, open to all Christian faiths. A few openings are still available for the next Women’s Retreat, the weekend of April 21-24. The retreat starts at 5:30pm Thursday evening until 2:00pm on Sunday. The cost is $180, which includes room & board, wonderful meals and a life-changing retreat experience. If needed, you may ask about the possibility of a partial scholarship. For more information or to sign up, please contact Cokey Clark at 281-652-6973 or cokeyclark@gmail.com.

APRIL 23-24: ST. THERESA ANNUAL BAZAAR
Plan to attend St. Theresa’s Annual Bazaar the weekend of April 23-24, located right here in Sugar Land! Activities include 10 prize drawings, silent auction, live auction, huge garage sale, over 50 booths including food booths, Czech kolaches, cake walk, cotton candy, music, entertainment, vendors, children’s area with lots of games and toys to win, train rides, rock wall and much more! The hours are 6-11pm on Saturday and 11am-7pm on Sunday. Get all the details at www.sugarlandbazaar.com.

APRIL 23: EXPERIENCE THE SHROUD OF TURIN
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Daughters invites everyone to Shroud Encounter, an unforgettable big screen experience about the ancient Jewish linen cloth believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus. Explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin on Saturday, April 23, at 7:00pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 12627 W. Bellfort Ave, Sugar Land. A life-size replica of the Shroud will be on display. Russ Breault, the presenter, is founder of the Shroud of Turin Education Project and has appeared on History, Discovery, CBS and Good Morning America. Tickets are $10 (free to 18 and under), available at the parish office. For more info, contact the St. Thomas Aquinas church office at 281-240-6721.

MAY 31-JUNE 5: PASSION PLAY PILGRIMAGE
A group of parishioners will head to Branson, MO, and Eureka Springs, AR, May 31-June 5, to see live shows and exhibits of our faith. This unique travel package includes the Great Passion Play, Holy Land Tour, Parable of the Potter, Bible Museum, Christ of the Ozark, Sacred Arts Center and much more. Contact Margie Calo at 281-980-4711 or diomargo77@gmail.com for all of the information about this pilgrimage to nearby Missouri & Arkansas.
ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUGAR LAND, TEXAS
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 17, 2016

Find more information about all our parish groups and ministries at www.stlaurence.org.

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Adoration in the Chapel

We at St. Laurence pray that all may know the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and be graced with the holy desire to spend time with our God in adoration. Please prayerfully consider the hours listed that we are in need of committed adorers and subs. Call Janice Swoboda at 281-980-8481 or 832-816-4660.

ADORERS STILL NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:
Monday 1am-2am; Monday 2pm-3pm; Tuesday 3am-4am; Saturday 12pm-1pm

APRIL 21: Harvesting Our Tears

Coping with the sudden or tragic death of a loved one can be very difficult. Survivors are often overwhelmed by the grief that follows this unexpected death, complicating the grieving process. Connect with others in the Grieving Families Support Group, for those grieving the death of loved ones through murder, suicide, accident or any sudden death. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday each month from 1:00-2:30pm, in the St. Francis Room. Join us for the next meeting on April 21, as we continue with Harvesting Our Tears, a program recommended by our Archdiocese. For info, contact Agnes Fernandes: 281-933-3721, agnessfernandes@gmail.com.

APRIL 20: PACT Meeting

Parenting Adolescents with Catholicism Together

We are a group of Catholic parents empowering one another through our love of Jesus Christ, sharing of parent wisdom and learning from information presented. The group meets in Guardian Angels Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:10pm (during EDGE). Join us at our next meeting on April 20, to focus on the healthiest and most effective Catholic Christian behaviors to raise our adolescents during this critical stage in their development. There is no need to RSVP, preparation or homework! For more info, please contact Steve Brown at stevecindyb@comcast.net, 832-471-6131.

MAY 6: In the Heart of the Home

Join other Catholic moms who home school for a casual evening of support, sharing, and refreshments. “In the Heart of the Home” will be offered on Friday, May 6, 6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall. If you have a friend who is thinking of educating children at home, please invite her. We will do a small craft to honor Our Lady for the month of May. There is no cost to attend. For more info, please contact Melissa Calcote at mcalcote@stlaurence.org.

Spirituality & Healing Series

Signs and Symptoms of Mental Health Conditions
Thursday, May 5, 7:00-8:30pm Ave Maria Center
Presenter: Pat Sumner, NAMI
Join us for this informative session focusing on the signs and symptoms of mental health conditions.

Nutrition & Spirituality: Restoring a Healthy Body Rhythm
Thursday, June 2, 7:00-8:30pm Ave Maria Center
Presenter: Laura Laine, Sophia Grace Center for Nutrition
This talk is about rediscovering the Sacred Rhythm/Holy Order that nourishes, keeping us healthy and balanced.

INFO: Anne Marie Daniel, 281-265-5774, adaniel@stlaurence.org

St. Laurence Adult Singles Group

The St. Laurence Adult Singles Ministry serves adults of all ages who are widowed, divorced, separated or never married. For more event info, email us at st.laurencesingles@gmail.com.

SAT, 4/23 @ 6:00PM – Dinner at Ragin Cajun. Let’s get some yummy Cajun food and hopefully enjoy some nice weather on their patio, located near Hwy 59 and Hwy 6.

TUE, 4/26 @ 7:00PM – Monthly Planning Meeting. Look for us in the Trinity Meeting Room, near the parish hall, and help us plan!

Listen for your Call
How might God be inviting YOU to serve?
Listen – and try out a new ministry or group this week!
In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, passing through a Holy Door is part of the pilgrimage that all Catholics are encouraged to make, whether during a trip to Rome or a trip to the cathedrals or specially designated churches in their own dioceses. These pilgrimages come with special graces, and they allow each of us to share in the many blessings of the Holy Year.

Eight Catholic churches in the Archdiocese will serve as pilgrimage sites during the Holy Year of Mercy:

**ST. MARY CATHEDRAL BASILICA**
2011 Church St., Galveston, 77550 (409)762-9646

**CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART**
1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., Houston, 77002 (713)659-1561

**ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
15500 El Camino Real, Houston, 77062 (281)486-0337

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
2405 Navigation Blvd., Houston 77003 (713)222-0203

**OUR LADY OF LAVANG CATHOLIC CHURCH**
12320 Old Foltin Rd., Houston, 77086 (281)999-1672

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**
5100 Dabney St., Houston, 77026 (713)672-7773

**ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**
7810 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, 77379 (281)370-3401

**ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH - SUGAR LAND**
705 St. Theresa Blvd., Sugar Land, 77498 (281)494-1156

For visiting information, please contact these parishes directly.

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**Pope Francis’ Prayer for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**