ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WEKLY OFFERTORY
May 8 Collection $ 54,176
Registered Households 7,275
Envelopes Used 724
Loose Checks 216
2nd Collect: Communications $ 9,761

AUTOMATED GIVING
Monthly Offertory $ 174,215
Participants 874

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
2016 Parish Goal $ 495,000
Amount Paid $ 252,276
Amount Pledged $ 343,848
Participants 803

His Mercy Endures Forever
2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. The thousands of people served by the ministries of our Archdiocese need your compassion and generosity. Your gift to the DSF enables us to reach out to people across the archdiocese through more than 60 programs. If you haven’t already done so, please pray about your commitment and donate online at www.archgh.org/dsf. Also, donation envelopes are located at the Hospitality Desk. If everyone gives something, we will easily meet our parish goal of $480,000. Thank you!

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
June 3 – In the Chapel
7:00 pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30 pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
June 4 – In the Church
7:45 am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30 am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Mayo 28 - 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 preschool 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.
Partnering with Jesus in the power of his Spirit

John 20:19-23 is one of two possible Gospel readings for Pentecost Sunday. In it, Jesus says ‘peace be with you’ twice. First, he gives his disciples the gift of peace so that they can take their focus off of their worries to look at him and recognize him standing in their midst.

Then he says it again while giving them the vocation of continuing the mission that he had started. This time, ‘peace be with you’ is to be the fruit of a life lived in the Holy Spirit while serving God for the sake of the world.

It’s one thing to feel peaceful because we know that Jesus is with us. It’s quite a challenge, though, to feel peaceful when telling others about Jesus, for we feel inadequate and overwhelmed, and we’re afraid of being persecuted and rejected. That’s why he gave us his Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us whatever we need for doing the work that the Father asks of us, and thus we are not really inadequate nor does God fail to comfort us when people reject us.

One of the fruits of partnering with Jesus in the power of his Spirit is an inner peace that does not depend on what happens, nor on what others do or don’t do to us, nor on how they respond to the Good News that we share with them. Peace is the result of being alive in the Spirit. Peace is the Spirit’s activity within us.

At the end of this Gospel passage, Jesus gives the Apostles (the first Catholic priests) the authority to forgive sins as surrogates of his divine presence. He is instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which provides to us Jesus himself in the form of the human priest.

The same forgiving power of the Spirit enables all of us to experience peace in a sinful, tumultuous world. Even when forgiving is most difficult, in the Spirit of Christ we can do it. We can forgive those who hurt us, even if they never repent. And this is what restores our peace.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What is causing you to feel unpeaceful? Whom do you need to forgive in those situations? If you’ve forgiven everyone and you still lack peace, do you need to forgive yourself? Or God? Consider going to a spiritual director or counselor for help in finding all the peace that Jesus wants you to have.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Give an example of how peace is a fruit of life in the Holy Spirit. What other fruits come from depending upon God and partnering with his Spirit?
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:

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Baptisms
Cera Allison, Micah Strandburg, Chizokora Otegbulu, Alexa Tenorio, Maria Curiel, Angela Le, Annamarie Baby, Madden Dakheel, Aurora Dakheel

Funerals
Sharon Gase, sister of Kathy Hemminger

Pray for Servicemen and Women

MSS INTENTIONS
May 14 – 22
Saturday, May 14
5:00 pm Avi Miranda (D)
Monday, May 15
7:30 am Anna & David Ermsi (D)
Tuesday, May 17
7:30 am Alex & Kathy Tello (I)
7:30 am Noe Lopez (D)
Wednesday, May 18
7:30 am B.L. Schindler (D)
7:30 am Mark Gomilla (D)
Friday, May 20
8:15 am Marinias Family (I)
12:00 pm Eduardo Yzaguirre (D)
Saturday, May 21
8:30 pm Marguerite Legner (D)
10:00 am Mark Gumilla (D)
5:00 pm Robert Winzering (D)
Sunday, May 22
7:30 am Ron McInty (D)
9:00 am Frank Boneno (D)
11:00 am Norman Jones (D)
12:45 pm Bill Bunch (D)
5:00 pm St. Laurence Parishioners

Pray for Our Parishioners in Religious Formation
Marc Fryer, Br. Peter Francis (Brian Kelsch), Chad Henry, Bryan Williams, Sr. Philomena (Kristle 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...
Tatiana Sobey, Serena & Autumn Salvato, Jerry Coborn, Ginger Gonzales, Jace Laws, LaRhonda Tucker, Silvia & Ezequiel Lucio, Gonzalez family, Stockhausen family, Munguia family, Phillip Perez, Cristian Perez, Makayla Mendez, Miko Gamez, Teresa Ruiz, Adrian Zaldiviar, Jessica Ayala, Liz Trevino, Debbie Green & family, Metcalf family, 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.

KINGDOM CARE

Sunday Morning Masses: 9:00 & 11:00
Childcare is provided through Kingdom Care, a loving, Christian, and safe environment for young children while their parents attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance at the parish office with Christy Delamora, at 281-980-9812.

PASTORAL CARE TO SICK & HOMEBOUND
If you or someone you know in our parish is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office at 281-980-9812. To volunteer, call Ambrose Graham at 713-865-3729.

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: JUNE 11
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.
Register for CCE, Edge & Life Teen

It's time to register your children for religious education classes for next school year! Go to the parish website at www.stlaurence.org for all the info and registration materials or stop by the Ave Maria Center. Classes fill up fast, so be sure to register early! Please note the NEW ELEMENTARY CCE TIMES (due to the change in FBISD school dismissal times): Tuesday 4:30pm, Tuesday 6:30pm, and Wednesday 5:15pm.

Spaces for CCE are limited by the number of volunteers, so classes are not guaranteed even if submitted prior to the registration deadline of August 15. Please prayerfully consider serving as a faith-sharer or catechist. We can use help at all grade levels. Core members lead small groups of middle or high school students; catechists teach in a classroom setting to elementary and preschool aged children. You get all the materials and training you need – you just need a heart to share your faith with our young parishioners! Plus, there are lots of additional ways to help in other supporting roles to make this large program work. Contact Laura Stephens, Director of Religious Education, at 281-265-5774 and lstephens@stlaurence.org to learn more. Thank you!

Pray the Rosary!

Our Blessed Mother serves as a guide and inspiration for all of us who seek to serve God and one another. Pray the Rosary on your own or gather with others: The Legion of Mary leads the Rosary in the church before the daily Noon Mass (at 11:30am) throughout the entire month of May (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Every Friday morning at 6:30am, Fr. Drew leads the Rosary in the church. And on Monday afternoons, a group meets in the Oratory of the Rosary from 12:45-2:30pm at the Ave Maria Center. All are welcome to join the Respect Life Ministry and Knights of Columbus across the street in the Rosary Garden on the second Sunday of each month to pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn.

JUNE 9-12: ACTS Retreat just for men

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. HURRY! A few spaces are still available. Please contact Larry Stryk (832-520-4044), Greg Cordova (832-457-3011) or Mick Coady (314-565-1949) with any questions you may have.

St. Laurence Women’s Retreat

Register for the St. Laurence Women’s Retreat “Vessels of Grace”, to be held at Camp Allen Retreat Center in Navasota the weekend of September 16-18. There are limited spots for this popular retreat, so register early to secure your spot. Led by Laura Laine, this retreat is inspired by the lives of the Women of the Bible. Their stories of grief, sorrow, joy, triumph, acceptance & rejection give hope to women of today. Register at www.stlaurence.org or pick up a brochure at the Hospitality Desk.

News

Congratulations to the following adults from our parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!
Cheryl Alsandor, Roberto Arenas, Matthew Argao, Michael Boudreaux, Jeffrey Johnson, Andrew Lim, Carlos Mercado, Alyssa Messier, Vy Nguyen, Daniella Ong, James Russum, Anna Tran, Viviana Zamora

¿HABLA ESPAÑOL?
LEARN SPANISH FOR YOUR MINISTRY WORK THIS SUMMER
FREE Spanish classes for priests, deacons, religious, missionaries and those active in parish ministries
Classes offered June 9-August 4
Monday / Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm
To register or volunteer, contact:
Adriana Gutierrez at 281-265-5419 LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com

Help for Panhandlers
Please DO NOT give to people you may encounter on our property asking for money. Instead, please refer them to our Social Concerns Ministry office for case evaluation, help and/or referrals. Thank you for offering the appropriate aid to those in need.

GET THE LATEST NEWS
www.stlaurence.org
Learn about parish ministries & groups, sign up for service opportunities & great programs, listen to the Sunday homilies, and sign up to get the weekly eblast!
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, ewbanksix@gmail.com

Lay Apostle Prayer Group  (First Monday, June 6)
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, ewbanksix@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Bible Study  (Weekly)
7:30-9:00pm  Marian Hall B, Contact: Joe Kanusky 281-265-4084
May 17: Patriarchs, God’s Everlasting Promise to Abraham

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 Kalleeeyn, 281-438-0696

THURSDAY
Catholic Men Called to be Saints  (Weekly)
6:00-7:30am, Guardian Angels Hall
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:
Arland Nichols

Freedom to Serve:
The Connection between Religious Liberty and the Works of Mercy

Monday, June 13
7:00-9:00 pm
Marian Hall

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is a call for the Catholic Church to live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The Church in America and abroad, however, is being restricted in serving others because she cannot comply with immoral governmental mandates (such as the HHS Contraception Mandate). Arland will help us understand the Church’s call to religious liberty and what we can do to uphold this right so that we are free to bring mercy to a world in need.

Arland Nichols is founding President of the John Paul II Foundation, which seeks to proclaim the gospel of life and form families as intimate communities of love. He writes, speaks, and consults in Houston & across the nation in the areas of bioethics, family and religious liberty. He resides in Katy with his wife, Cindy, and their six children.

THIS WEEK: “Beloved” Series Returns!
Weds evenings: May 18–June 29, 6:30-9:00pm, Marian Hall
Join couples in strengthening your marriage through a 6-week series, Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage. Enjoy getting to know other couples over dinner, followed by a dynamic video presentation, small group discussion, and one-on-one time as a couple. Choose one of two tracks to attend following dinner: Beloved Part I: The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage (understanding theological foundations of marriage) or Beloved Part II: Living Marriage (focuses on practical life skills needed in marriage). Bring a dish to share with eight others.

Cost: $40 per new couple, $20 returning couple
Register and pay online at stlaurence.org/beloved

RETROUVAILLE: A Lifeline for Marriages
June 17-19, North Hyatt Hotel, Houston
The word Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi) is a French word meaning rediscovery. This program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship, which has helped thousands of couples in trouble or headed for divorce. The program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 sessions over 3 months. Two weekends are offered each year in the Houston area – the next one is in June. Couples MUST register in advance by calling 713-529-6242.

For more information, please visit www.retrouvaille.org.
Children’s Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY CCE

Preschool and Elementary CCE classes are completed for the school year. Thank you to all of those families who committed to the faith formation of their children and brought them to class every week or faithfully home schooled throughout the year. We pray that their experiences, and yours, have strengthened your families and deepened your love for our Lord and the Catholic faith. Thank you also to our wonderful catechists, assistants and volunteers whose loving support made our year a great success.

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.

SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Consider volunteering as a Catechist! No experience is necessary, just a passion for your faith and a desire to share that with our youngest church members. Training and materials are provided. Don’t want to teach? We need you too! We have other opportunities for involvement during all CCE sessions. Please contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org. This is a rewarding experience that you will never regret!

THIS WEEK: First Holy Communions

Please pray for:
Luke Diamond, Kaitlyn Elackatt, Luke Kelley, Grant Kelley, Noah Herring, Cesar Adrogue, Ava Duong, Jonathan Wheat, Mark Caranto Jr...
and all 226 of our children who are making their First Communion this Easter Season!

WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

WCP End-of-the-year FUN!

MAY 26/27  Splash Days
JUNE 1/2  Prayer Celebration & Last Days of School 11:30am Early Dismissal

WCP SUMMER CAMP

Open to children age 6 months - entering 5th grade
“Experience Different Cultures”
REGISTRATION INFO:
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.
Live to Glorify God!
Stewardship Reflection for Pentecost Sunday

www.catholicstewardship.org

In today’s first reading we encounter the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost came rushing in over Jesus’ followers like a powerful wind. It must have been a frightening experience for them. But their great acts of prophetic witness began when the Spirit drew them out of their “comfort zones.” Jesus said the Holy Spirit, like the wind, blows where it wills; into the lives of good stewards, empowering them to perform wondrous acts of healing, reconciliation and evangelization; encouraging them to proclaim the Gospel with boldness and confidence. All of that is a little beyond the comfort zone where most of us live our lives. This week, reflect on how the Holy Spirit may be calling you out of your personal comfort zone.

Catechism Corner

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

Q. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is turning the heart toward God. When a person prays, he enters into a living relationship with God. Prayer is the great gate leading into faith. Someone who prays no longer lives on his own, for himself, and by his own strength. He knows there is a God to whom he can talk. People who pray entrust themselves more and more to God. Even now they seek union with the one whom they will encounter one day face to face. Therefore, the effort to pray daily is part of Christian life. Of course, one cannot learn to pray in the same way one learns a technique. As strange as it sounds, prayer is a gift one obtains through prayer.

Dig Deeper: Read CCC sections 2558-2567 for more on this subject. This answer is reprinted from YOUCAT question 469.


The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of God and to share in Eucharistic communion.

Pope Francis, AMORIS LETITIA
April 2016

ASK PAULA

Q. Are we having a bazaar this year?

A. YES! The bazaar will be back, mark your calendar! It’s always the 3rd weekend in October (OCT 15-16). Before you ask, it will be on the grounds of the Ave Maria Center (AMC), with BINGO inside the building, yeah. Of course, the usuals be there, you know, Indian, Mexican and Filipino food. YUM! And it wouldn’t be a good time without the beer and margarita booths, right? So my bazaar connection told me that they are open for any suggestions! Just contact Tom Barry or Les Fuchs (their numbers are listed here in the bulletin on page 14). Rumor has it, they are also looking for a band. I wonder if they know I SING? How hard could it be?? As time gets closer, check the bulletin and website for volunteering. NOT NOW! This is also a good way for your kids to get service hours, 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.
St. Laurence Religious Education
Catechist Volunteers 2015-2016

On this Feast of Pentecost, we remember the Coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Holy Spirit’s power and gifts enabled them to step out of their fear with a new boldness to share Jesus’ Love with the world. It is through this same power of the Holy Spirit that men, women, and youth have stepped up within our community to teach as part of the Religious Education team.

The St. Laurence Religious Education Staff would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all our dedicated volunteers!

Pre School CCE Catechists & Assistants

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Elementary CCE Catechists, Assistants and Substitutes

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| Allison Bauer        | Jessica Gunter           | Bridget Mazza              | Shannon Servance        |
| Laura Behar          | Donna Hart               | Barb Mc Fadden             | Tricia Thibodeaux       |
| Emma Behar           | Heather Heald            | Lorena Moreno              | Reji Thomas             |
| Bea Beltran          | Kathy Hemminger         | Kelly Mueller              | Pulcharia Thompson      |
| Julie Borque         | Sharon Henry             | Linda Nguyen               | Gloria Tobin            |
| Sheree Brodak        | Pauline Hernandez        | Ruby Norris                | Michelle Triesch        |
| Sandi Brunello       | Gina Herring             | Margaret Okokhere          | Mirka Valdiveso         |
| Athena Cahill        | Bill Herring             | Ann Oliver                 | Rebecca Wells           |
| Lizbeth Camera       | Dawn-Marie Hinson        | Darcy Palatka              | Kristen Whitehead       |
| Brandi Cegielski     | Susan Hollobaugh         | Betty Parra                | Edward Young            |
| Teresa Cortez        | Noelia Ibekewe           | Josephine Peters           | Mel Yasguirre           |
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| Patti Rodriguez      | Sherriane Yulo           |                         |

Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others. – Pope Francis

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**Interested in being part of this a fabulous team of RE Catechists?**

Call the Religious Education staff at 281-265-5774 to learn more about how rewarding it is to share in the faith journey with others while deepening your own faith.
What is EDGE? It’s way more than effective catechesis. It’s Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life’s most challenging years. Edge Nights take place Wednesday evenings from September-April in the school gym. All 6th-8th graders are invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Interested in helping out? Contact Eric Painter at epainter@stlaurence.org.

Life Teen is for any teen currently in high school. This ministry is St. Laurence’s main outreach to 9th - 12th graders. Through teaching and social events we hope to build up the kingdom of God one teen at a time. For info, contact Kris Frank at kfrank@stlaurence.org.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation at St. Laurence is part of Youth Ministry and Religious Education. We bring teens closer to Christ through this Sacrament of the Church. Contact Sara Sahlezghi at ssahlezghi@stlaurence.org. Confirmation is open to sophomores and juniors in high school. Teens who do not attend Catholic School should attend Life Nights (HS religious education) for at least a year prior to beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to ensure they have been catechized and are prepared for the journey to Confirmation.

Flood Relief

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are working together with our parishes to offer emergency relief and recovery for our neighbors in need who have been impacted by the recent flooding.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Basic needs assistance
- Clothing and furniture vouchers for SVDP Thrift Store
- Food pantry assistance
- Help in applying for benefits
- Counseling
- Case management to create a long-term recovery plan
- Referrals for other services: legal assistance, home repairs, clean up

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Cash donations
To give online, please go to www.svdpHouston.org/donate or www.catholiccharities.org/donate

Volunteer
The needs are great and the workers are few. www.VolunteerHou.org

Blessings,
Graduates!
Fr. Drew will be giving a special blessing to all graduating seniors at the Life Teen Mass TODAY, Pentecost Sunday, May 15.
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

You can help our many ministries in a variety of ways, but the simplest is through donations! Easier yet, you may have many of these items at home. Items may be dropped off at the parish office or in the SCM Donation bin in the church.

- 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

You’re invited to a Baby Shower!
The Legion of Mary and Respect Life Ministry will host the 9th Annual Parish Baby Shower on Sunday, May 22, in the parish hall following the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. It’s Coffee & Donuts Sunday with a twist! It will be a baby shower, with cake and all the donations of baby gifts to support moms in crisis pregnancies on display. Everyone is invited after the morning Masses for food, fellowship and to see all the baby items donated by our parish to support the Gabriel Project. If you took a tag, please label your donation and drop it off in the bins or at the parish office. If you didn’t get a chance to participate, we need gifts of all sizes! Contact Barbara Pane at barbara@panefamily.com.

Do you know someone facing an unplanned pregnancy? The Option Line is a 24/7 helpline for anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. A staff person is ready to listen and talk to you at any time, Spanish speakers available. Referrals will be made to a local pregnancy center for ongoing local support (or they can connect you directly if the center is open). Go to www.OptionLine.org or call 800-712-HELP (4357).

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 psummer1@comcast.net.

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

BINGO Callers Needed!
Volunteers are needed to call weekend BINGO at Sugar Land Health Care Center in old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. For more info or to volunteer, contact Janet Roberts at jrob3207@comcast.net.

Fort Bend Family Promise May Day Celebration
(RESCHEDULED to TODAY, Sunday, May 15)
Join Fort Bend Family Promise for a May Day Celebration filled with family fun at their new Day Center, located at 4645 Cartwright Road, in Missouri City. The event is free and open to the public. Families are invited to drop by between 2:00 and 5:00pm TODAY, Sunday, May 15, for food, games, crafts, music & Maypole dancing!
SUMMER SERVICE
St. Laurence Social Concerns Ministry

Each Tuesday, beginning June 7, the Social Concerns Ministry will offer a new service opportunity in the SCM Workroom (unless noted otherwise). Space is limited, pre-registration is required!

JUNE SCHEDULE
June 7 (1:30-3:30pm) Rice & Beans for day laborers
June 14 (1:30-3:30pm) Father’s Day gifts for SLHC
June 21 (9:00-11:00am) Lunches of Love at FUMC in Rosenberg
June 28 (1:30-3:30pm) Treats for seniors at SLHC & MGCC

Register via Sign Up Genius at www.signupgenius.com. Click on “Find A Sign-Up”, then type in SocialConcerns@stlaurence.org. This will bring up a listing of all the service opportunities that are available. Signup for Summer Service opens on May 16.

Volunteer with Meals on Wheels!
Want to make a difference in the life of a senior this summer? Volunteers are needed to deliver meals between the hours of 10:30am – 1:30pm, Monday through Friday. Routes take about 90 minutes. There are flexible schedules for volunteers (once a week, every other week, once a month, whatever you can do). Meals are picked up in Sugar Land or Rosenberg. For more information or to fill out a volunteer application, visit www.fortbendseniors.org, email volunteers@fortbendseniors.org or call 281-633-7049.

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.

Around the Archdiocese

MAY 19-20: FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Does your child need immunizations for pre-school registration? Texas Children’s Hospital Mobile Clinic is offering immunizations for eligible children at NO COST this week at St. Laurence. This is offered first come-first served to children with no insurance, insurance that does not cover vaccines, have Medicaid or are American Indian/Native American or Alaskan Native. Come to the Ave Maria Center on Thursday, May 19 (9am-2pm) and Friday, May 20 (9am-12pm). Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. For eligibility questions, please call 832-372-9871.

MAY 22: SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY
The Secular Franciscan Fraternity meets at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Sugar Land at 1:30pm on the 4th Sunday of each month, in Rosary Room #6. Members must be a practicing Catholic and at least 21 years of age to participate. Come join us next Sunday, May 22, to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order and this great Saint. Our Blessed Mother is the Patroness of the Franciscan Family. For more info, please contact Connie Zocco at 281-498-5464, connie.zocco@yahoo.com.

JUNE 7-9: EXPLORE RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN
This retreat is offered at St. Mary Seminary for high school boys, ages 15-18, who desire an opportunity to explore seminary life and learn about the call to holiness and the priesthood. The retreat consists of music, games, faith sharing, outdoor activities, creative prayer experiences and more. Registration deadline is June 3, for the Explore Retreat on June 7-9. For more info, please go to www.houstonvocations.com/explore-retreat or call any of our priests at 281-980-9812 to discuss with them.

BE OPEN TO A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost – the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Comforter, to come and dwell in us, God’s children. Open your heart wide and invite the Holy Spirit in to dive even deeper in your relationship with God and your spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are July 22-24, or July 29-31. Register early to reserve a spot at www.houstonme.org or contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information.

NATIONAL ASSOC. OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS
We are blessed to have the 39th annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) right here in Houston this summer! If you would like to sing in the choir for the Convention Eucharist Mass, with Cardinal DiNardo presiding, please contact the director, our own Kevin Klotz, at 281-980-9812, kklotz@stlaurence.org. The Mass will be on Thursday, July 14, and auditions and rehearsals will be held at St. Dominic’s Chancery. For more information on the convention, please go to www.npm.org/EducationEvents/convention.
Find more information about all our parish groups and ministries at www.stlaurence.org.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION**

- **Baptism**: Rose Davis 281-980-9812
- **Confirmation (Teens)**: Sara Sahleazghi 281-265-5774
- **Confirmation (Adults)**: Mary Visser 281-265-5774
- **First Holy Communion**: Melissa Calcote 281-265-5774
- **First Reconciliation**: Melissa Calcote 281-265-5774
- **Marriage Preparation**: Theresa Rawls 281-980-9812
- **Marriage Sponsor Couples**: Sharon & John Harry 281-980-8090

**FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION**

- **A.C.T.S. Retreat**: Dcn. Don Burns 281-734-8715
- **Adult Faith Formation**: Justin Frato 281-265-5774
- **Edge (Middle School)**: Eric Painter 281-265-5774
- **Elementary CCE**: Joan Hastedtreter 281-265-5774
- **Family Faith**: Joan Hastedtreter 281-265-5774
- **Life Teen (High School)**: Kris Frank 281-265-5774
- **Natural Family Planning**: Jacob/Jillian Counts 281-300-3704
- **Parish School (SLCS)**: Debra Haney 281-980-0500
- **Parish School Board**: Michael Hurtado 281-635-0926
- **Parish School PTO**: Kristin Holy 281-491-8236
- **RCIA**: Justin Frato 281-265-5774
- **Vacation Bible School**: Monica Doucet 281-265-5774
- **Vocations Committee**: 281-980-9812
- **Weekday Children's Program**: Becky Wilkinson 281-313-0329

**PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**

- **Cath Men Called to Be Saints**: Jim Kij 281-253-4800
- **Challenge Club for Girls**: Monica Hager 281-240-7672
- **Contemplative Prayer**: Elaine Smith 281-499-6660
- **Divine Mercy (AM)**: Sally Flowers 281-265-8360
- **Divine Mercy (PM)**: Patti Kallemyen 281-438-0696
- **Hearts of Jesus & Mary**: Margie Calo 281-980-4711
- **Lay Apostile Prayer**: Kay Quenan 281-265-3238
- **Legion of Mary**: Carmelita Kussad 713-922-2446
- **Men's Bible Studies**: Steve Ewbank 281-980-5575
- **St. Anthony of Padua**: Joseph Ellanki 832-282-3032
- **Small Christian Comm**: Genoveva Duque 281-980-1014
- **Tuesday AM Bible Study**: Regina Johnson 281-403-1792

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

- **Adoration**: Janice Swoboda 281-980-8481
- **Altar Linen Care**: Rose Davis 281-980-9812
- **Altar Servers**: Joy Smith 281-265-0839
- **Art & Environment**: Michele Holbrooke 281-265-8425
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**: Susa Choa 281-682-3389
- **Extraordinary Ministers**: Tom Ruck 713-855-2399
- **Liturgical Ministers**: Theresa Rawls 281-980-9812
- **Mass Hospitality**: Hal Mechler 281-543-9876
- **Music Ministry**: Mary Thompson 281-980-9812

**SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE**

- **Bridges to Life**: Dana Cutbirth 281-343-1417
- **Correctional Ministry**: Dcn. Al Bothe 713-582-3870
- **Dcn. Charles Plant**: 281-300-3059
- **Funeral Receptions**: Sue Kulha 281-265-8332
- **Habitat for Humanity**: Steve Pondell 281-253-7088
- **Learn English Ministry**: Wendy Moore 713-208-5169
- **Learn Spanish Ministry**: Adriana Gutierrez 713-269-2851
- **Meals That Heal**: MaryAnne Talab 281-438-2381
- **Medical Missionaries**: Cordell St. Czy 832-449-3759
- **Ministry of St. Joseph**: Tim Beversick 281-265-1533
- **Respect Life**: Marie McCoy 281-265-7749
- **Senior Riders & More**: Annette Bisanz 281-980-1449
- **Social Concerns**: Pennie DeGroot 281-980-9812
- **Society St. John DeMatha**: Deacon Al Bothe 713-582-3870

**MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT**

- **Annuals**: Anne Marie Daniel 281-265-5774
- **Bereavement Ministries**: Sandy Barber 281-633-9090
- **Grief Support Group**: Agnes Fernandes 281-933-3721
- **Grieving Families**: Annette Bisanz 281-980-1449
- **H.O.P.E.**: Angela Rankin 832-945-2245
- **Caregivers Support Group**: Lori Knowles 281-261-5738
- **DivorceCare**: Janie Picou 281-980-2431
- **Palms**: Pat Sumner 832-471-6131
- **Pastoral Care for Sick**: Ambrose Graham 713-865-3729
- **Spiritual Direction**: Anne Marie Daniel 281-265-5774

**EVANGELIZATION, STEWARDSHIP & LEADERSHIP**

- **Come & See**: Art & Marilyn Ramponi 832-945-2110
- **Discipleship Council**: Marc Sherman 713-962-0617
- **Evangelization Committee**: Marie McCoy 281-265-7749
- **Finance Council**: Bob Ladd 281-980-3246
- **Financial Peace University**: Jason Davalos 832-876-9824
- **Pastoral Council**: Tom Ruck 713-855-2399
- **Welcome Ministry**: Eva Fernandez 832-633-5640

**COMMUNITY & PARISH LIFE**

- **African Catholic Community**: Esther Iredia 832-661-2945
- **Bazaar**: Tom Barry 281-545-4112
- **Boy Scout Troop 828**: Craig Popp 281-731-6140
- **Cub Scout Pack 1828**: Danny Kliefert 225-614-3148
- **Catholic Daughters**: Pam White 281-265-3070
- **Council of Catholic Women**: Mary Ann Brenner 713-306-6410
- **Family Ministry**: Melissa Calcote 281-265-5774
- **Filipino Community**: Fe Viceria 713-248-1164
- **Hispanic Ministry**: Francisco Rojas Ayala 281-690-3374
- **Knights of Columbus**: Gary Arrington 713-882-9567
- **Ladies Guild**: Joan O’Daniel 713-788-5430
- **Ladies of Charity**: Chrissy Campbell 310-926-7085
- **Ministry of St. Joseph**: Tim Beverick 281-265-1533
- **Seniors (JOY Club)**: Anne Higgins 832-755-5597
- **Vietnamese Group**: Amy Le 281-330-0565
- **Vietnamese Ministry**: Margie Koenig 281-313-3625
- **Young Adult Group**: Steve Washer 585-410-4467
**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.

*We will not have scheduled adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the Memorial Day holiday from 2 pm on Friday, May 27, until 8 am Tuesday, May 31.*

**ADORERS STILL NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:**

Monday 1am-2am; Tuesday 4am-5am; Saturday 2am-3am

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**July 21-24: Women’s ACTS Retreat**

Registration opens next weekend, May 21-22, for the first-ever St. Laurence Women’s ACTS Retreat, to be held this summer, July 21-24. Look for the table on the plaza to register and get all the details. Online registration will also be available. For info now, please contact Susan Herrington, sherrington14@gmail.com, 832-656-4477, or visit www.stlaurence.org/womens-acts-retreat.

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**Ladies Guild: Topping off another year!**

Ladies, come to the final meeting of the year on Thursday, May 19, at 6:30pm in the parish hall, to reminisce this past year. For more information, please call President Joanie O’Daniel at 281-788-5430.

**Special Needs Faith Formation**

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**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 Pondell 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.

**Spirituality & Healing Series**

**Nutrition & Spirituality: Restoring a Healthy Body Rhythm**

Thursday, June 16, 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

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**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 stlaurencesingles@gmail.com.

**SUN, 5/22 @ 9:00AM – Mass & Brunch.** Meet in the elevated seats by the choir for Mass, then go get brunch at Skeeters.

**TUE, 5/24 @ 7:00PM – Monthly Meeting.** Meet us in the Trinity Room (near the parish hall) for our monthly planning meeting!

**FRI, 5/27 @ 6:00PM – Dinner at Japaniero’s.** Let’s get some sushi and Latin food together on Sugar Land Town Center.

**LIBRARY CARDS**

Come and get it! If you’ve applied for a library card, it’s waiting for you at the Main Reception Desk at the Ave Maria Center. If you haven’t yet filled out an application or checked out our amazing library, stop by and take a look. The library is turning into a pretty exciting place to be! *Coming in June: Story Time for Children* and a new St. Laurence Parish Library *Summer Reading Program!* For more info, contact Susan Mulé at 281-255-5774 or smule@stlaurence.org.

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**Please bring a favorite ice cream topping to share or a dessert to be topped or paired with ice cream! We'll enjoy this treat and relax with a game or two. Newcomers are welcome – see what Ladies Guild is all about and plan to be an active member when we start up again in the fall. For more information, please call President Joanie O’Daniel at 281-788-5430.**

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**Peace be with you**

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**Ministry News**
JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016

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.**