SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:45pm, 5:00pm

DAILY MASSES
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
7:30am, 12:00pm  
Wednesday 7:30am, 6:30pm  
Friday 8:15am, 12:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday after morning Mass  
Saturday 4:00pm–4:45pm  
Wednesday 5:30pm–6:20pm  
Monday–Thursday after morning Mass

ROSARY
Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
August 5 — In the Chapel  
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions  
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
August 6 — In the Church  
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary  
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Julio 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

Who Is My Neighbor?
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.

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 through 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.
Who Is My Neighbor?

No matter who we are or where we live, we all face the same question: “Is the normal course of my day more important than the suffering I see around me?” You don’t have to go looking high and low for it; you will come across it as you go about your everyday life. Perhaps someone you meet has been robbed of confidence or joy. Maybe someone seems beaten and overwhelmed by financial challenges or marital troubles. Maybe someone is living as one left for dead, lonely and alone. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see these people as he does, to hear what they aren’t saying, and to have the compassion to stop and be a “neighbor.”

Here at St. Laurence, our Social Concerns Ministry serves as the “control center” for the majority of the outreach work of the parish. Last year, over 26,000 volunteer hours were logged by parishioners to serve an estimated 25,000 people, most right here in Fort Bend County. There are literally hundreds of ways to give of your time and your talent for the benefit of others less fortunate. Start by going to www.stlaurence.org and click on the Outreach tab or stop by or call our Social Concerns Office and speak with Pennie, Melanie or Monica. They will be happy to help you find a way to serve!

Here are just a few ways parishioners have been “Good Samaritans” this summer through the Summer of Service program:

- Sugar Land Health Center – Father’s Day & July 4 treats
- M. D. Anderson Children’s Cancer Hospital - ribbons for Childhood Cancer Awareness month
- Bethel Day Camp – snacks for underprivileged children
- Mamie George Community Center – July 4 cards & snacks
- Share God’s Bounty – Owl bag toppers for candy bags
- Hungry children, Rosenberg – Lunches of Love
- Bethel Ministries – assembling back to school supply packages
- Sugar Land Animal Center – cat toys & treats
- Shoe Drive – for Fort Bend children in need
- Meals on Wheels – July 4th cards with snack
- Richmond Day Laborers – Rice & Beans
- Homeless – Hope bags

* Excerpt from Word Among Us (wau.org)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**JULY**

**SUNDAY**

10

(#1136 in your Gather book)

First Reading DT 30:10-14

Second Reading CQL 1:15-20

Gospel LK 10:25-37

**MONDAY**

11

First Reading IS 1:10-17

Gospel MT 10:34-11:1

**TUESDAY**

12

First Reading IS 7:1-9

Gospel MT 11:20-24

**WEDNESDAY**

13

First Reading IS 10:5-7, 13B-16

Gospel MT 11:25-27

**THURSDAY**

14

First Reading IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

Gospel MT 11:28-30

**FRIDAY**

15

First Reading IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

Gospel MT 12:1-8

**SATURDAY**

16

First Reading MIC 2:1-5

Gospel MT 12:14-21

**SUNDAY**

17

First Reading GN 18:1-10A

Second Reading CQL 1:24-28

Gospel LK 10:38-42

**PRAYING THE NEWS | JULY 10, 2016**

...he passed by on the opposite side.

Luke 10:32

Dear Lord, stories in the news about mass shootings and terrorism have not only described the perpetrators and the victims, but told about those who bravely responded to rescue and to heal. They risked their own lives and they worked tirelessly to save others. They did not turn a blind eye. Lord, help us live our lives without blinders on, and to reach out – even in small ways – to render aid. 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:


PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Pray for:

Adrian Zaldivar, Liz Trevino, Jessica Ayala, Leticia Flores & son, Tatiana Sobey, Miko Cerrone, Teresa Ruiz, Jacinto, Rita & Louie Gonzalez, Gloria Gonzalez, David Martinez, Robert Martinez, Cheli Bargo, Martin Metcalf, Michael Atkinson, LaRhonda Tucker, Jauer Alegría, Phillip Perez, Cristian Perez, Debbie Green & family, Patricia LaFleur, Paul Ramirez, Angelic Marie Ramirez, Jocelin Ramirez, Roland Bergara, Robert Crenshaw, Chaplain Tom Lowe, 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.

PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CVW2 Bret Aderhold, US Army, AV
Spc David Ambrocik, US Army
Pvt Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. 5 Debra Barnette, US Navy
LCpl Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC
Staff Sgt. Jason Chacon, USMC
Lt Matthew Chesney, US Navy
Maj. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force
Capt. Patrick Coffman, USMC
LTJG Colin Day, US Navy
1stLt Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
Sgt. Nicholas Dickman, US Army
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
2ndLt Michael Eberhardt, US Army
Capt. Stacey Eberhardt, US Army
Spc. Derek Farias, US Army
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
Pvt. Jahnell Xavier George, US Army
Sgt. Philip Graham, US Army
1stLt Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Capt. Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
1LT Michelle Horstman, US Army
Spc. Joshua Keenan, US Army
Capt. James Kingerski, US Army
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
PFC Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
Sgt. Joseph Marcellus, USASAF
1stLt William Marcellus, USMC
Cpl Kevin McGinnis, USMC
Capt. Brenda McPartland, USMC
1stLt Todd Miller, US Army
Capt. Alexander Morningstar, US Army
Sgt. Richard Pinard, US Navy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
Sgt. Santiago Ramirez, US Army
1stLt Taylor Ramrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SRA Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LTJG Kevin Stransky, US Navy
LCpl Daniel Thesing, USMC
Capt. Michael Thesing, USMC
1stLt Kevin Wheeler, US Army
Sgt. Bryce Whitley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 9
5:00pm – Gilbert Henry (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 10
7:30am – Harry Kingerski, Sr. (D)
9:00am – Kris Wisniewsky (D)
11:00am – Marie Grace Cugno (D)
12:45pm – Blas & Isadora Perez (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 11
7:30am – Kurian Family (I)
12:00pm – Orlando Quirch (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 12
7:30am – Chris Rodriguez (D)
12:00pm – Joshua Dantas (I)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
7:30am – Fletcher & Elizabeth Kuhnel (D)
6:30pm – Anna Mathew (I)

THURSDAY, JULY 14
7:30am – Joseph Casale (D)
12:00pm – Violeta Aquino (I)

FRIDAY, JULY 15
8:15am – Jair & Leonardo Diaz (D)
12:00pm – Diane Crawford (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 16
8:30pm – Ken Anderson (D)
5:00pm – Timi Beeler (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 17
7:30am – Jeremiah Pascual (D)
9:00am – Lorenz Minicome (D)
11:00am – John & Thomas Mekkettel (D)
12:45pm – Dave Giltnner (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Marc Fryer, Brother Peter Francis (Brian Kelsch), Chad Henry, Bryan Williams, Sister Philomena (Krystle Cagadahan), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

JULY 21: LOVING EMBRACE INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP
Loving Embrace is a Catholic educational support group for couples who have endured or are presently enduring the pain and suffering of infertility. The group provides support for coping with infertility and explores resources, methods, and options that are morally faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meets 3rd Thursday, each month, 7:30-9:00pm, monthly meeting rotation: Couples Dinner, Ladies Dinner, and Couples Discussion. For details, please contact Shannon Lassen at 832-978-6716 or infertilitysupporthouston@gmail.com.

JULY 14-16: MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE
All married and engaged couples are invited to “Unveiled”, a marriage enrichment conference at St. Anthony of Padua in The Woodlands, July 14-16. Dr. Bob Schuchts of the JPII Healing Center will lead the conference which includes Thursday night (7-9pm), Friday night (7-9pm) and a full day on Saturday (9am-5pm). Register before June 30, for an early bird rate of $145 per couple; after that, $165. Limited spots are available, so register at www.staoptw.org/MarriageMatters. For info and to inquire about scholarships, please contact Deacon Tom Vicknair at 281-296-2800.

JULY 23: ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER
Prince of Peace Catholic Community is hosting the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer on Saturday, July 23, from 8:00am-1:00pm, featuring Fr. John Keller, Michael Gormley and Deacon Tom Vicknair as speakers, with Mass celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo. The event will be held at Prince of Peace, 19222 Tomball Pkwy, Houston, and the doors open at 7:30am. The cost to attend is $10. Get more information and register at http://staoptw.org/dop2016.

JULY 22-24: LIFE AWARENESS WEEKEND
Life Awareness Weekend is a discernment retreat offered for young people at Holy Name Retreat Center, beginning Friday, July 22, at 6:00pm and concluding Sunday, July 24, after lunch. There is no charge to attend, but a short interview is required before July 18. The weekend includes presentations, prayer, group discussions, silent reflection and guidance from priests and sisters. Since 1983, 1150 men and women have attended and 13% have entered religious life. Go to www.houstonvocations.com/life-awareness or contact Deacon Gary Hilbig, gary.hilbig@allsaints.us.com, 832-549-4140 for more information.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS
BAPTISMS
Aubrey Hodge, Dylan Alarcon, Preston Eheman, Allison Yearwood, Aubrey Hudson, Cheryl Bono, wife of John Bono, John Daugherty, Jr, father of John Daugherty III

WEDDINGS
Sydney Yelverton & Timothy Lawson

FUNERALS
Doug Laake, Ed Hines, father of Dan Hines, Cheryl Bono, wife of John Bono, John Daugherty, Jr, father of John Daugherty III

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WEEKLY OFFERTORY
July 3 Collection $ 59,656
Registered Households 7,275
Envelopes Used 796
Loose Checks 186

AUTOMATED GIVING
Monthly Offertory $ 163,017
Participants 913

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
2016 Parish Goal $ 495,000
Amount Paid $ 335,175
Amount Pledged $ 408,958
Participants 941

Diocesan Services Fund
His Mercy Endures Forever
Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. Your gift to the DSF enables us to reach out to people across the archdiocese through more than 60 programs. Help us reach our parish goal of $495,000 with a pledge today. Donate online at www.archgh.org/dsf or pick up a donation envelope at the Hospitality Desk. THANK YOU!

Making plans for your summer vacation?
Please include St. Laurence in your vacation plans! Sign up today for eGiving through Faith Direct to make it easy to remember your gifts to St. Laurence Catholic Church while you’re off enjoying your summer vacation. Enrolling is easy – just go to www.faithdirect.net and use our church code TX460. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents, as well as treasure!
**CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION**

**ELECTMENTARY CCE**

**Summer Faith Challenge:** Kids already complaining that they are B O R E D? Find some great faith based activities at [www.catholicmom.com](http://www.catholicmom.com) or a family activity ‘bucket list’ at [www.motherhoodandmiscellany.com](http://www.motherhoodandmiscellany.com) to beat those summer boredom blues while connecting with our Catholic faith.

**Registration for the upcoming CCE year** is open through **August 15**. Forms for CCE and First Sacraments prep programs may be picked up in person at the Ave Maria Center or may be found on the parish website under EDUCATION/Registration. Register early! Many classes fill up fast!

**Consider serving as a CCE catechist or assistant.** No experience is necessary, just a desire to share your faith with our youngest church members. [Training and materials provided](#). Please contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org for these and other opportunities to get involved. This is an incredibly rewarding experience which you will never regret!

**TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?**

Don’t take a vacation from Mass! Look up parishes and Mass schedules in your destination location at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

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**St. Laurence Catholic School**

**www.stlaurence.org/school**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**
Monday-Thursday  9:00am—2:00pm
Friday  9:00am—12:00pm

Regular school office hours resume Monday, August 1.

**IMPORTANT DATES**
August 12: Students Return/Visiting Day
August 15-16: Early dismissal days
August 17: First full day of school

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**2015-16: WHAT A YEAR IT WAS!**

Thank you! Your prayers and support are what make SLCS great. Here are a few accomplishments from the 2015-2016 school year:

- 100% of 8th grade graduates were accepted into the high schools of their choice.
- SLCS went through the accreditation process with the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department, accredited with outstanding ratings!
- Alex Garcia was 1 of 100 students in grades 4-8 to advance to and compete in the State Geography Bee.
- Our student athletes were hitting the fields, tracks and gym for football, soccer, cross country and the volleyball seasons. They learned the value of teamwork and cooperation through our extraordinary athletic programs!
- Congratulations to the athletes in the Legendary Class of 2016 for winning five GHCAA championships.

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**ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

As a pastoral instrument of the Church, St. Laurence Catholic School educates and develops the whole Christian person in body, mind, and spirit through the trinity of parent, child, and educator.
EDGE is 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, September through April at the Ave Maria Center. All 6th-8th graders are invited and encouraged to attend. Interested in helping out? Contact Eric Painter at epainter@stlaurence.org.

SUMMER EDGE
Any and all incoming 6-8th graders are invited to spend some time hanging out with Edge this Summer!

Mass // Open Gym
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm (JUNE 22 – JULY 27)
Meet for Mass, then OPEN GYM at the school!

Movie Night
JULY 21
7:00-9:30pm in the Youth Hall, Ave Maria Center
Come watch a movie with us. We’ll even cook you breakfast!
Get more at www.stlaurence.org/summeredge.

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

SUMMER IN LIFE TEEN
OPEN YOUTH ROOM:
Mondays & Thursdays (1-3pm) Join us for Mass @ noon!

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:
Tuesdays (6-7:30pm) in the Youth Room

SUNDAY LIFE NIGHTS:
Following the Sunday 5pm Life Teen Mass
July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31

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.

HOUSTON AGGIE CATHOLICS!
Come to an Aggie Catholic Maroon Mass to welcome new Aggie Catholic freshmen, transfer students and their families and learn about all the great things happening at St. Mary’s!

Date: Saturday, July 30
Mass Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, 77002

Light dinner and program will follow at Cathedral Centre. RSVP to Beth Ogden 979-846-5717 (ext 110), bogden@aggiecatholic.org.

CALLING FUTURE COOGS!
Whether you’re a freshman or a transfer, starting out can be hard. Join us for a smooth transition to the University of Houston with the FRESH retreat at the Catholic Newman Center.

Saturday, August 27
10:00am-6:00pm
This day retreat will be filled with interactive games, food, dynamic talks and personal stories of transitioning and staying close to the Faith in college. You will also get the chance to meet other freshmen and transfer students, gain insight from current Catholic Coogs, and hang out with our director, Fr. John Paul, and campus minister Claire McMullin.

INFO: Claire McMullin at c.mcmullin2003@gmail.com or check out www.facebook.com/CatholicCoogs/find FRESH in the events.

We are called to treat Everyone with Mercy

St. Laurence Catholic Church | PG 7
Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop
Saturday August 27
9:00am-4:00pm
Ave Maria Center - Marian Hall
Join us for an all-day event where you and your spouse will learn how putting God at the center of your marriage can help you do the seemingly impossible. Cost per couple is $100, includes a light breakfast, lunch and materials.
REGISTER: www.stlaurence.org/marriageworkshop

Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia (Joy of Love) came out on April 8. How much have you read? Join AL Bootcamp, read a small bit from Chapter 4 (Love in Marriage) and ask you to do something related to it for your marriage every day!

“Love is kind” (1 Cor 13:4)

Pope Francis: “Throughout the text, it is clear that Paul wants to stress that love is more than a mere feeling. Rather, it should be understood along the lines of the Hebrew verb ‘to love’: it is ‘to do good’” (Amoris Laetitia, no. 93).

Today: We don’t always feel like loving, but we know that when we fail to love, that doesn’t make us happy. Plan ahead today in order to love in action: put an extra granola bar in your purse to give to the man who stands at the corner where you work. Think about what might make your wife smile if she finds it in the middle of a day at home. Plan ahead to do good.
HUSBANDS, FATHERS & SONS OF GOD

An Evening with
Cardinal DiNardo
Thursday, July 21, 2016
7:00-8:00 p.m.
St. Laurence
Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land

Ask most men what is expected of them at their place of employment. Chances are, they can tell you. But when it comes to expectations of men as husbands, fathers and sons of God, the answer may be less clear. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will shine a light on the unique and essential role of men as spiritual leaders. Men (and the women who love them) are invited to this very special presentation.

Come, be inspired, be challenged and be the man God created you to be!

All are welcome • No cost to attend • No RSVP required
Seating available, first come, first served

INFORMATION:
www.stlaurence.org/men
Justin Frato | 281-265-5774 | jfrato@stlaurence.org
Today’s Gospel turns our attention to one of Jesus’ most familiar stories, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is about living how God intended us to live: to acknowledge God’s divine love and compassion lavished upon us, and to extend that love and compassion upon others without reservation. We can find a lot of reasons for not stopping to help someone. We can talk ourselves out of being Good Samaritans. Strangers are not our responsibility, or are they? Good stewards understand that God’s mercy is a gift that must be shared, and that doing the right thing, acting as Jesus would act toward others, is the only course of action for one who lives according to the demands of the Gospel. How might you be a Good Samaritan this week?

www.catholicstewardship.org

In all we do... evangelize

Let us be renewed by God’s mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

Pope Francis
March 31, 2013

Ask Paula

Q. How’s Father Drew? I heard he had an accident?

A. We all know how much Fr. Drew loves going to Steubenville, right? So, here’s what happened his first day there, per him... He missed the last step going into the cathedral and slammed his right side into the wall. OUCH! He was taken by ambulance to St. Francis Cabrini emergency room in Alexandria. The good news is he has no broken bones, he just fracked his right shoulder and has a cool looking black eye, just saying. Here’s what he tells people, “I was talking to someone and said, ‘Wait a minute, I have to run into the cathedral.’” GET IT?? At least he hasn’t lost his sense of humor. All kidding aside, he is very grateful. His injuries could have been much worse. He left for vacation on July 4 and will be back in the office on July 15. Perfect timing!

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.
Hot on the Trail of the Holy Spirit!
Friday, July 15
6:30-8:00 pm
Guardian Angels Hall
In the Ave Maria Center

Join other St. Laurence families for an evening of mystery. Play detective with your family to use clues to find the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We will provide hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.


For more info, contact Melissa Calcote at mcalcote@stlaurence.org.
WELCOME TO ST. LAURENCE!

Following are the newest members of our parish family...

Jose & Marilyn Acosta  
Eric & Gabriela Alejandro  
Ferdinand & Ijeoma Alilonu  
Neal & Rachel Awayan  
Max & Sophia Baby  
Leah Baker  
Kyle & Nicoletta Barker  
Judy Berckman  
John Burke  
Ricardo & Katalin Calatrava  
Ricardo & Ines Calles  
Tanya Carlson  
Adrien & Carla Cavazos  
Nhia & Sue Chau  
William & Martha Cobb  
Edgar & Jocelyn Cuchapin  
Keri & Carmen Danford  
Ajay & Mary David  
Baudouin & Coralie de Valicourt  
Myles Downey  
Thomas & Jacqueline Easterday  
Eduardo & Marina Fargas  
David & Marta Fausek  
Brady & Heather Flaherty  
Johnathan & Michelle Platt  
Ana Garcia  
Malcolm & Baigorria Greig  
Daniel & Brenda Guzman  
Javier & Saran Guzman  
Gregory & Lindsay Hajovsky  
Andrew Haley  
Andrew & Kari Hall  
Todd & Mary Hemphill  
Chad & Brittany Hodge  
Stacy Landry  
Dan & Heather Linden  
Daniel & Julie Liu  
Benjamin & Karen Martin  
Michael & Michelle Messina  
Gregory & Lisa Minicone  
Daniel & Leah Moran  
Brian & Denaire Mouton  
Juan & Esperanza Murguia  
Eric & Swapna Nazareth  
Joe & Almira Neilson  
Stacy Nguyen  
Tuan & Kim Nguyen  
Stephen & Leticia Nichols  
Cynthia Nwaukwa  
Michael & Ohunene Ogiemwonyi  
Juan & Elizabeth Olivares  
Amanda Ong  
Tae Park  
Keith & Jennifer Parker  
Greg & Linda Pedersen  
Arthur & Shirley Pereira  
Kaitlin Perera  
Ida Perkins  
Gregory & Valentina Rahim  
Jose & Bernadette Ramos  
Chris & Wren Ripoll  
Luis & Arlene Romero  
Nuno & Esperanca Rosa  
Harry & Peggy Schippers  
Philippe & Nicole Simon  
Simson & Swapna Simson  
Jeffrey & Paula Sokolich  
Oscar Solis  
Jose & Jasmin Soto  
Alex Sowell  
Ken & Penny Taylor  
Christopher & Heather Terrell  
Pablo & Elizabeth Torres  
Mia Valdepenas  
Scott & Iulia Verrett  
Melissa Vrazel  
Bryson & Elena Wallace

WELCOME TO ST. LAURENCE!

We welcome these new families to our parish!  
Have you been thinking about joining, too?

St. Laurence is a parish of 7,275 families, centered in the love of Christ and dedicated to glorifying God in all we do.  
To join our parish, simply pick up a New Parishioner form from the Hospitality Desk  
and place in the offertory basket, submit at the Hospitality Desk, or bring to the parish office.  
Then browse this bulletin and visit our parish website to learn how you can “serve the Lord with gladness”  
in one of our many parish groups and ministries at St. Laurence.  Welcome!
JULY 21: CARDINAL DINARDO AT ST. LAURENCE

Want to be a great husband, great father, and a man of God? Cardinal DiNardo is coming to St. Laurence on Thursday, July 21, at 7:00pm, to speak on the importance of the man’s role in marriage, as fathers, and as engaged members of the parish community. This very special presentation is free and open to everyone, offered in Marian Hall at the Ave Maria Center. Mark your calendars now for this extraordinary opportunity to hear directly from our bishop, as he shares his expectations of, and challenge to, the men of St. Laurence! For more information, please visit the parish website or contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774 and jfrato@stlaurence.org.

20s & 30s: JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CAFÉ CATHOLICA: Mondays in July
The St. Laurence Young Adult Ministry is getting things rolling again! We are joining hundreds of other young adults to attend Cafe Catholica every Monday night in July starting July 11. If you're interested in carpooling, we will meet in the Ave Maria parking lot at 6:15pm, to head to St. Vincent de Paul. Free dinner starts at 7:15pm, followed by a fantastic speaker. The event ends by 9:30pm.

ENCOUNTER: Steubenville Young Adult Conference
This conference is for Young Adults in their 20s & 30s to come together and enjoy three days of relaxation, worship and lifegiving Encounter with Jesus. It will be held at La Torreatta Lake Resort & Spa, in Conroe, the weekend of Friday, SEPT 30 (all day) through Sunday, OCT 2. The cost is $219/person, but if you register through St. Laurence by 7/25, you get a $20 discount! Find out more about Encounter at www.encounterhouston.com and contact Young Adult Coordinator Michaela Barta at mbarta@stlaurence.org to register with the St. Laurence group.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM FR. ROY

Dear Friends,
Thank you all so much for the 55th Anniversary of Ordination celebration here at St. Laurence. It was wonderful! I’d like to sincerely thank Sharon Ehrenkranz, the Barta family, Mary Visser, the Catholic Daughters, Hispanic Ministry, Knights of Columbus, the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers and Servers, the St. Laurence Choirs directed by Mary Thompson and Dr. Kevin Klotz, the Gospel Choir from Holy Family in Missouri City, directed by Dr. Andres, Nerina Lyons, Julia Garza, all the greeters, volunteers & maintenance staff, and Tony Oltremari, Fr. Drew and all the clergy and people of St. Laurence parish! I am grateful for such a joyous celebration with so many family and friends. You all are in my prayers.
Bless you and love you, Fr. Roy Oggero, CSB

VIRTUS CLASSES
Anyone who serves at the parish, in our parish school or Weekday Childrens Program, working with or around children, must first be VIRTUS trained, to be in accordance with Archdiocesan policy. Go to www.virtus.org to register for classes offered throughout the archdiocese. Following are dates for classes scheduled here at St. Laurence. Questions? Please contact Tony Oltremari at 281-980-9812.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
Initial VIRTUS training - 3-hour course
Saturday, 8/13 (8:00-11:00am)
Saturday, 9/17 (8:00-11:00am)

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE
Refresher after 5 years - 90-minute course
Tuesday, 8/16 (6:00-7:30pm)
Wednesday, 9/7 (6:00-7:30pm)

HOUSE BLESSING
Habitat for Humanity
House Blessing & Dedication
TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 10
2:00 PM
905 Fields Street, Richmond
Come join the St. Laurence Habitat Team in celebrating the completion of our 11th house! ALL ARE WELCOME
Get info and directions at www.stlaurence.org/habitat-for-humanity

A SPECIAL NEED
St. Laurence Catholic School is accepting applications for a SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) teacher. Qualifications include: Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in special education (EC-8); experience in educating special needs students and mastery of effective classroom and student behavior management skills. Qualified applicants should complete the online archdiocesan application at www.choosencatholicschools.org/employment-opportunities/ and send a letter of interest and resume to Suzanne Barto at sbarto@stlaurence.org.
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY WEEK AT ST. LAURENCE

MONDAYS: Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom
WEDNESDAYS: Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm, SCM Workroom

OTHER GREAT 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 Community Center and 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, please go to www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE

Help provide a NEW PAIR OF SHOES to local Fort Bend children as they return to school this August. We hope to collect over 900 pairs of shoes this year. Shoe tags and monetary donation envelopes will be on the plaza after Mass starting THIS weekend. Tags may also be picked up in the parish office and Social Concerns Office.

Additionally, we will be accepting new school supplies to benefit children in Fort Bend County who are living in poverty. School supplies will be distributed to students at the Fort Bend County Back to School Event which will take place on Saturday, August 13. A complete list of the needed supplies is available on the Social Concerns web page on the parish website. Donations can be dropped off in the parish or Social Concerns offices or with the shoe drive collection. Thank you for your support of our community and the Social Concerns Ministry!

NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Find Help. Find Hope.

Millions of Americans face the day-to-day reality of living with mental illness. We get it. We've been there. We offer help. We offer hope. For info, contact Pat Sumner, 281-265-1554, psumner1@comcast.net.

General Meeting: 1st Thursday of each month (except summer)
Support Group (English): 2nd and 4th Thursday each month
Support Group (Spanish): 3rd Tuesday each month
Support Group (Chinese): Last Sunday each month
Family to Family Classes: Begins September 12
Family-to-Family is a 12-session educational course for family, caregivers and friends of individuals living with mental illness.
Peer to Peer Classes: Begins September 19
Peer-to-Peer is a 10-session recovery-focused educational program for adults with mental illness who wish to establish and maintain wellness.

Who doesn’t love BINGO? Teach your children the importance of serving others, have fun doing it together, and brighten the day for local senior citizens by calling BINGO at Sugar Land Health Care Center in old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. To volunteer, please contact Janet Roberts at jrob3207@comcast.net.

July 24-30 is National NFP Awareness Week
Love, Mercy, Life
Natural Family Planning Opening the Heart of Marriage

Natural Family Planning is used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy. NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. Pick up a brochure at the Hospitality Desk or go to www.stlaurence.org/brochure-of-the-month for more info.
WHAT WE NEED

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 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

SUMMER FUN IN SCM

SUMMER SERVICE IN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Each Tuesday during the summer, the Social Concerns Ministry offers service opportunities in the Social Concerns Workroom, unless noted otherwise. SPACE IS LIMITED and pre-registration is required.

Upcoming schedule:

- **July 12 (1:30-3:30pm)** Rice & Beans
- **July 19 (9:00-11:00am)** Lunches of Love at FUMC, Rosenberg
- **July 26 (1:30-3:30pm)** Owl toppers for Share God’s Bounty
- **Aug 2 (1:30-3:30pm)** Annual Shoe Drive – shoe sort

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. Signups are available now.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for the 1,000’s of decorated lunch bags that we’ve received over the past few months for Lunches of Love! Over 4,100 lunches per DAY are distributed to children facing food insecurity right here in the Richmond-Rosenberg area. The children always look forward to receiving their meals in a brightly decorated lunch bag. This is a great service project for the family. Recently, the Kelley children (Laurel, Luke & Grant, pictured here) dropped off 400 DECORATED BAGS! Are you looking for a creative outlet? Or a fun way to keep the kids occupied this summer? Would you like to brighten the day of a young child in need? Go to www.stlaurence.org/lunches-of-love-bags for more information and to see examples of decorated lunch bags!

THANK YOU!

FLOODED WITH LOVE

Thank you, St. Laurence, for your overwhelming response to our neighbors affected by the Brazos River floodwaters. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide:

- Monetary and gift card donations totaling over $9,000
- Over 100 bags of clothing and shoes, including 72 pairs of new flip flops
- 54 boxes of diapers
- 650+ personal hygiene products
- 260+ cleaning products
- 200 baby items

All this, within the first 3 weeks! There are ongoing needs, so please continue to check the Social Concerns web page for updates and volunteer opportunities. THANK YOU!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? NEED SERVICE HOURS?

Visit the Social Concerns page on the parish website: www.stlaurence.org/volunteer-service-opportunities
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 substitutes. Contact Janice Swoboda at 281-980-8481, 832-816-4660 or adoration@stlaurence.org.

**SUMMER IN THE PARISH LIBRARY**

Have you applied for a library card? Come pick it up! 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! **NEW THIS SUMMER:** Story Time for Children and a new St. Laurence Parish Library Summer Reading Program! For more info, please contact Susan Mulé at 281-255-5774 or smule@stlaurence.org.

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Father John Weyer Knights of Columbus Council 11343 wishes everyone a safe and restful summer! Thank you for supporting us this past year—by buying a turkey or brisket, coming to a Lenten Fish Fry, buying a calendar raffle, or just remembering us in your prayers. We’ll be back around Labor Day with our briskets and pork butts, and a few new events to show our thanks to everyone in the parish! We are always looking for new members, so if you’re a newly graduated high school senior, or someone looking to get involved in a Catholic Men’s Fraternity, please consider the Knights of Columbus. For more info, visit www.kofc11343.org, or contact Richard Ramirez at RRAVR2@aol.com.

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY**

The sadness that comes from experiencing the loss of a loved one can leave us frozen in place, just trying to cope with everyday life. Support groups are an important tool for finding hope and coping tools on this journey. The Grief Support Ministry meets in the Ave Maria Center, every Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30pm, as well as every Wednesday morning from 10:00am - 12:00noon. We are a group of compassionate lay people who also have experienced the death of someone we dearly loved. Join us, because no one should grieve alone! Please contact Sandy Barber, 281-633-9090, help2grieve@hotmail.com.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

The St. Laurence Cancer Support Group is winding down for the summer and will pick up again in September. Plan to join us! We meet on the first Thursday of every month and the group is open to all cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 1, and call Angela Rankin (832-945-2245) if you have suggestions for speakers. We hope that the summer months are happy and HEALTHY for you!

**JULY 21: GRIEVING FAMILIES SUPPORT**

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 who are also grieving the sudden death of loved ones. The Grieving Families Support Group is for those who are 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. For more information, please contact Agnes Fernandes, 281-933-3721, agnesffernandes@gmail.com.
**LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS’ CLUB**

*2nd Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, AMC 206-208*

Have your daughter (Grade K-5) join the St. Laurence Little Flowers Girls’ Club. The group helps girls grow in virtue and fellowship with others and meets from 4:00-5:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Ave Maria Center Room 201. At each meeting, girls learn about a different saint and virtue, along with making a fun craft. Membership costs $12 and can be paid at the AMC front desk. To learn about Little Flowers, email Christina or Jenny at sugarlandlittleflowers@gmail.com.

**NEW! BLUE KNIGHTS BOYS CLUB**

*2nd Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, AMC 2nd floor*

St. Laurence will be hosting a Blue Knights Boys’ Club for all boys in grades K-5 this year! Our group helps boys grow in virtue and fellowship with others. Join us for our first meeting on July 14, from 4:00-5:00pm, on the 2nd Thursday of each month on the Ave Maria second floor. At each meeting we will learn about a different saint and virtue, play games and make a craft. Yearly membership costs $12 and can be paid at the AMC front desk. For more info, please contact Christina at sugarlandblueknights@gmail.com.

**TUESDAYS: WOMEN OF THE CLOTH**

Join the Women of the Cloth on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to noon in the St. Francis Room at the Ave Maria Center for fellowship, sewing, knitting, crocheting and crafting. Bring your talent and help us make wonderful things to sell or donate in support of Habitat for Humanity and other local charities. Donations of fabric, yarn and other supplies are always welcome! For more information, please call Eileen Scamardo (281-242-0183) or Margie Koenig (281-313-3625).

**TUESDAYS: LEGION OF MARY**

Personal sanctification by prayer and service is the goal of members of the Legion of Mary. Through cooperation with the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Virgin, members meet this objective by active participation in the Church’s evangelizing work. Active and Auxiliary memberships are available. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Corpus Christi Room. For info, please contact Carmelita Kussad at 713-922-2446, cskussad@hotmail.com.

**JOIN CHALLENGE CLUB FOR GIRLS!**

Calling all girls grades 5th to 9th! Praising God and having fun is what the Challenge Club for Girls is all about! We invite you to grow in virtue, friendship, and the Catholic Faith with us at our Club Night on August 4, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Youth Room. All girls in Grade 5-9 are welcome, no registration necessary. We will begin Challenge Club registration for the 2016/2017 year the first week of August. For more information, contact Monica Hager at 832-867-2824 or slcc1213@gmail.com. See you soon and be sure to follow us on Instagram @st.lchallengeclub.

**CALLING ALL COOKS & BAKERS!**

Are you looking for ways to get involved, but you’re happiest in the kitchen? Check out these ways we can use your help!

**Meals That Heal**

We provide meals to parishioners who need a little help during times of illness, after surgery, or the birth of a baby. Get on their list by emailing ladiesguildmth@gmail.com.

**Treats for Park’s Youth Ranch**

Each Thursday, we deliver homebaked goodies to Park’s Youth Ranch, a homeless shelter for teens. To sign up for this service, go to www.stlaurence.org/volunteer-service-opportunities and follow the prompts to SignUpGenius.

**Funeral Reception Ministry**

Members of this group prepare and serve food for funeral receptions, seeing to the details involved in creating a reception for family and friends of the deceased. To learn more, contact Sue Kulha at 281-265-8332, smkulha@aol.com.

**Sunday Meals for Priests**

Sundays are NOT a day of rest for our priests! Sign up to make our wonderful priests a delicious homecooked dinner and drop it off at the rectory on Sunday morning. Contact Sheri Fasching at sheri.fasching@gmail.com to get on this list.

**MONDAYS: PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP**

*12:45-2:30pm in the Oratory of the Rosary*

You’re invited to gather with others in praise and worship of God every Monday afternoon in the Oratory of the Rosary, located in the new Ave Maria Center. We will pray the Rosary, worship God through music and reflect on God’s Word and spiritual writings. We also pray with each other and intercede for the needs of our Church, our community, families, and all who are in need of prayer. Contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 with questions regarding this new group.
Do you know about Natural Family Planning?

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- SAFE AND HEALTHY
- TRUE FAMILY PLANNING
- EFFECTIVE IN POSTPONING PREGNANCY
- MORALLY RIGHT
- GOOD FOR MARRIAGES AND FOR CHILDREN

A testimonial: In the classes I learned the effectiveness of NFP and its scientific basis. I was amazed. I also loved that from the beginning Mike didn’t want me to submit my body to any harmful side effects that the chemical alternatives like the pill might have. Most importantly I learned that the pill had the ability to act as an abortifacient; no one had EVER told me that! I can honestly say that my real trust in God came when we started to live NFP after our first child was born. I started to give up control of the issue, which made it increasingly easier to trust Him in all other areas of our lives. NFP has seen me through the journey from fear, to acceptance, to a great joy in my fertility. Sharon, San Antonio

Whatever the reasons we hold back from the gospel’s calling to us as married couples, Christ will move us past them if we simply trust. “Trust! But that’s hard!” Yep, until you realize that you’re trusting someone to take care of your family. That someone is probably yourself, and I think if we look back at the panorama of our own lives honestly, and if we’ve had any experience of answered prayer, we’ll admit that God is a far more reliable basis for hope than we are. Mike (Sharon’s husband)

JULY 24 - 30 is NFP Awareness Week. Learn more about it at www.stlaurence.org/natural-family-planning

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Are you a student in 5th - 12th grade, have a strong desire to serve at the Altar of our Lord, and be a role model to others during the liturgy? If so, you may register now for the upcoming 3-part training session to learn more about your role in this special calling to serve the Church as a member of the Altar Server Ministry. You must have made your First Eucharist, be a member of St. Laurence Parish, and be in 5th - 12th grade during the 2016-2017 academic school year.

New Altar server training will be held on the dates below. **You must attend all three sessions to complete the training.**

Saturday, August 27: 9:00–11:00am in Trinity Room
Saturday, September 17: 9:00–11:30am in Trinity Room and Church
Saturday, September 24: 10:00am-12:00noon in the Church

Altar servers are expected to serve at weekend Masses on a regular basis and attend additional training meetings and rehearsals for special Celebrations including funerals, First Communions, Confirmations and Holy Week. It is important that a server be attentive, sit quietly during Mass, and show reverence at the Altar of the Lord at all times. More information on the Altar Server Ministry, including expectations and requirements, may be found at www.stlaurence.org/altar-servers.

Contact Rose Davis at 281-980-9812 in the church office starting July 5th to register for training. **Class size is limited.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joy Smith at 281-435-7973 or joymsmith@comcast.net.
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