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
October 7 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
October 1 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Octubre 8 — 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 Martínez
Tel 281-313-2833
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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.
Good News Reflection
Sunday, September 25, 2016
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What was the rich man’s sin in this Sunday’s Gospel story? What tormented him after he died? Being wealthy is not sinful; what tortured his soul was his decision not to share his wealth with Lazarus while he had the opportunity.

Death is not a closing of life; it’s the opening up of our souls so we become fully alive in the truth of God’s love. Death awakens us to the full reality of who God is and all the gifts he has given us and how well - or how poorly - we’ve invested those gifts.

Whenever we share with others the gifts that we’ve received, we’re investing in God’s kingdom. In God’s economy, our investments always pay off very well. We receive more than we give away so that we can share even more!

In contrast, when we protect and keep something for ourselves, we lose it like a flower that’s “protected” in a dark box. The flower wilts. It cannot grow in the dark. Everything we try to protect ends up useless and even poisonous: We stagnate spiritually as well as emotionally. The gift rots. Our selfishness destroys our union with God who is the Master of Generosity.

Every day, we’re given opportunities to share something - some blessing from God - with others.

Perhaps what made the rich man in the parable turn away from Lazarus was his disease. Since Lazarus was covered in sores, we can surmise that he was a leper and highly contagious.

This leads us to the question: Do we share less because we feel disgust toward those who need what we have? Or maybe fear holds us back. Or resentment or unforgiving anger. To be united to God and experience everlasting joy, we cannot live in this state. We have to let love motivate us. Love has no limits; it’s always generous.

In the second reading, we hear: “Compete well for the faith.” Against whom are we competing? Ourselves! Are you holier today than you were the last time you had an opportunity to be generous? Are you spiritually stronger because you’ve worked hard at becoming more loving and generous?

Questions for Personal Reflection:
Bring to mind someone you find disgusting and unlikable. How generous are you toward him or her? If you’ve missed an opportunity to share a blessing with this person, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will give you strength, through special grace, to overcome this sin.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
Give examples of times when people turn away from opportunities to be generous. Explain reasons why this happens. How have you personally been a Lazarus who was denied what you needed because of someone’s prejudice? What did you learn from that experience that changed your own attitudes about generosity?


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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PRAYING THE NEWS | SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

… between us and you a great chasm is established… Luke 16:26

O God, the distance between you and me is the distance I place between myself and my brothers and sisters. Our nation has felt fractured this past year, with wide fissures opening, or being revealed, between different groups and communities. This is not your will, for you want us all to be one in you. Please help me bridge gaps where I can. Help me risk reaching across divides to meet you there.

Jesus, I trust in You. Amen. †
PRAY FOR THE SICK

Wehmeier, Monica
Visser, Doris
Wagoner, Kylie
Tanner, Brian
Teykl, Todd
Triggs, JD
Tyler, Amy
Stout, Adrianne
Sturgis, Marianne
Sherman, Sandra
Smith, Steve
Spaulding, Justin
Kathleen Schroeder, Joan
Hernandez, Ramon
Hernandez, James
Hrebenameh, Rosa
Janik, Shanthy
Jayaprakash, Jeff
Johnson, Paul
Joseph, Brian
Judice, John
Judice, Sylvia
Kaufman, Christine
Kingerski, Cindy
Kral, Chris
Larkins, Catherine
Latz, Lisa
John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison
Tom Lowe, Deacon Al Bothe, the Society of St.
Kingerski, Cindy
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Larkins, Catherine
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PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CV2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
Spc David Ambrocik, US Army
Pvt Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. 5 Debra Barnett, 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
Cap. Patrick Coffman, USMC
LTJG Colin Day, US Navy
1stLt Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
Maj. Christopher Coffman, USMC
LTJG Colin Day, US Navy
1stLt Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
Sgt. Nicholas Dockum, US Army
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
2ndLt Michael Eberhardt, US Army
Capt. Stacey Eberhardt, US Army
Derek Farias, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
Pvt Jahnal Xavier George, US Army
SSgt. Philip Graham, US Army
1stLt Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
1LT Michelle Horstman, US Army
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
Joseph Kingserski, US Navy
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
PFC Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
Ann Joseph Marcellus, USAF
LCpl William Marcellus, USMC
Capt. Brendan McPardland, USMC
1stLt Todd Miller, US Army
Capt. Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
QMSN Bryce Prochazka, USNavy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
Sgt. Santiago Ramirez, US Army
1stLt Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SSgt Jonathan Susser, US Air Force
LTJG Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Cpl Daniel Thesing, USMC
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
1stLt Kevin Wheeler, US Army
Sgt. Jerry Whitley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy
PVT Adrian Zaldivar, USMC

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPT 24
5:00pm – Dyrk Burcie (D)

SUNDAY, SEPT 25
7:30am – Frank DeMario (D)
9:00am – Rafael Verduzco (D)
11:00am – Genedine Ladera-Andres (D)
12:45pm – Tim Chow (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPT 26
7:30am – Mary Font (D)
12:00pm – Thanksgiving for St. Anthony

TUESDAY, SEPT 27
7:30am – Francis Bello (D)
12:00pm – Paul LaSaint, Jr. (D)

WEDS, SEPT 28
7:30am – Robert L Algermissen (D)
6:30pm – Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, SEPT 29
7:30am – Michael & Angela Kurian (I)
12:00pm – Lorenzo Lopez (D)

FRIDAY, SEPT 30
8:15am – Rick Rohan (D)
12:00pm – Wayne Guthrie (I)

SATURDAY, OCT 1
8:30pm – Francisco Alisoso (D)
5:00pm – Paul Kontrimas (D)

SUNDAY, OCT 2
7:30am – Clarence Russell Martin (D)
9:00am – Henry Bath (D)
11:00am – Charlene Salavacion Ocampo (D)
12:45pm – Robbe Kelly (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 M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett),
Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda),
Collin Brown, Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

SEE THE MOVIE “THE VESSEL” AT AMC THEATER

*The Vessel* is a new movie starring Martin Sheen as a Catholic priest who is trying to restore the faith of his small community. The movie is directed by Julio Quintana, who grew up at St. Laurence and whose parents, Julio & Lisette, are still active members of our parish. The movie opened this weekend at the AMC First Colony Theater. Julio and his crew will offer a Q&A at the theater following the 7:00pm show today, Sept 25. For more info and to see the trailer, visit [www.thevesselmovie.com](http://www.thevesselmovie.com).

OCT 29: HOUSTON CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

All ladies are invited to register today for the Houston Catholic Women’s Conference to be held on **Saturday, October 29, 9am-4pm**, at Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church in Houston. The conference will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, music and dynamic speakers, including Sally Robb, who spoke at Heart of Worship a few years ago. The theme for the conference is “Evangelization: Finding our Words.” Tickets are $65 per person (includes lunch) if registering before October 9; after that, tickets go up to $75. Register and get more information at [www.HoustonCWC.com](http://www.HoustonCWC.com).

OCT 5: ADORE NIGHT ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

Monthly Adore Nights at the Catholic Charismatic Center are back, with the theme Dangerous Church: A Series on the Book of Acts. Adore Nights are offered the first Wednesday, with a powerful lineup of worship, teaching and adoration. Attend the next one on **Weds, October 5, at 7:00pm**. Adore Nights are free and open to the public. INFO: [www.adoreministries.com](http://www.adoreministries.com).

REGISTER NOW: 2ND ANNUAL CRIMSON & GOLD RUN

Registration is open now for the 2nd Annual Crimson and Gold 10K, 5K, and Kids K! Visit [www.runcrimsonandgold.com](http://www.runcrimsonandgold.com) to register for the race on Saturday, November 5. Runners, walkers, and strollers are all welcome! All proceeds benefit St. John XXIII College Preparatory tuition assistance program.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

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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](http://www.archgh.org/dsf) or pick up a donation envelope at the Hospitality Desk.

THANK YOU!

KINGDOM CARE

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.

WEDDING PREPARATION

**Next class: OCTOBER 10**

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 classes: OCT 8 and NOV 12**

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.

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CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY

ELEMENTARY CCE
God, Our Father and Creator
God created each of us out of love. While each of us is unique, we are each created in His likeness and image for the purpose of being in relationship with Him. With your children this week, discuss how you show gratitude to God for the gift of life and how you nurture your relationship with Him. We will begin our CCE session by praying the First Decade of the Rosary together with our students and catechists in the Guardian Angels Hall.

HOME STUDY CCE
Program materials for this year are now available for pick-up in the AMC. Please mark your calendars for our first mandatory Parent Enrichment and Homework Checkpoint Meeting on Monday, October 24, 7-8pm, in Marian Hall.

FIRST SACRAMENT PREPARATION
“Figuring out the Treasure Map” is a walk through Reconciliation event for parents and their children who are preparing for their First Sacraments this year. 2 OPTIONS: Monday, Sept 26 (6-7 pm) OR Thursday, Sept 29 (5-6 pm). Both meetings will be held in the Church. For more info, contact Melissa Calcote at mcalcote@stlaurence.org.

OCT 5/6: Fire Truck Visit
OCT 7: Archdiocesan Early Childhood Conference
OCT 11/12: Fun Run, Toddle & Crawl for B.I.G. Love
OCT 17: Program Closed
OCT 24/25: Picture Days
OCT 26: Join us for the Rosary
OCT 28: Annual Trunk-N-Treat

Find the WCP Calendar on the parish website: www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

READY, SET, GOLF!
The Annual St. Laurence Golf Tournament is set for Monday, October 31, at Sweetwater Country Club! Sponsorships are available and registration is open for this popular event, open to the community. Contact us at the Advancement Office at advancement@stlaurence.org or 281-980-0500 to register or for sponsorship opportunities.
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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS EDGE NIGHT
700-815pm at the Ave Maria Center
All middle school youth are invited and encouraged to join us. If you haven’t registered yet, you can find the forms online or at the Ave Maria Center.

HELP NEEDED
If you’re able or interested in helping in any of the following ways, please contact Eric at 281-265-5774.

Edge Core Team: (greatest need!) Adults who lead middle school youth into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

HS Teen Assistant: Sophomores or older who help to lead small groups and disciple just as our Core Team does.

Carpool Volunteer: Rather than sitting in your car, help to keep our carpool line moving quickly and safely.

Hallway Monitor: Help direct youth to their small group locations, keeping the area safe and controlled.

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.

LIFE TEEN TONIGHT!
SUN, 9/25 630-815pm Ave Maria Center
The fall semester is “I Am”, a series on Jesus, where we will take a look at the character, motives and interactions of Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
TUESDAYS, 600-730pm Youth Hall
Discipleship Groups offer teens an opportunity to dig even deeper. Open to all high school students.

LEGACY
2ND/4TH TUESDAYS, 800-900pm Youth Hall
Open to Juniors and Seniors.

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.

FILM AT ST. LAURENCE:
ORIGINAL IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

WEDS, SEPT 28 (12-2pm) Marian Hall
THURS, SEPT 29 (7-9pm) Marian Hall
TUES, OCT 4 (6-8pm) Youth Room (Teens Only)

Come celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy by watching the documentary The Original Image of Divine Mercy, which features commentary by Bishop Robert Barron, George Weigel, Christoph Cardinal Schonborn, Christopher West, Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz, Fr. Dwight Longenecker and a special appearance by Pope Francis. St. Laurence will offer two showings for people of all ages—one during the daytime and once in the evening. Plus a special showing for teens only. There is no admission fee, though free will donations are accepted. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring the whole family to learn about the great gift of Divine Mercy. For more info, contact Laura Stephens at lstephens@stlaurence.org.

JOIN A GREAT DVD & DISCUSSION:
7 DEADLY SINS & 7 LIVELY VIRTUES

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God. Bishop Robert Barron explores these sinful patterns in the DVD Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues and teaches us how to break the cycle of sin through Divine Mercy. Join this 10-week study, offered on Monday evenings or Thursday mornings.

Monday evenings: 6:30-8:00 PM (Corpus Christi Room)
OR
Thursday mornings: 10:00-11:30 AM (St. Francis Room)

The study has already begun, but there is still time to join! For more info and to register, please contact Paul Cranley at pecranley@hotmail.com or 979-236-5906. You may purchase the workbook at your first session.
**THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**MONDAY**

**Men's Bible Study (Weekly)**  
7:30-9:00pm, St Francis Room  
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com  

**Lay Apostle Prayer Group (2nd Monday, October 3)**  
10:30am-12:00pm OR 7:00-8:30pm, St. Anne Room  
Contact: Kay Quenan | 281-265-3238 | kquenan@icloud.com

**TUESDAY**

**Men's Bible Study (Weekly)**  
6:15-7:15am, St Francis Room  
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Weekly)**  
9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084  
**Sept 27: The Power of Pentecost**

**WEDNESDAY**

**That Man Is You**  
5:30-7:00am Marian Hall  
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-980-5575 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

**Contemplative Prayer**  
9:30am-12:00 pm Corpus Christi Room  
Contact: Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660 | emchabert@comcast.net

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

**THURSDAY**

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

**Thursday Bible Study**  
1:00-2:00pm St Anne Room or 7:15-8:30pm AMC Room 205  
Contact: Julie Evett | jevett@comcast.net

**Spanish Bible Study**  
9:00am-12:00pm in Marian Hall A  
Contact: Veronica Reinoso | veroreinoso62@gmail.com

**WWW.STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF**  
facebook.com/groups/stlaurenceadultfaith

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**Are you a fan or follower of Jesus Christ?**

Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Ave Maria Center, Guardian Angel Hall

Join us starting this Monday as we to spend time understanding the difference between admiring Jesus as a great historical figure and founder of the Catholic Church and entering into a personal relationship with him. Join others in this 7-week journey as we unpack the basic questions of life. We will meet each week for a potluck meal, followed by a video presentation, and a small group discussion. A one day, life-changing retreat on Saturday, October 29 will also be part of the experience. For more info and to register go to stlaurence.org/discoveringchrist.

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**The Original Image of Divine Mercy**

**WED Sept 28: 12-2 pm**  
**THU Sept 29: 7-9 pm**  
Ave Maria Center - Marian Hall

Special showing for TEENS ONLY  
**TUE Oct 4: 6-8 pm**  
Ave Maria Center, Youth Hall

Come join in a fun and inspiring way to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy before it ends November 20. A timely documentary features key witnesses to the mysterious case of the Original Image of Divine Mercy and exclusive commentary by Bishop Robert Barron, George Weigel, Christoph Cardinal Schönborn - Archbishop of Vienna, Christopher West, Stanisław Cardinal Dziwisz - Archbishop of Kraków, Fr. Dwight Longenecker and many others, including a special appearance by Pope Francis. No admission fee, but a free will donation will be accepted. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. For more info, contact Laura Stephens at lstephens@stlaurence.org.
Behold, I make all things new

2016-2017 AFF SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS
Joy of Love
Marriage Panel

Thursday, October 6, 2016
7-9 pm
Ave Maria Center
Marian Hall A

In Pope Francis’ recent Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family, he has issued an urgent call to renew marriage and family life. For this special event, we have put together a panel of married couples from a variety of backgrounds who will share with us how they have experience a joy-filled marriage grounded in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We invite you and your spouse to join us to be inspired and get your questions answered about how you can experience the joy of love in your marriage!

For more information:
www.stlaurence.org/speakerseries
Or contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774
jfrato@stlaurence.org
LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!
Stewardship Reflection for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s gospel Jesus offers a warning about living selfishly in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Rich Man holds sumptuous feasts and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification. The Rich Man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implications of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them?

www.catholicstewardship.org

STEWARDS AMONG US
REY VILLAREAL

Rey found a way to connect to the parish by serving as an Extraordinary Minister at Mass. Later, he expanded that service to bring communion to the sick and homebound. Rey says, “Serving in the ministries is about bringing Christ to others. It’s like when Jesus asked Peter three times, ‘Simon, do you love me?’ and Peter said, ‘You know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my lambs.’ To me that is what ministries are about.” He takes communion to patients at the Medical Resort in Sugar Land twice a week. On Thursdays he helps with the communion services and on Sundays, he visits them in their rooms to bring communion. “These patients become like a family to me,” Rey says. “What I enjoy the most is the opportunity to bring communion to them and seeing their faith and hope for healing, and praying with them. The hardest thing for me is when one of my patient passes away, but that gives me an opportunity to pray with family. I have gone to their funerals to see them for last time and for another chance to pray with the family. What I see in my patients is Jesus Christ.”

Where do I find hope?
In the poor Jesus, Jesus who made himself poor for us…
Poverty is the flesh of the poor Jesus, in that child who is hungry, in the one who is sick, in those unjust social structures.

Pope Francis
June 7, 2013

Ask Paula

Q.
Is there meaning behind the different colored candles next to the saints in the church?

A.
Here’s what I found out: The red candle is by St. Laurence because he was a martyr. Blue is by Mary because, duh, blue is Mary’s color, right? (Just so you know, blue is NOT required but is always associated with Mary.) Amber is by St. Joseph because he wasn’t a martyr. (And he’s not Mary, just saying.) Here’s something you might not know: On the Catholic calendars we give out every year, the feast dates that are in red means that saint was also a martyr, so the priest will vest in red at Mass that day. I did not know that. Thank you Catalina Mollai for sending me this question.

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for almost 20 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
THE PARISH BAZAAR IS JUST 3 WEEKS AWAY!

THE BAZAAR IS BACK!

Since 1992, the St. Laurence Bazaar has been put on by our parish almost every fall to bring people together on our campus for fun, friendship and entertainment for the whole family. Due to construction of the Ave Maria Center, we were not able to hold the bazaar for two years… but now it's BACK! As always, there will be plenty of food, games, activities, rides, bingo, live music and a raffle to entertain young and old alike… plus some exciting new additions!

VOLUNTEER AT THE BAZAAR

It takes hundreds of people to make this bazaar happen and there are lots of ways to get involved. Sign up to work a shift at a booth, bake a cake for the Cake Walk, donate a plant for the Plant Booth—whatever you do, it will be appreciated! Click on the VOLUNTEER NOW link at www.stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar to see the complete list of opportunities and sign up via Sign Up Genius.

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

This year, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a new Mini Cooper Convertible, from Momentum Mini of Houston! Raffle tickets are just $2/each or $20/book of 12 tickets. Books of tickets are available for pickup on the plaza after Mass today and at the parish office. In addition to the grand prize of the Mini Cooper, other prizes include $1500 gift card, $1000 gift card, $500 gift card, and $250 gift card.

BE A SPONSOR

Sponsorships help to underwrite the cost of putting on the bazaar and our parish is so grateful for the generosity of individuals and businesses that help in this way. Want to be a sponsor? There are a variety of sponsor levels, starting at just $50. Get all the information at www.stlaurence.org/sponsorship.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE ART GALLERY

Calling artists of all ages! Do you like to paint, draw, design or photograph? Submit your original artwork that depicts Fr. Drew’s theme for the year, Behold, I Make All Things New, and yours may be selected to be displayed in the Bazaar Art Gallery inside the Ave Maria Center. Artwork must be sized 4x6, 5x7, 8x10 or 11x14, and submitted to the parish office by September 30. Please be sure to include your name and contact information on your creation.

ST. LAURENCE PARISH BAZAAR

Saturday, Oct 15 (5:00pm-10:00pm)
Sunday, Oct 16 (10:00am-5:00pm)
www.stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need more information, please contact Bazaar Chairs Tom Barry (281-545-4112) or Les Fuchs (832-360-3104).
PASTOR’S CHALLENGE

As part of our parish’s current focus on ways to **LEARN** and grow in our faith, Fr. Drew is challenging every member of the parish:

In the next 4 weeks, read one of the four Gospels in a thoughtful, attentive, discerning way.

Our ENTIRE PARISH will be united in this challenge!

It’s something you can do on your own, with your spouse, as a family, or in your own circle of friends or small group. Set aside a certain time just for this and take Fr. Drew up on his challenge to read just one of the Gospels in its entirety.

“St. Jerome once wrote ‘Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.’ The great tragedy in the modern environment is people know more about their favorite music group or sports players then they do about Jesus. Get to know Jesus. Read the Gospels. Read it slowly and reflect on the meaning. Allow the words to penetrate our heart. Allow the words of the gospels erode your personal prejudices, to wash away your narrow mindedness, to banish your judgmental tendencies. Allow the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, alive and present in the Gospels, to sink their roots deeply into your life.”

From **Rediscover Catholicism** by Matthew Kelly

YOU CAN DO IT!

Don’t know where to start?

Go to **FORMED.org** and log in using our parish code: **012FC**

Look for the book “You Can Understand the Bible” by Peter Kreeft. In simple language we can all understand, the author gives a great overview of each book of the bible, including the 4 Gospels.

Then access the New American Bible Revised Edition (the one we hear at Mass) online at **www.usccb.org/bible**.
OCTOBER 2: JOIN THE LIFE CHAIN

Next Sunday, October 2, is Respect Life Sunday. EVERY person (handicapped, poor, incarcerated, ill, preborn or born) was created in the image of God and is precious to Him! The mainstream media talks about “termination of pregnancy” but Abortion Kills Children. The media talks about “reproductive rights” but Abortion Hurts Women. Please join us in proclaiming the truth about abortion next Sunday afternoon as part of the Life Chain, 2:00-3:30pm, along Hwy 6 in Sugar Land. Sign up today on the plaza. Next Sunday, pick up your signs at Mass and wear red! For more information, contact Marie McCoy at 281-265-7749 and download 10 Things You Can Do to Help Prevent Abortions from the Respect Life page of the St. Laurence website (www.stlaurence.org/respect-life).

OCTOBER 8: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS at St. Laurence will take place on Saturday, October 8, on the Parish Hall lawn. The blessing will begin promptly at 9:30am with Fr. Jaison presiding. Don’t miss this opportunity to have your pet blessed! Your pet will receive a “blessed bandana”, a St. Francis medal and treat. Please bring a bag of Hill’s Science Diet (dog, puppy, cat or kitten formulas) or Fancy Feast cat food or any brand canned dog food to be donated to the City of Sugar Land Animal Center. St. Francis, pray for us!

OCTOBER 7-8: UNBOUND CONFERENCE

St. Laurence will be the site for the next UNBOUND Conference! This very special 2-day conference will be held on Friday, October 7 (6-9pm) and Saturday, October 8 (8am-9pm) at the Ave Maria Center. Led by Neal & Janet Lozano, it is designed for anyone who struggles with the same sin repeatedly, or who feels hopeless, bound by past hurts or in need of deliverance. Please go to www.HoustonUnbound.org for more information and to register for the conference online. The cost to attend is $85 or $145 for a married couple. Neal Lozano and his wife, Janet, have more than 35 years of experience helping people find freedom in Christ. Their son, Matthew Lozano, a gifted teacher, will join them for the Houston Conference. Don’t miss this great opportunity for spiritual healing!

COFFEE & DONUTS

In the Parish Hall after 7:30-9:00-11:00am Masses

Head to the parish hall after Mass this morning for Sunday Coffee & Donuts, hosted this month by the St. Laurence Ladies Guild. Catch up with friends and buy a pound of ST. BASIL COFFEE from our students who attend St. Agnes. Each bag sold helps to fund Catholic education for orphan children in Kenya.

ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, OCT 15 at 12 noon

The Legion of Mary will sponsor the annual Rosary Rally at St. Laurence at noon on October 15, at the corner of Sweetwater Blvd and Austin Pkwy. Join this "Public Square Rosary Rally" to pray for our nation. For info, contact: Nadine Pino at 713-829-2203

PRAY THE ROSARY

Entire month of October

In honor of our Blessed Mother, the Legion of Mary will lead the prayer of the Rosary before the Noon Mass throughout the month of October. Gather in the church at 11:30am each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

SUNDAY, OCT 9 8am-1pm

Support the Medical Mission and get your family’s flu shots! The clinic will be held in the parish hall from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Flu shots will be given by volunteer pharmacists, doctors and nurses at a cost of $30. (Regular flu shots only.) All proceeds support MMDM.

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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 4,100 brown bag meals provided each DAY during the summer months 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

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BLACK BAG COLLECTION TODAY
This Sunday’s black bag collection will be used for the Social Concerns People in Crisis fund which is currently averaging more than $9,000 a month in financial assistance to individuals who come to our parish for help or are referred to us by our community partners. Thank you for your generous response!

HEART PILLOWS FOR CANCER PATIENTS
Over the course of their lives, 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer. As National Breast Cancer Awareness Month approaches, Social Concerns is partnering with Cure & Company in Sugar Land to directly alleviate some of the pain and discomfort for those who have undergone a mastectomy. The heart pillow has been specially designed to fit comfortably under the arm of a post-op patient, relieving some of the pressure from that area and protecting it from painful bumps and bruises. These pillows are easy to make, appropriate for all ages and experience levels. They can be made with a sewing machine or stitched by hand. Stop by the Social Concerns office to pick up instructions, a pillow template, fabric and poly-fil. All pillows will be donated to the clients of Cure & Company in Sugar Land.

MAKE A BAG FILLED WITH HOPE
The Social Concerns Ministry makes and fills Hope Bags for the children who come to the Medical Mission in Laredo. We can still use donations of children’s themed fabric to make these bags. We also need volunteers to help sew and cut the bags. Can you help? Please drop by the SCM office between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to pick up fabric. For more information, contact Monica at mhager@stlaurence.org.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?
Participation in the political process to help shape a government which truly serves the common good is a moral obligation. Anyone who has moved here needs to register in Fort Bend County at least 30 days before the election. You can find voter registration cards at the Hospitality Desk.

KROGER REWARDS
Please remember to RE-ENROLL in the Kroger Community Rewards Program by linking your Kroger card to the Social Concerns Ministry. SCM Coupons for a Cause shoppers use these funds to purchase food for various local shelters and pantries. Go to www.kroger.com or call 1-800-576-4377 and a Kroger representative will assist you. After you enroll, check the bottom of one of your Kroger receipts to ensure that your enrollment was successful. Your receipt should say, At your request, Kroger is donating to St. Laurence Catholic Church Social Concerns. Thank you!
WHAT WE NEED

You can help with these simple donations. Look around the house and see what you have to share and drop 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, jackets.
- 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), newly used children’s books & small fleece blankets 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
- Gently used Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, gift boxes, and small jewelry boxes for WISH UPON A STAR
- wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches for the MEDICAL MISSION patients in Laredo

INFORMATION & HOPE

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
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.

SIGN UP FOR LIFE CHAIN TODAY!

Life Chain is a national event to proclaim the truth about abortion to the general public. The media talks about “choice”; Life Chain proclaims that “Abortion Kills Children”. The media talks about “reproductive rights”; Life Chain informs that “Abortion Hurts Women”. Every year, women who are tempted by abortion see a Life Chain and choose life. Join us on Hwy 6, on Sunday, October 2, from 2:00 to 3:30pm, to pray and be a witness for respect for life. Just a couple of hours of your time can make a real difference in our community! Come to tables on the plaza today for information and sign up.

PRAY A NOVENA FOR THE UNBORN

The St. Michael the Archangel Organization is sponsoring a novena for the protection of the unborn, from Thursday, September 29, through Friday, October 7. Please pray a rosary each day for this intention. There is no need to register.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION—ONE MONTH

Your spiritually adopted baby has implanted itself in mother’s womb and has grown to 10,000 times its original size! The foundations of the brain, spinal cord, and nervous system are forming, and the heart is beating regularly. The baby has his or her own circulatory system and may have a different blood type than mom. During the next month, your baby is most vulnerable to being aborted. Please pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the mother to give her child the most precious gift of life.

CAKES WANTED!

Each fall, Social Concerns sponsors the Cake Walk at the Parish Bazaar and we’re doing it again Oct 15-16. We will need LOTS of cakes! If you can help, please drop off homemade and store bought cakes at the Ave Maria Center any time on Saturday, October 15, by 10:00am. Please include a list of ingredients on all homemade cakes. Thanks so much for your help!
**WEDNESDAYS: DIVORCE-CARE**

A new session of DivorceCare has just begun. Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm in the St. Francis Room at the new Ave Maria Center. If you have been suffering from the effects of divorce or separation, come receive help in rebuilding your life, focused on God’s love for you. For more information, please contact Janie at 832-860-3398 or jpdivorcecare@aol.com.

**OCT 6: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

The Cancer Support Group meets again on Thursday, **October 6, from 10:00-11:30am**, in the St Clare Room. The topic for this meeting is the roles that dogs have in identifying illnesses, followed by a roundtable discussion in order to catch up on each other’s cancer journey. If you are a cancer patient, survivor or caregiver, join our group and know that you are not alone. For more information, please contact Angela Rankin at 832-945-2245.

**JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS**

The J.O.Y. Club (stands for Just Older Youth) is for parishioners 55-and-up. The group meets at the Ave Maria Center on the 1st Monday of the month, plus other activities as planned. For info, contact Anne Higgins at 832-755-5597, nannyhiggs@gmail.com.

**SEPT 27**—Attend Mass together at noon followed by lunch (location to be determined). Maybe we can talk Fr. Jaison into joining our group for lunch!

**OCT 4**—Monthly gathering from 11am-1pm at the Ave Maria Center. Lunch is provided and Candace Twyman from the Better Business Bureau will be our guest speaker.

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**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be offered during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses next Sunday, October 2.

Children in grades K-4 are encouraged to follow the faith sharers and lectors (banner carriers) to the Trinity Room and Parish Hall on designated Sundays for Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Here they listen to the liturgy using language they can better understand, then rejoin their families for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. (Please note, this program is targeted for school aged children, so we ask that you keep their younger preK siblings in the church with you.) If you are interested in joining our ministry or just curious about how your child is participating in this part of the Mass, you are welcome to observe our sessions. For more information, please call Susan Choate (281-682-3389) or Claire Gregory (281-208-2715).

**OCT 9: ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC**

Each fall, the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy sponsors a Flu Shot Clinic as a service to parishioners and a fundraiser for the upcoming medical mission to Laredo. The clinic will be held in the parish hall on **Sunday, October 9, from 8:00am to 1:00pm**. Flu shots will be given by volunteer pharmacists, doctors and nurses at a cost of $30 for a regular flu shot. (Note, the nasal flu vaccine will not be offered this year, based on recommendation of the CDC.) Support MMDM by getting your flu shot. Also, MMDM is collecting donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or crutches that may be given to Laredo patients in need. For more info about MMDM, please contact Maria Jacobson at mjacobson1984@yahoo.com or go to www.stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries. Thank you for supporting the mission!
HELP ADULTS LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH

CLASSES HAVE JUST BEGUN!

The Learn English Ministry offers free English language lessons to adults. Our students come from 30+ different countries and speak a variety of languages. We teach conversational English: those basic skills needed to talk on the phone, get directions, open a bank account or talk to a child’s teacher. We can use lots of volunteer teachers! You don’t need to speak any language other than English to teach. No experience is needed and we will train you. Come join this rewarding ministry. Contact Wendy Moore at learnenglishministry.slc@gmail.com.

MONDAYS: PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP

Please join us on Mondays from 1:00-2:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center’s Oratory of the Rosary, as we gather to praise and worship God. We 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. Please contact Anne Marie Daniel for more information at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

OCT 1: CHALLENGE CLUB FOR GIRLS

On Saturday, October 1, Challenge members will have a mother-daughter tea & prayer from 11am-1pm, at the Ave Maria Center. We will have tea, coffee and finger foods as we talk, craft and pray together. You won’t want to miss this! This event is open to all registered Challenge Girls and their moms. Want to learn more about this group for girls in grades 5-9? Go to www.stlaurence.org/challenge-club-for-girls or contact Monica Hager at 832-867-2824. And be sure to follow us on Instagram @st.lchallengeclub!

OCT 3: CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Join the Caregivers Support Group at 9:30am on Monday, October 3, for Labyrinth & Lunch. Linger with the Lord, prayerfully journeying with and toward Him while walking the labyrinth at the Cenacle Retreat House in Houston, then have lunch at a local restaurant. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend quiet time with God plus enjoy fellowship with others who understand the joys and struggles of the caring for a loved one (of any age) with special needs. You don’t need to walk alone. Please come join us! For info and to RSVP, contact Jane Jewell (ejcomp@aol.com or 281-265-9658) or Lori Knowles (knowlesml5@gmail.com or 281-261-5738).

JOIN THE CHILDREN’S CHOIR

St. Laurence Children’s/Youth Choirs have started rehearsals on Monday afternoons. Come get your kids involved in the music of our parish - and in serving their parish in this wonderful ministry!

Kids in Grades 2-4 meet from 4:30-5:30pm
Youth in Grades 5-8 meet from 5:45-6:45pm

Rehearsals are held in the Music Room in the courtyard near the church. If your child is interested in singing, please contact Mary Thompson at mthompson@stlaurence.org or 281-980-9812 to get all the details. Come and sing with Mary!

“BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW”

Join a ministry or group and allow Jesus to make something new in you!
“You are not alone!”

The Cancer Support Group of St. Laurence is a wonderful group of survivors and caregivers from all walks of life. We relate to one another as we travel our cancer journeys together — sharing our tears, fears and joys to draw hope from one another.

We have guest speakers including doctors from noteworthy cancer hospitals and other professionals who can help educate us on our road to recovery. The information we get from the speakers that donate their time, are doctors, nutritionists, social workers, and business owners who can introduce us to products and services that are specific to our group’s needs. In spite of our cancer conditions, we have much to offer and contribute in a charitable way to help support our parish.

TOGETHER:
- We feel safe
- We feel so very welcome
- We feel understood
- We love our new friends
- We love the support we get, when times are bad
- We feel YES WE CAN conquer anything!!!

Join us at our next meeting

Thursday, October 6, from 10:00-11:30am, in the St. Clare Room. The topic for this meeting is the roles that dogs have in identifying illnesses, followed by a round-table discussion in order to catch up on each other’s cancer journey. If you are a cancer patient, survivor or caregiver, join our group and know that you are not alone.

For more information, please contact Angela Rankin at 832-945-2245
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