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

ROSARY
Friday 6:30am

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

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Enero 9 — 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
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
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Finance Council: Bob Ladd, robert.ladd@haynesboone.com
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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.
The Nativity of the Lord
CHRISTMAS

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:14)

The date: December 1223. The place: Greccio, Italy. The problem: a man living in poverty lamenting that his town’s observance of Christmas had become overshadowed by materialism. Distraught, the man did something extreme. He gathered some friends together, along with some livestock, and re-created the scene at the manger. It was a moving experience for many people, and over the years, the practice spread across the world. The man was St. Francis of Assisi, and the practice—which every parish around the world has since adopted—was the traditional nativity scene.

About six hundred years later, a priest in France was so full of joy at the sight of a nativity scene that he found his heart melting. “Who can describe the joy of the feast of Christmas?” he asked. Then, moved by the Holy Spirit, he wrote a homily that described three acts of humility that were at the heart of this great feast.

The first act of humility was God’s plan for his Son to take on our human nature and become a man like us in all things but sin. The second act of humility was Jesus coming to us as a helpless baby entrusted to the care of two human beings. The third act of humility was God’s decision to have his Son born into poverty. That priest was St. John Vianney, known as the Curé of Ars and the patron of all priests.

As Christians celebrate Jesus’ birth today, let’s follow the example of these two great saints. Let’s fix our eyes on the baby Jesus and make him the first priority of our day. Let’s carve out some private time with him in prayer before all the celebrations begin. Maybe you can even gather the family and pray together.

And let’s contemplate God’s humility and his magnificent plan for us—a plan that was grounded in what is unquestionably the most dramatic act of humility ever. “O come, let us adore him!”

Word Among Us Meditation (www.wau.org)

Fr. Drew Wood, Fr. Jaison Thomas, the deacons and staff of St. Laurence Catholic Church wish you and your family a most Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER

SATURDAY
24 CHRISTMAS VIGIL
First Reading IS 62:1-5
Second Reading ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25
Gospel MT 1:1-25

SUNDAY
25 CHRISTMAS DAY
First Reading IS 52:7-10
Second Reading HEB 1:1-6
Gospel JN 1:1-18

MONDAY
26 First Reading ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Gospel MT 10:17-22

TUESDAY
27 First Reading 1 JN 1:1-4
Gospel JN 20:1A and 2-8

WEDNESDAY
28 First Reading 1 JN 1:5–2:2
Gospel MT 2:13-18

THURSDAY
29 First Reading 1 JN 2:3-11
Gospel LK 2:22-35

FRIDAY
30 FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY
First Reading SIR 3:2-6, 12-14
Gospel MT 2:13-15, 19-23

SATURDAY
31 First Reading 1 JN 2:18-21
Gospel JN 1:1-18

PRAYING THE NEWS | DECEMBER 25, 2016

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:9

O God, we thank you for the beautiful gift of Jesus, who came into the world as one of us, and continues to enter into our lives. We always need your true light, especially in times of change and uncertainty. May we each turn eagerly and expectantly toward your light and refuse to be held captive in darkness. May your light shine into all the troubled corners of the earth and into all hearts. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen. †
In Our Prayers...

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:


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. S Debra Barnett, US Navy
LCpl Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC
Staff Sgt. Jason Chacon, USMC
Lt. Matthew Chenevy, US Navy
Maj. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force
Capt. Patrick Coffman, USMC
LTG Colin Day, US Navy
ILT Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
SGT Nicholas Dockum, US Army
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
ILT Michael Eberhardt, US Army
CPT Stacey Eberhardt, US Army
Derek Farias, US Army
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
PVT Jahnelle Xavier George, US Army
SSG Philip Graham, US Army
ILT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
ILT Michelle Horstman, US Army
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
Joseph Kingerski, US Navy
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
PFC Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
Amn Joseph Marcellus, USAF
LCpl William Marcellus, USMC
TSgt David March, Texas Air National Guard
Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
ILT Todd Miller, US Army
CPT Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Naray, US Navy
QMSN Bryce Prochazka, USNavy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army
ILT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, US Army
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LTG Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Cpl Daniel Thesing, USMC
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whiteley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy
PVT Adrian Zaldivar, USMC

MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, DEC 24
4:00pm – Jose Estrella (D)
4:15pm – Kevin Hinguillo (D)
6:30pm – Margie Calo (I)
9:00pm – Kelly Suter (D)
12:00am – St. Laurence Parishioners

SUNDAY, DEC 25
8:00am – Felix Thomas (D)
10:00am – Jim Macredie (D)
12:00pm – Tan Esmerosy (D)

MONDAY, DEC 26
7:30am – Rose Uwajeh (D)
12:00pm – Helen Gross (D)

TUESDAY, DEC 27
7:30am – Kelly Suter (D)
12:00pm – Paz Alisoso (D)

WEDNESDAY, DEC 28
7:30am – Vincent P. Poslusny (D)
6:30pm – Michael Barber (D)

THURSDAY, DEC 29
7:30am – Juanita Rodriguez (D)
12:00pm – Kevin McGinnis (D)

FRIDAY, DEC 30
8:15am – Jesus & Ana Maria Gonzalez (D)
12:00pm – In Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, DEC 31
8:30am – Davis/Gonzalez Family (I)
5:00pm – Cooter Larrieu (D)

SUNDAY, JAN 1
7:30am – Veronica & Lawrence Revelet (D)
9:00am – Jasper Bauer (D)
11:00am – Anthony Co (D)
12:45pm – Leila Rukab (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 Cagandanah), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Collin Brown, Christopher Meyer, Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson

PRAY FOR THOSE IN PRISON

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

Isabella Flores, Jessica Ayala, Liz Trevino, Tuttle family, Marcos Arriola & family, Anna Pounds & family, Leanne Pounds, Jaylon & Jayson, Casey & Colby Christian, Steve & Becky Garney, Randy Anderson & Charles & Jean, Enis, Yolanda, Edgar & Ana Alegria, Serrano family, Simonson family, Mosqueda family, Rodriguez family, Portillo family, Frank Serrano & grandchildren, Miller family & friends, 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.

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**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Next classes: JANUARY 14 and FEB 11

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. To schedule a baptism call Rose Davis at 281-980-9812. The parent prep class is offered monthly.

**WEDDING PREPARATION**

Next class: JANUARY 12

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.

**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.

**FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**

The schedule and registration for the Spring 2017 semester of FTCM is now available at www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm. The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program seeks to develop the basic academic, spiritual and critical reflection skills necessary for Catholic adults to fully answer their Baptismal call to service. FTCM is open to all adults who seek greater understanding of their faith and is especially designed for those who are active in parish ministry or discerning their call to ministry.

**FEB 10-12: LOVE & BE LOVED CENACLE WOMENS RETREAT**

God loves us, creates us, and wants to share life with us forever. During this retreat in contemplative silence, we will grow deeper in our relationship with God through prayerful reflections on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Facilitated by St. Laurence Spiritual Directors, this silent retreat will be held at the Cenacle from 7pm Friday, Feb 10 – 1:30pm Sunday, Feb 12. The Cenacle Retreat House is located at 420 N Kirkwood Rd., Houston. For more information and to register, go to www.cenacleretreathouse.org or call the Cenacle at 281-497-3131. Minimum offering is $195. Hurry, spots go quickly!

**FEB 17: RETROUVAILLE FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

If you are seeking marriage help, try Retrouvaille, for couples experiencing marital problems, considering separation, or already separated or divorced. The program is Catholic in origin, but couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are welcome. It is offered on scheduled weekends beginning Friday evening, and closing with Mass late Sunday afternoon, with post-weekend sessions to extend the experience. The next Retrouvaille weekend in the Houston area is February 17-19. Find more information at www.retrouvaille.org.

**PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

**BAPTISMS**

Chisora Christine, Khiem Nguyen, Vivian Clark, Gavin McCrills, Gabriel McCrillis, Justin Le

**WEDDINGS**

Irene Avila & Richard Coe
Christina Baker & Michael Eberhardt

**FUNERALS**

Mary Ann Hines, mother of Dan Hines
Juanita Nunez, mother of Maria Nunez
Bob Brenner, husband of Mary Ann Brenner

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

- **December 11 Collection** $ 60,323
- **Registered Households** 7,391
- **Envelopes Used** 743
- ** Loose Checks** 250
- **2nd Collection: Retired Religious** $ 15,978

**AUTOMATED GIVING**

- **Monthly Offertory** $ 169,636
- **Participants** 953

**DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**

- **2016 Parish Goal** $ 495,000
- **Amount Paid** $ 443,435
- **Amount Pledged** $ 455,524
- **Participants** 1,076

**Diocesan Services Fund**

His Mercy Endures Forever

We are still $51,000 short of our parish goal of $495,000. If you haven’t yet pledged or contributed to the Diocesan Services Fund, please do so before year-end. Your gift to the DSF enables us to reach people across the archdiocese through more than 60 programs. Pick up a donation envelope at the Hospitality Desk or go to www.archgh.org/dsf to donate today!

THANK YOU!

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

www.stlaurence.org/contribute-to-our-parish

Merry Christmas! Thank you for your generous support of St. Laurence parish all year long. Nearly 1,000 people have elected to donate electronically via Faith Direct. Supporting the church in this way benefits both you and our parish family, so please consider signing up for online giving in the new year. Thank you, too, for your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to help us meet our financial goals. May God continue to bless you and your family in the new year!
CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION

NO PRESCHOOL OR ELEMENTARY CCE due to the celebration of Christmas.

Merry Christmas!
On the Feast of the Nativity, we rejoice and invite the entire world to celebrate with us as we commemorate the birth of the newborn King and Savior, our Prince of Peace. Through his birth, Jesus reveals to us God’s plan for all people to live in peace and harmony by showing us how to build the Kingdom of God right here on earth. He makes all things new as he promises humanity’s reconciliation with God. As a family, how do you share your joy of Christ’s birth with the world? What can you do to spread Christ’s peace to others?

Elementary CCE will resume January 2/3, and Preschool CCE classes will resume Sunday, January 8.

MONDAYS: Moms & Tots Group
Are you a mom who is home with young child(ren) ages infant to pre-K on Monday mornings? Please join Moms & Tots for our weekly Play & Pray Group! We plan a variety of activities for our children as we support and encourage one another in our vocation as mothers. Our meetings are casual, and kids and moms get a chance to make new friends and grow closer to Christ. Come every week or just when you can! Call Chrissy Campbell at 310-926-7085 or email stlaurence.momsandtots@gmail.com for details.

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www.stlaurence.org/school

Faith makes all things possible,
Hope makes all things work,
Love makes all things beautiful,
May you have all three this Christmas and always!
Principal Suzanne Barto and the Faculty and Staff of SLCS

BLOOD DRIVE FOR RICHARD STONE
Many of you know Richard Stone, longtime SLCS Band Director. He is being treated at MD Anderson, going each day for blood and platelet transfusions. Will you help with a donation of blood and platelets? Donations are down from their usual levels at this time, so your donation will be a blessing to Mr. Stone and to MD Anderson. SLCS is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, January 7, 9AM-3:00PM on the campus of SLCS. Please schedule an appointment at https://goo.gl/rtNPQ1 or email John Maklary at jmaklary@stlaurence.org. Additionally, you may visit MD Anderson to make blood and platelet donations.

SLCS 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 Catholic Middle School Ministry

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 IS EDGE NIGHT
JAN 11: 700-815pm, Edge in Marian Hall
All middle school youth are invited and encouraged to join us. We are on Christmas break but will return for the Spring semester on Wednesday, January 11.

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.

LIFE TEEN ON SUNDAY NIGHTS
JAN 8 630-815pm  Ave Maria Center
Current focus is “The Summit,” a series on the Mass. Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass changes everything!

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.

THE WKND
WKND Retreat
Jan 13-16, 2017
$175
All high schoolers invited
Contact Kris Frank

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.

GET THE PARISH APP
Introducing the St. Laurence Parish APP
Now available for download on Google Play and Apple APP stores.*

Keep up-to-date on all the happenings for our parish from your smart phone or tablet!

St. Laurence CC

Follow these instructions to DOWNLOAD our APP!
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-or- Scan the QR Code
-or- https://goo.gl/KUMr8L

Text stlaurence2 to 555-888 for Android devices
-or- Scan the QR Code
-or- https://goo.gl/yMc2zc

When APP is downloaded and opened on your device — ALLOW for PUSH notifications!
A sneak peek at...

AFF Speaker Series 2017
7-9pm, Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall

Here is a partial lineup of what's new for our Speaker Series

Jan 6-7 Walking Toward Eternity
Begin the new year with Jeff Cavins and learn how to make changes in your faith and life.

Feb 2 Pre-Game Super Bowl Show for Catholic Men
Invites men to receive spiritual training from Curtis Martin to be champions in their roles as husbands, fathers, and sons of God.

Mar 3 Discover What God Has Done... Imagine What He Can Do
Learn about the power of 40 Days for Life from founder Shawn Carney. MORE INFO: stlaurence.org/speakerseries

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

COMING SOON:

A PROGRAM FOR COUPLES
Mondays: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 4 7:00-9:00pm, Ave Maria Center, Guardian Angel Hall

The Choice Wine: 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage is a pathway to authentic marital happiness. Couples will learn how to virtually divorce-proof their marriage, experience the superabundant love and mercy of God, and realize a foretaste of Paradise in their marriages and families. This is a multimedia, interactive program. Couples are asked to bring a dessert to share. It will conclude on Saturday March 4, with a Couples Retreat from 9:00am-3:00pm. Cost is $50 per couple, which covers the materials cost. For more information and to register, please go to stlaurence.org/choice-wine.

COME AND SEE… welcomes you!
JAN 9, 16, 23, 30, FEB 6, 13
7:15-9:00pm Ave Maria Center, St. Anne Room

We’re family. We’ve missed you. Welcome home inactive Catholics
Is the spirit of Jesus calling you to reconnect with your childhood faith experience? What are the issues, questions or blocks relative to your return to the Church? Contact Art & Marilyn Ramponi for more info, 832-945-2110 and artmarilyn2@att.net.
As Catholics our Faith is meant to be put into practice. Christianity is more than a set of beliefs; it’s a way of life. Walking Toward Eternity is a powerful seminar that will help you to put your faith into practice, draw you closer to Christ, and challenge you to make real and lasting changes in your life, changes that will help you to become the person you hope to be. Jeff Cavins is the creator of The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program and director of the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute.

**Friday Night** January 6, 2017

**Join us for a FREE Talk:**
**Living The Life You Don’t Have Time For**
Check-in: 6:00 pm
Talk: 7-8:30 pm
Refreshments and book-signing reception with Jeff Cavins following the talk.

**Saturday** January 7, 2017

**Walking Toward Eternity Seminar**
Registration: 8 am
Seminar: 9 am - 3 pm
Light Breakfast and Lunch Included.

**Saturday Seminar Registration Cost:**
$50 per person, $75 for immediate family up to 4.
Registration includes seminar materials.

**Online registration at stlaurence.org/jeffcavins**
For more information:
Justin Frato, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
Phone: 281-265-5774 • Email: jfrato@stlaurence.org

Ascension products will be available for purchase.
Amidst the beautiful readings at the Christmas Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God’s active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God’s people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ’s image; and from it, learn how to live a life “eager to do what is good.” Take time the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift.

www.catholicstewardship.org

STEWARDS AMONG US

ECKELCAMP FAMILY

College sweethearts Dan and Joy joined the parish 13 years ago when their daughter was born. Both Anna Lee and her younger brother Ryan grew up in WCP and today both are students at our parish school. What started out as volunteering at school quickly evolved as they began to connect and make friends. Joy went through RCIA and is involved in Adult Faith, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Social Concerns, SLCS and the Bazaar. Add to that Dan’s involvement in That Man is You and the KCs; Anna Lee as an Altar Server, Girl Scout, and Children’s Liturgy Lector; and Ryan in Cub Scouts… and St. Laurence has become their second home! They say, “We’ve come to realize that God is everywhere and there are plenty of opportunities to serve others in our community. Through the ministries we are involved in, we can serve as witness to His love and help spread His message of love and service in action and in word. Don’t let the size of the parish intimidate you. Take a leap of faith and sign-up for something that sounds interesting!”

Be servants of communion and of the culture of encounter!

Pope Francis
July 27, 2013

Ask Paula

Q.
Are you going to do the Pastors Challenge?
A.
Are you kidding me? EVERY day is a challenge around here! Well, I did read them in the bulletin, but I haven’t picked one yet. I hope Fr. Drew isn’t reading this, right? I just noticed that it said to pick one or do all three! ALL THREE? Fr. Drew knows I don’t commit to things right away, it takes me awhile. Plus, I really don’t go out at night, so there goes the COR Night thing… I do the check-in and a lot of work behind the scenes at Heart of Worship. I wonder if that counts? I did take the Spiritual Needs survey thing though. I did it at work, it only takes a few minutes, trust me. So, what are YOU guys going to do? Have a Merry Christmas!

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for 20 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
Fr. Drew is giving his parish a new challenge! Recall that in September, Fr. Drew wanted each of us to **LEARN more about Jesus** with a challenge to read one of the Gospels straight through.

Today, Fr. Drew is challenging us to **GROW in greater communion with Jesus** through the Holy Eucharist.

**Fr. Drew’s Challenge to all St. Laurence parishioners:**
1) Attend one COR Worship Night in the church, on Jan 9 or Feb 13
   - OR
2) Spend a full hour in the Chapel of Divine Mercy before the Lord
   - OR
3) Attend Heart of Worship on Saturday, February 25

**OR do all three!**

**Heart of Worship**
Registration is open right now at [www.stlaurence.org/how](http://www.stlaurence.org/how). This year, we welcome Deacon Alex Jones, Roland Millare, and Brother Peter Francis, who will speak on Faith, Hope, and Love. Includes Mass, Adoration, dinner, and great music. Don’t miss it!

**Eucharistic Adoration**
Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Divine Mercy. All are invited to enter and rest a while in the Real Presence of Jesus exposed in the monstrance on the altar. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart and your mind in this quiet time with Jesus.

**COR Worship Night**
90 minutes of praise and worship offered on the 2nd Monday each month, open to all people of all ages, no charge, and no RSVP required. Meet in the parish hall at 6:00pm for spaghetti dinner, the church for COR at 7:00pm, and you’ll be on your way home by 8:30pm.
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**JAN 6-7: JEFF CAVINS AT ST. LAURENCE!**

Popular Catholic theologian, author and speaker Jeff Cavins is coming to St. Laurence right after the New Year. He will give a FREE lecture on **Friday night, January 6** (6:00-8:30pm) and then a full day seminar on **Saturday, January 7** (9:00am-3:00pm). The cost to attend the seminar is $50 (or $75 for the family, up to 4 people). Register in advance at [www.stlaurence.org/jeffcavins](http://www.stlaurence.org/jeffcavins) to reserve your spot – this event is attracting people from all over the archdiocese!

**JAN 9: SEE YOU AT COR WORSHIP NIGHT**

Take Fr. Drew up on his **PASTORS CHALLENGE** and attend the COR Worship Night on **Monday, January 9, from 7:00-8:30pm**, in the church. COR is 90 minutes of pure praise, teaching & adoration, offered to people of all ages, free of charge. Danielle Noonan will lead the music and Fr. Joy Thomas from St. Angela Merici will provide the talk. ALSO! Our Knights of Columbus have offered to cook up a **FREE spaghetti dinner** for everyone who will be attending COR that evening! Just show up at the parish hall at 6:00pm, ready to eat, and we’ll all head over to the church at 6:45pm. Don’t miss it!

**TAKE THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS SURVEY**

Merry Christmas! We’re glad you are here. St. Laurence is made up of over 7,400 families, diverse in our cultures/backgrounds, but united in our faith and centered in the love of Christ. We want to know what’s important to you regarding your spiritual life and your spiritual needs. Will you please take a moment to participate in a brief Spiritual Needs Survey? It will take about 10 minutes of your time and we will share the results with the parish in February. Find more info and a link to the survey at [www.stlaurence.org/engaged-church](http://www.stlaurence.org/engaged-church) or scan the QR code at left to take the survey now!

**YEAR END GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH**

As the end of 2016 nears please prayerfully consider making a financial gift before December 31, to gain an additional tax deduction from the IRS:

- **Offertory** – As our parish continues to grow so do our expenses. No gift is too small and every gift is important.
- **Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)** – This important program touches lives all over our archdiocese in ways that could never be addressed by one parish alone. Our parish and our parishioners receive many benefits from the DSF.
- **Christmas Flowers** – Make a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund which allows for our church to be decorated so beautifully during the Christmas season. Give your gift in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

Merry Christmas from the clergy & staff of St. Laurence!

The parish offices, including Social Concerns and the Ave Maria Center, will be closed Friday, Dec 23—Monday, Dec 26 for the Christmas holiday and Friday, Dec 30—Monday, Jan 2, for New Years.

**REGISTER NOW**

**HEART OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

Featuring Deacon Alex Jones, Roland Millare & Brother Peter Francis

[www.stlaurence.org/how](http://www.stlaurence.org/how)

**PILGRIMAGE**

**Holy Land with Fr. Jaison**

Only a few spots remain to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Jaison, **June 2-12**. Contact Maria Jacobson at 713-582-8424 or mjacobson1984@yahoo.com, or call Inspirational Tours at 713-961-2785 or visit [www.inspirationaltoursinc.com](http://www.inspirationaltoursinc.com).

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

Thank you for your generosity in donating to the Christmas Flower Fund! See the list of the names of your loved ones in whose honor and memory these donations were made.

[www.stlaurence.org](http://www.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 2,200 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

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Social Concerns Ministry!
As always, we are so very thankful for your generosity and overwhelming support over the past year! We look forward to 2017 and another year of blessings.
www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

LEARN ENGLISH TEACHERS NEEDED
Find out how rewarding it is to teach English to immigrants from all over the world. We need volunteer teachers to teach adults to improve their English, thereby helping them to get better jobs, parent their English-speaking children and become US citizens, to name just a few benefits. No experience is needed; we will train you and provide teaching materials. For more info and to begin being a part of this ministry, contact Wendy Moore, learnenglishministry.slc@gmail.com.

COORDINATOR: PARTIES FOR ELDERLY
We need a family or group to coordinate birthday and holiday parties for the elderly residents at Sugar Land Health Care Center in Sugar Land. This coordinator is responsible for coordinating a party every other month (Friday at 2:30pm) for all the residents who have had a birthday, including serving cupcakes or cookies. Contact Pennie at 281-980-9812 to learn what’s involved.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Volunteers are needed to call weekend BINGO at Sugar Land Health Care Center in old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. For more info or to volunteer, contact Janet Roberts at jrobl3207@comcast.net.
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.
- mini/trial sizes shampoo, men’s deodorant, soap, lotion, toothpaste & toothbrush for MILITARY, HOMELESS, REFUGEES
- 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), new/gently 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
- Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, disinfectant spray cleaners for PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

H4H: SPRING BUILD UPDATE

Please think of the St. Laurence Habitat for Humanity Ministry as this year comes to a close. Currently, we are $30,000 short of our sponsorship need in order to build our 12th home this coming spring in Richmond. The family for which we hope to provide a safe, decent home has two young children and is living in a dilapidated rental home. The front door is rotted and does not close, which poses a constant safety issue for the family. They also have mold in the kitchen and bathroom. You may drop your donation of at the parish office or in the collection basket. Please make your check payable to St. Laurence with “Habitat For Humanity” in the memo line. The need is very real. Together, our parish family has been an important sustaining sponsor of the Habitat for Humanity mission. God bless you this Christmas!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

A PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear Jesus, you chose to relinquish your power and glory as God to become a humble human child, dependent and vulnerable. You were welcomed by Mary and Joseph but there was no room for you in the inn. Help all of us to respect the God-given life of every child, and make room in our hearts to help their parents to care for them. Help all mothers and fathers tempted by abortion to find the truth, the support, the courage and the grace they need to choose life for their child. Bless families who welcome children through adoption, and help every child to have a secure and loving home. 

Amen.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION: FOUR MONTHS

Your spiritually adopted baby at 4 months is now about nine inches long from head to toe. He or she is beginning to grow eyebrows and eyelashes, and facial expressions can be observed. His or her muscles and bones are developing and he or she is becoming more active. Please continue to pray for the life and wellbeing of your adopted baby. About 6% of abortions in Texas are done at this time or later.

DEC 28: FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS

After the birth of Jesus, Herod killed innocent babies in Bethlehem. Today innocent children are killed by abortion. We invite you to join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants in a peaceful, prayerful, Mass and Rosary on Wednesday, December 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The Mass for Life will be at 12:10pm at Holy Rosary Catholic Church (3617 Milam, Houston) followed by Rosary at Houston Women’s (4820 San Jacinto), the busiest abortion clinic in Houston. Parking available along Caroline Street.

WISH UPON A STAR

Christmas Gift Drive

THANK YOU for your overwhelming support of the Wish Upon A Star drive. Due to your generosity and kindness, we were able to provide 2,000 Christmas gifts to those in need throughout our community. Thanks to Frances Conway and her team of volunteers for time spent sorting, wrapping and boxing the gifts. And thanks to David & Rebecca Wells with Victory Packaging for donating boxes to pack the gifts!

SUPPORT SOCIAL CONCERNS WITH AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Laurence Social Concerns. Bookmark this link and support us every time you shop! smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0157777
The St. Laurence Young Adult Ministry exists for parishioners in their 20s and 30s, looking for a way to connect with other young adults in the parish to grow in Spirit and fellowship. Join us!

JAN 5: Holy Hour, Happy Hour
Meet up in the Chapel of Divine Mercy at 8pm for Holy Hour, then off to the Flyer Saucer at 9pm for Happy Hour!

JAN 11: Wednesday Night Bible Study
7-8:45pm | AMC | 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
NEW STUDY-- Acts: Spreading the Kingdom! Come experience how the first apostles were fully alive and animated by the Holy Spirit to start the Church!

FALL 2017: Dominican Republic Mission Trip
Join the Young Adult Ministry on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic next year. Get connected with us on Facebook if you're interested and email Michaela Barta at mbarta@stlaurence.org.

Calling all ACTS Retreat participants! Our new ACTS community is looking for a few good men and women to serve on the leadership team. If you have attended an ACTS Retreat (through St. Laurence or another parish) and are interested in giving back and serving on the St. Laurence ACTS team, please contact Veronyka Gonzalez at 832-545-0357 or veronyka@me.com. Men, if you have served on the ACTS team twice, please discern if the Holy Spirit might be calling you to serve as the Director for the upcoming Mens ACTS Retreat in June.
**QUILT RAFFLE RAISES $1,500 FOR CHARITY**

Each December, the Women of the Cloth hosts a Christmas Craft Sale and quilt raffle. Donations from the Craft Sale to benefit St. Laurence Habitat for Humanity are still coming in, but they are happy to announce that the Quilt Raffle, to benefit Elijah Rising (dedicated to ending sex trafficking) raised $1500.

The winner of the raffle is parishioner Miguel Morales, pictured with members of Women of the Cloth.

**JAN 13: MOM’S JANUARY REJUVENATION**

Join other Catholic moms who home school for an evening of conversation and company. Meet with the Heart of the Home group at the Ave Maria Center in Kelly’s Café on Friday, January 13, from 6:30-8:00pm, to find a chance to rejuvenate your energy and commitment for the rest of the year. Bring along your favorite subject (books, crafts, etc, you enjoy using when working on your favorite subject with your children. We will play a game of “Change the Subject!” Info and RSVP with Melissa at mcalcote@stlaurence.org.

**JAN 16: WHAT IS UNBOUND PRAYER?**

Have you ever felt stuck, bound up, unable to move forward? Do you long to experience the love, freedom, and abundant life that Jesus talks about in the Gospels? UNBOUND Ministry empowers people to take hold of the freedom they have been given in Christ. Unbound is a safe, loving, simple, and reproducible prayer model that helps people to respond to the Good News of the Gospel and apply the truth to their lives using five simple keys: Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father’s Blessing, based on the book, Unbound, by Neal Lozano. Learn more at an information session on Monday, January 16, 7:00-8:00pm in the St. Clare Meeting Room (AMC) and contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

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**JAN 16: SERVICE EVENT FOR FAMILIES**

Join other St. Laurence families in a fun service project on Monday, January 16, from 1:00-3:00pm, in Guardian Angels Hall. We will assist our Social Concerns Ministry in bagging packets of rice and beans for the hungry in the community. The kids have the day off from school, so take advantage of this opportunity to serve together. Please RSVP at www.stlaurence.org/family-nights or contact Melissa Calcote for more information at mcalcote@stlaurence.org.

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**JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS**

The J.O.Y. Club (stands for Just Older Youth) is for parishioners 55-and-up. The group typically meets at the Ave Maria Center on the 1st Monday of the month. Contact Anne Higgins at 832-755-5597.

**JAN 9**—Join the JOY Club on the 2nd Monday in January to FLOAT INTO THE NEW YEAR from 11am-1pm. Lunch will be provided by Legacy, plus root beer floats and lots of fun games!

**JAN 24**—Attend the Noon Mass together as a group on Tuesday, January 24, then get lunch afterwards.

**“BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW”**

Join a ministry or group and allow Jesus to make something new in you!
Open your heart
to the greatest gift of all

Inactive Catholics You’re Invited Home!

Join us for evenings of dialogue to:
Come and SEE how you can renew your relationship with the Catholic Church
Come and VOICE your feelings and needs
Come and LEARN about current Catholic thought

No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason,
you are always welcome.

“COME AND SEE” is an outreach program for those who feel alienated, estranged or distant from the church or for those who want a more genuine experience of Catholic community.

Join us for a special six-week program held on Monday evenings, Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 2017 from 7:15-9:00 p.m. in the Ave Maria Center, St. Anne Room. The evening is facilitated by a team of parishioners in a safe, confidential, small group sharing environment.

For more information go to www.stlaurence.org/comeandsee
Or contact: Art or Marilyn Ramponi at 832.945.2110, artmarilyn2@att.net.
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