SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:15am, 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
Healing Mass: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

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

ROSSARY
Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
September 7 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rotary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
August 11 & 25 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
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Registrar: Suzanne Byrne, sbyrne@stlaurence.org

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Registrar: Christine Novia, cnovia@stlaurence.org

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Finance Council: Bob Ladd, robert.ladd@haynesboone.com
Discipleship Council: Shawn Kelly, shawn_kelly@oxy.com

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 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-4pm; Saturdays 8:30am-Noon (scheduled events only). 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
Announcements must be submitted via email at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication. Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator rmartinez@stlaurence.org
**OUR PATRON ST. LAURENCE**

**DEACON & MARTYR**

**MEMORIAL:** 10 AUGUST

Lawrence was a 3rd-century archdeacon of Rome, distributor of alms, and “keeper of the treasures of the church” in a time when Christianity was outlawed. On 6 August 258, by decree of Emperor Valerian, Pope Saint Sixtus II and six deacons were beheaded, leaving Lawrence as the ranking Church official in Rome.

While in prison awaiting execution, Sixtus reassured Lawrence that he was not being left behind; they would be reunited in four days. Lawrence saw this time as an opportunity to disperse the material wealth of the church before the Roman authorities could lay their hands on it. On 10 August, Lawrence was commanded to appear for his execution, and to bring along the treasure with which he had been entrusted by the pope. When he arrived, the archdeacon was accompanied by a multitude of Rome’s crippled, blind, sick, and indigent. He announced that these were the true treasures of the Church.

Lawrence’s care for the poor, the ill, and the neglected have led to his patronage of them. His work to save the material wealth of the Church, including its documents, brought librarians and those in related fields to see him as a patron, and to ask for his intercession. And his incredible strength and courage when being grilled to death led to his patronage of cooks and those who work in or supply things to the kitchen. The meteor shower that follows the passage of the Swift-Tuttle comet was known in the Middle Ages as the “burning tears of Saint Lawrence” because they appear at the same time as Lawrence’s feast.

**BORN:** at Huesca, Spain

**DIED:** Cooked to death on a gridiron on 10 August 258 in Rome, Italy. Tradition says that the ashes of his burned body were dispersed by the winds, and appear at different places around the world on his feast day. Buried in the cemetery of Saint Cyriaca on the road to Tivoli, Italy; his tomb was later opened by Pelagius to inter the body of Saint Stephen the Martyr. Relics and the gridiron believed to have been his deathbed are enshrined in the crypt of the Basilica of San Lorenzo Outside the Walls, Rome his garments are enshrined in Our Lady’s Chapel in the Lateran Palace, Rome

**PATRONAGE:**
archives & archivists
chefs, cooks & restauranteurs
comedians
deacons
librarians & libraries
Rome, Italy
students & seminarians
the poor

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**PRAYING THE NEWS | AUGUST 5, 2018**

“…whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**JOHN 6:35**

O Lord, the persistent heat, the record temperatures around the world, and my own backyard speak to me of the need for your living water. The areas of dried and cracking earth against the vibrant green of the watered spots are images that reflect my heart and soul — when I neglect to come to you in prayer and when I give you the time to refresh my inmost being.

**Lord, gently rain down on me and our thirsting world. Amen. †**

Source: catholicsaints.info
**In Our Prayers...**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambrocio, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
MAJ Matthew Baird, US Army
PO. S Debra Barnette, US Navy
CPL Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
LCpl Gordon Briggs, USMC
SPC Jordan Briggs, US Army
Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC
MSGT. Jason Chacon, USMC
Lt Matthew Chesney, US Navy
Maj. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force
Maj. Patrick Coffman, USMC
Lt Colin Day, US Navy
CPT Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
SGT Nicholas Dookum, US Army
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
ILT Michael Eberhardt, US Army
CPT Stacey Eberhardt, US Army Reserve
Derek Farias, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
ILT Michelle Font, US Army
PFC Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahniel Xavier George, US Army
SGG Philip Graham, US Army
CPT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SGG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
SGT Philip Loera, US Army
Maj. Joseph Marcellus, USAF
SGT William Marcellus, USMC
TSGT David March, Texas Air National Guard
Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
Major Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army
ILT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
1LT Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LT Kevin Strawny, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whiteley, US Army
AMTroy Yelverton, US Navy

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUG 4**
5:00pm – Trang Doan (D)

**SUNDAY, AUG 5**
7:15am – Clara & Vincent P. Poslusnzy (D)
9:00am – Leonardo Espinosa (I)
11:00am – Joseph Nguyen Gia Bao (D)
12:45pm – Jorgie Jaula (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**MONDAY, AUG 6**
7:30am – Adela & Crisanto Yater (D)
12:00pm – Norman Jones (D)

**TUESDAY, AUG 7**
7:30am – Harold & Anne Wilson (A)
12:00pm – Lillian Rathmann Wells (D)

**WEDNESDAY, AUG 8**
7:30am – Andrew & Leanne Cachero (I)
6:30pm – Georgina De Martinez (D)

**THURSDAY, AUG 9**
7:30am – All Souls
12:00pm – Raymond Best (D)

**FRIDAY, AUG 10**
8:15am – All Souls
12:00pm – Desa Family (D)

**SATURDAY, AUG 11**
8:30am – Josephine Cherian (D)
5:00pm – Raymond & Marie Morvant (D)

**SUNDAY, AUG 12**
7:15am – Elaine Pascual (I)
9:00am – Gallia Souriamma (D)
11:00am – Francis Bede (D)
12:45pm – Marina & Armando Paredes (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

Colin Brown, 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),
Christopher Meyer, Tom Ruck, Tim Cullen, Margaret Uche

**PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON**

**AUG 9: FREE CONCERT FOR LIFE**
Attend the 6th annual Concert for Life on Thursday, August 9, 7:30-9:00pm, at Revention Music Center in Houston and support the Houston Pregnancy Help Centers. Deacon David Michael Moses entered St. Mary’s Seminary at the age of 18 and is now in his 7th and final year of formation to the priesthood. His Concerts for Life have raised over $350,000 for organizations that help women in crisis pregnancies. Thanks to generous underwriters, not only is this concert free, but $62 will be donated to Houston Pregnancy Help Centers for each person who attends. INFO: concertforlife2018.eventbrite.com

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**AUG 12: AFRICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL**
All are invited to the 1st annual Archdiocesan African Cultural Heritage Festival on Sunday, August 12. The events will begin with Mass at 3:00pm, at the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway in Houston, celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. Following the Mass, there will be a reception with lively entertainment. Come grow in community and Spirit! All are welcome.

**AUG 17: CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST AT LOS TIOS**
Catholic Radio 1430 AM is hosting another Catholic Prayer Breakfast in our area! It’s on Friday, August 17, 7:00-9:00am, at Los Tios located on Hwy 6 at Wm Trace. Dr. Ken Buckle from Gratia Plena is the featured speaker and Fr. Truong Son will open the event in prayer. The cost to attend is just $10/each for a chance to meet, network and pray with other Catholic professionals. Sponsorships are available for $250. For more information or to sponsor, please contact grnonline@grnonline.com.

**SEPT 7: FRESH RETREAT AT UH**
A Day for Freshman & Transfer Students at the UH Catholic Newman Center, Friday, September 7, 12:30pm - 5:00pm. Greetings new UH Cougars! Please join the Catholic Student Organization in our yearly FRESH Retreat. They will provide interactive games, dynamic talks, personal stories of transitioning and keeping close to the Faith. Come see the many ways YOU can get involved throughout your college years. Registration fee is ONLY $10; food, drinks, and shirt included! You may register on our website: UHcatholic.org/content/fresh-retreat-registration or look up FRESH event on Facebook: @CatholicCoogs

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**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

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**PLAY & PRAY**
Childcare is provided in a safe, loving, and Catholic environment to young children while their parents/guardians attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance with Elizabeth Hernandez, at stlaurence.org/play-pray or ehernandez@stlaurence.org

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**WEDDING PREPARATION**

**Next Class: September 24**
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 Rosemary Mascarenhas at 281-980-9812.

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**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

**Next Class: August 11**
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. The parent preparation class is offered ten times per year. To schedule a Baptism or register for the class contact Barb Roy at 281-265-5774 x5371 or broy@stlaurence.org.

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**PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

**BAPTISMS**
Gustavo Andres Colomer, Jordan-Keith Chizaram Esimbe, Davin Patrick MacInerney, Dominic David Sabonghy, Benjamin Thomas Santiago, Isaiah Michael Zane

**FUNERALS**
Steve Krueger, brother of Scott Krueger

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**ONLINE GIVING**

**FAITH DIRECT**
stlaurence.org/contribute-to-our-parish
As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Laurence Catholic Church with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: TX460. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**2nd Collection Today**
Mission Appeal: Basilian Fathers
Please note that Preschool and Elementary CCE registration has officially ended for this academic year. Limited availability and/or wait lists on some days and in certain grade levels may apply. If you have questions regarding registration and/or current availability, please contact Cindy Martin for Preschool-Kindergarten CCE at cindymartin@stlaurence.org or Joan Hastreiter for Elementary (Grades 1-5) CCE at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org.

**SUMMER FAITH CHALLENGE:** Lazy days of summer? Summer used to mean a time to kick back, relax and reconnect with our families and friends, but society has gradually changed that expectation for us. Many times our summers are business as usual despite our best efforts to slow down. We need to be purposeful if we intend to find any R&R and restore not only our bodies, but also our souls. Read Psalm 46 (http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/46) with your families and take time to “be still and know that I am God.” Carve out some extra family time this week to reconnect with God through the Holy Scriptures as you prepare yourselves for the coming of our school schedules.

**Love children and love your faith?** Consider volunteering this coming year as a Catechist or an assistant in the St. Laurence CCE program. No experience is necessary, just a passion for your faith and a desire to share that with our youngest church members. Training and materials are provided. Don’t want to teach? We need you too! Positions as desk monitors during all three sessions are also available. Interested? For more details, please visit the church website or, contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org. This is an incredibly rewarding experience that you will never regret!

**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.

**SEE YOU NEXT FRIDAY!**
We can’t wait to see all our Saints families back!

**IMPORTANT DATES**
- August 10 - Visiting Day - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- August 13 - Students return - Noon Dismissal

**JOIN OUR EFFORTS FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE!**
The 22nd Annual St. Laurence Golf Tournament is set for Monday, November 12, at Sweetwater Country Club! Sponsorships are available and registration will open in

**SEEKING FUTURE SLCS SAINTS**
We have a few remaining spots open for students in the elementary and middle school grade levels. Parents interested in pursuing a Catholic education at our parish school should call the school at 281-980-0500 or contact the Admissions Office at sbyrne@stlaurence.org.

**INTERESTED IN A PART-TIME JOB?**
If you have a calling to work with children this could be an opportunity for you. The SLCS Before and After School Care (BASC) program is looking for college students and adults who enjoy working with children and are interested in working before and after school hours for the 2018-2019 school year. BASC staff supervise the students during homework and playtime. If you are interested in applying for a position with the BASC program beginning in August please email your resume to Betsy Brown at bbrown@stlaurence.org.

**SCHEDULE A SCHOOL TOUR!** Contact us today at 281.980.0500
CONFIRMATION

Confirmation at St. Laurence is part of the Youth Ministry and Religious Education. 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 one year prior to beginning the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to ensure they have been catechized and are prepared for the journey to Confirmation. Eligible youth who attend Catholic schools, public schools or are home-schooled should register for both Life Teen and Sacramental Preparation. Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation for registration information. Contact Daniel Glaze at dglaze@stlaurence.org for more information.

Life Teen is our main outreach to all 9th-12th grade students and our mission is simple: to lead teens closer to Christ. Through teaching, discipleship, prayer, social events, and service, we hope to build up the kingdom of God one teen at a time. The goals of our Life Teen program are:

To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic Church, To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

We do this through a variety of different programs and forms of outreach. For more information about our Life Teen program and how it works in conjunction with our Confirmation Preparation program, visit stlaurence.org/lifeteen

REGISTER FOR LIFE TEEN

Registration forms can be found at www.stlaurence.org/registration or at the Ave Maria Center. QUESTIONS?
Contact Daniel Glaze at dglaze@stlaurence.org for more information.

SOCIALS

Follow us on Instagram @stlaurencelt for more details

EDGE REGISTRATION

To register your middle school child for Edge for the upcoming year, please visit www.stlaurence.org/edge for more information or stop by the Ave Maria Center. The deadline to register is August 1st.

For more information head to www.stlaurence.org/edge or contact Mo Bass at mbass@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

@ St. Laurence Young Adults

www.stlaurence.org/ya

Main Events

Contact person: Michaela Barta,
Young Adult Coordinator, mbarta@stlaurence.org

- Fall 2018 Young Adult Bible Study: Wisdom - Starts Aug 8
  We live in a time of confusion, over-stimulation and moral relativism. How do we discern our priorities? Right from wrong? Life is often more gray than it is black and white. As young adults, we have an incredible need for wisdom. Wisdom can come through experience or the Holy Spirit, but it cannot be “taught.” And its source is found in God Himself. Join us as we study and seek to understand how to live in goodness and truth, with hearts open to receive that gift that Solomon calls, Lady Wisdom. What do I need? Just your bible! 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month // Open to young adults in 20s and 30s // 7:30-9p @ St. Clare room, Ave Maria Center 10 sessions: Aug 8, Aug 22, Sept 12, Sept 26, Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 12

- Monthly Social- 1st Wednesday // location varies

Blessed Is She: Women’s Group
Open to all women in 20s + 30s // Usually 1st and 3rd Saturday // Brunches 10a-12p // Location varies // August 18: Endow Study of Lumen Gentium, “Light of the Nations”!
Contact person: Flo Francis, francis.florence6@gmail.com

Blessed Is She WILD Retreat

October 12-13, 2018! Hosted at St. Laurence! Register here: blessedisshewildretreat2018.eventbrite.com The Blessed is She Wild Retreat is all about unleashing God’s Spirit in the lives of women. Come and find freedom, learn to live in freedom, and give freedom to other women. With Michelle Benzinger, Ike Ndolo, Danielle Noonan, Katie Hartfiel, Sr. Maria Guadalupe, OP, and Beth Davis. We are expecting 300 women from all over Texas and the Southwest. All women ages 18+ are welcome to attend.

Young Married Couples

Contact person: Alex McBride alexandriapane15@gmail.com

- August — Details coming soon

Service Days

Contact person: Marisa Vela marisaramon18@gmail.com

- August — Details coming soon
Men’s Bible Study
Mondays, 7:30-9:00pm, or
Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15am
St. Francis Room, Contact: Steve Ewbank
281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Catholic Men Called to be Saints
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 am,
Guardian Angel Hall
Contact: Jim Kij | 281-253-4800
jimkij@comcast.net

Our Women’s Book Study Continues…
“FEARLESS”
By Sonja Corbitt
Thursday, Sept 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 25, Nov 1, 15
Choose from two sessions:
1-2:30pm, Ave Maria Rms. 200-202, Facilitator: Anne Marie Daniel
7-8:30pm, Guardian Angel Hall, Facilitator: Mary Clare Cullen
What are the sources of anxiety, stress, and fear you experience in your life? Sonja Corbitt believes that these often-paralyzing emotions are the direct result of our everyday battles against sin and temptation. In Fearless, she equips us with the spiritual tools we need to restore our spiritual well-being. Books can be purchased on Amazon or Mary Regina. For more info and to register go to stlaurence.org/womensbookstudy, or Anne Marie Daniel, adaniel@stlaurence.org.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH
Mondays, starting Sept 10, 2018, 7-9 pm St Joseph Rm.
Re-membering Church is a process of healing and reconciliation for inactive Catholics. No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason, you are always welcome. Contact Tom Ruck at tomruckstl@gmail.com or 281 242-4750, or visit stlaurence.org/rememering

THAT MAN IS YOU
Wednesdays, starting on Sept 12, 5:30-7:00 am Marian Hall
This year’s theme for TMIY is “Revelation of the Father”. Discussion will focus on how men can model the fatherhood of God. For info: Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com or stlaurence.org/tmiy.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Begins Sept 11, 2018  9:00-11:45 am Marian Hall A
Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life In this study by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith, you will examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Register at stlaurence.org/biblestudies or contact Joe at jkanusky@aol.com.

Wisdom and Works of Mercy
Begins Mon, Aug 27, 6:30-8:30 pm, Ave Maria Rm. #201
OR Thurs, Aug 30, 9:30-11:30 am, Corpus Christi Rm.
Join us for a group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. Cost: $30.00. Register online: stlaurence.org/wisdomandworksofmercy For info: Joe Chirco at jchirco@aol.com.

Engage this Fall...

Evangelization Workshop
Saturday, Sept 22, 9:15am-3:00pm St Francis Rm.
Learn how to share your faith with anyone. Cost: $15.00 (includes lunch and materials) Go to stlaurence.org/evangelization to register and pay.

Ready
Mondays starting Sept 17, 7-9 pm Guardian Angel Hall
Come learn how to explain the Church’s teachings with logic and love. Cost: $40.00 for new participants, $5.00 for returning participants. Register and pay at stlaurence.org/apologetics.

Formacion Para el Ministerio Cristiano (FPMC)
Semestre II
Begins Thurs, August 23, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Marian Hall A
Formacion para el Ministerio Cristiano (FPMC) ofrece la base teologica y el crecimiento espiritual para todos aquellos catolicos adultos mayores de 18 anos que quieran profundizar su compromiso con Jesu-cristo y su Iglesia, fortaleciendolo en un discipulo maduro. El costo para nuevos centros es de $50 dolares por participante. No incluye libros! Para regis-trarse y pagar con tarjeta de credito, por favor is a la pagina web: archgh.cvent.com/FPMCOtono2018. Para mas informacion, llamar a Veronica Reinoso, 832-231-6988, veroreinoso62@gmail.com.
Want to know Jesus & His Church?

*You Call Me by Name.*

We can become who we are meant to be with the support of a community called Church.

**RCIA** is for those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith tradition, those interested in joining the Catholic Church, and Catholics who were baptized but have not celebrated all of their Sacraments. Please come to one of the following sessions to get your questions answered.

**Inquiry Sessions: Sundays, August 19 & 26**

10:15-11:15 am in the Corpus Christi Room

Contact Justin Frato, 281-265-5774 / jfrato@stlaurence.org
More info: stlaurence.org/rcia
LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That we recognize the difference between what we need and what we want and trust that God has provided us with enough to share.

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” (Exodus 16:4)

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

Thomas & Martha Tran came to St. Laurence 15 years ago and have enjoyed watching the parish grow, as their own family grew. They enrolled their children at our parish school and Martha found her happy way to volunteer by welcoming families in the morning carpool. She says, “Every day I help parents as they drop off their children in the morning and I get to see their lovely smiling faces. I’ve been doing it so long, I’ve earned the nickname Carpool Lady!” The Tran’s also enjoy participating in service projects together; in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey one year ago, they responded to callouts for help from both St. Laurence and St. Theresa to sort, display and distribute donations to people who came for assistance. Emma (11th grade) and Ethan (8th grade) were encouraged by their parents to find their own ways to serve the parish and both signed up to be Altar Servers. They enjoy serving and say it’s “humbling to be a part of the Mass.” The Tran’s recommend searching the bulletin and staying in touch via social media and the eblast to discover all the opportunities to connect to the parish.

Prayer is never in vain: it always brings forth something new that, sooner or later, bears fruit.

— Pope Francis

July 24, 2018

Have we considered putting hand railings on the altar?

Yeah, hand railings were considered when the church was redesigned. But the decision was made not to install them, because the railings would have extended out too far in order to be ADA compliant. We would have had to remove a whole row of pews. We were under construction to make MORE seating in the church not take away some, right? You know, you also can access the altar from the far left and right sides, where there are no stairs. (FYI, we did install railings in the chapel.) I’m not a Eucharistic Minister, but if I was, let me tell you I would be wearing flat shoes not high heels, like I see some of the ladies wearing, just saying. Thanks, Susan, for this question.

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for 21 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
The Call: Becoming a Deacon

The concept of call is a bit difficult to describe. It might be a bit easier to begin with describing what it is not. A call is normally not a burning bush or an audible voice from the clouds. It is not typically accompanied by fanfare or dazzling light. Rather, Sacred Scripture defines it as a small quiet voice (see Samuel, Elijah). In the Gospels, Jesus calls His disciples through personal invitation: “Come and see”, “follow me”. Jesus continues to invite us, each and every one of us, to a deeper relationship with Him. Are we focusing our attention on His invitation or are we too distracted by the busyness and noisiness of our everyday lives?

It took me a long time to really listen to Jesus’ invitation, to pay attention to His call. I intended to be a good husband, father and Church participant, but for many years, I did the minimum needed to hold things together. Truthfully, I was mostly focused on myself — my dreams, my career, my success, my desires. My participation in Church was limited to attending Mass on most, but not all, Sundays. I was in “God, I got this” mode. My family moved quite often due to my endless pursuit of a better job and we found ourselves in Wichita, KS. It was there in the middle of the wheat fields that my faith was sparked back to life. Our children were enrolled in a wonderful Catholic school and when they explained what they were learning about our faith, I realized how much I had forgotten. After two years in Wichita, we moved to St. Laurence. The ember that was lit in Kansas started glowing more brightly. My wife Dolores and I signed up to be catechists. I relearned my faith as I was teaching it to 7th graders. After a few years, I switched to RCIA and thought had I really found my calling. I seemed to be able to connect with other adults that were seeking Jesus and to share my growing love for Him and His Church.

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A comment made by another person in a conversation. For example, whenever I read Mt 25 — when I was hungry, you fed me, naked you clothed me — I would always linger on the part about visiting me in prison. I started wondering if I was being called to prison ministry. Or when Father Lahart, the former President of Strake Jesuit quoted, “to whom much is given, much is expected”, I started to feel a need to give more of myself and the many gifts with which I have been blessed to the Church. The final piece of the puzzle fell into place after I had an opportunity to serve on Pastoral Council: within three months after completing our term, three former Council members approached me on separate occasions and asked if I had ever considered becoming a deacon. The first time I was asked, I laughed and said, “what me, no way.” The second time, I was a bit surprised and asked if the person was colluding with the first person who asked me the same question. (The answer was no they were not.) When the third person asked, I became a bit frightened and realized this might actually be the way God was trying to communicate with me. Dolores and I decided to “Go and see” and find out more about what this ministry entailed.

This August will be exactly six years from the beginning of my diaconal journey. Two years into the process, I lost my job for the first time in my life. I realized God was not punishing me but asking me to surrender. Giving Him a part of myself was not enough, He wanted all of me and my total commitment. After a few months of struggling, I finally surrendered and said, “Yes” with all my being. A month later, I got a new job. I don’t believe in coincidences any more. The last few years of formation have been extremely grace filled as I began to embrace the call to serve God by serving the People of God and His Church.

The punchline of my story is that I believe we are all called each and every day, in a unique and personal way, to grow in our relationship with Jesus. We can do this by emulating our Savior who came not to be served, but to serve and who laid down His life for others. We all have different gifts, but they are all intended to be used to build the Kingdom of God here on Earth. We can do that by being Jesus to others, by loving one another. We need more deacons to serve the growing number of parishioners that make up our parish, but even if you are not called to this ministry, you can serve our Lord in some other way. Pray to our patron saint, St. Laurence the deacon, especially during his upcoming feast day, for more vocations to this ministry and to other forms of service to the Church. Ask for the grace to be open to God’s call and for the inspiration to invite others, as Jesus did, to follow Him. Ask for the grace to say, “Yes” as our Blessed Mother did, because if you do, it will radically change your life for the better.

St. Laurence, you faithfully served Jesus and His Church as deacon and willingly sacrificed your life for Him as a martyr. Please intercede for us, the parishioners of St. Laurence parish in Sugar Land, TX, and through your prayers ask The Blessed Trinity to grant us the grace to say yes when we are called and to offer ourselves in service to others. Please ask our loving God to bless us with additional vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Finally, please pray for the protection and health of our pastor, parochial vicars, deacons, all those in religious formation and our entire parish family as we celebrate the commemoration of your feast day. St. Laurence pray for us!

Peace and blessings,
Tom Ruck

Tom Ruck will be ordained a Deacon on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Houston.
ST. LAURENCE CHILDCARE FOR MASS AND EVENTS

Kingdom Care is getting a new name, a new face and a new space! Exciting changes are coming for the littlest members of our parish.

We believe that when you welcome the children, you welcome the family. The mission of Play and Pray is to provide childcare in a safe, loving, and Catholic environment to young children while their parents/guardians attend Mass and other parish programs, so that the whole family can grow in faith as members of St. Laurence. Children will participate in games, story telling, songs, and simple arts and crafts.*

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on August 13th. Please register online at stlaurence.com/play-pray. For questions and more information, please reach out to the Play and Pray Coordinator, Elizabeth Hernandez, at e hernandez@stlaurence.org.

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Knights of the Fr. John T Weyer Council is selling Labor Day briskets and pork butts. Visit the Knights on the plaza August 11 / 12 and August 18 / 19 or go online at stlaurence.org/kc11343 to place a secure order. Any questions please contact Greg Schockling, gschocklin@aol.com or Greg Cordova, gregcordova@yahoo.com.

$75 for a delicious full untrimmed smoked brisket (12- 14 pounds), $40 smoked brisket (6-7 pounds), $35 for a delicious smoked pork butt.

Remember all proceeds go to support the following charities through the Knights of Columbus: St Laurence Catholic School, St Thomas High School, St Agnes Academy, Strake Jesuit College Prep, Pope John XXIII High School, Vocations in the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston, Medical Mission of Divine Mercy, KC Annual Scholarships, Life Teen, Edge and other parish organizations and community organizations.

NOV 3-10: MEDICAL MISSION TO LAREDO

Calling all servants! The annual mission trip to Laredo is scheduled for November 3-10. If you feel a nudge, it’s your time to go! This marks the 10th year that the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy will be going to minister to the poor within our own state of Texas. The fee is $900 and includes transportation, meals and lodging for the 7-day mission trip. There are many ways to contribute to the success of this mission:

1. **GO.** We need people without medical experience, as well as medical professionals. The mission team requires drivers, translators, nurses, doctors and pharmacists, and is in desperate need of an ophthalmologist, dentists, and dental hygienists.

2. **DONATE.** Watch for the tag line on the plaza in late September or write a check to MMDM any time.

3. **PRAY.** Pray for all the people that we will serve and our faithful missionaries.

4. **SHARE.** We happily take donations of walkers, canes, wheelchairs and crutches.

Whatever you can do to support MMDM will be greatly appreciated! Please visit stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries or contact Maria Jacobson at 713-582-8424.

MEET DANIEL GLAZE: CONFIRMATION YOUTH MINISTER

Daniel Glaze joins staff as our new Confirmation Youth Minister. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and raised in North Austin, Texas. His parents, Gordy and Michele, live in Austin and his younger brother is a Texas A&M alumni who currently serves as a FOCUS missionary. Daniel graduated from Texas State University with a BA in Mass Communication and minor in Business, but has always had a heart for ministry. He is married to Ana (an administrative assistant at Adore Ministries) and they have an adorable 2-year-old daughter, Lily. Daniel says, “My wife is holier than I’ll ever be and my daughter is cuter than I’ll ever be.” Together, they created a YouTube channel “That Catholic Couple” to foster an online community of young Catholic married couples that extends offline. In his spare time, he’s into anything Marvel and likes to cook, watch sports, and listen to R&B or funk music. For those who don’t believe he’s a Hip Hop dancer, just test him. Daniel is happy to be a part of the St. Laurence family and looks forward to serving “these amazing teens, this crazy youth ministry team, and this holy parish community.” You can reach Daniel at 281-265-5774 and dglaze@stlaurence.org.

BASILIAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL

THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES
Fr. Richard Wahl, CSB
Missionary Childhood Association

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR CHILDREN LOST BEFORE BIRTH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Special prayers and intercessions to remember children lost before birth. Mothers will be given a flower and a prayer card. In the church.

ST. LAURENCE WOMEN’S RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 28-30
REGISTER ONLINE NOW!
STLAURENCE.ORG/WOMENSRETREAT

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA MASS & NOVENA
AUGUST 7 — IN THE CHURCH
FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30pm - Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00pm - Mass (followed by Novena to St. Anthony of Padua)

SAVE THE DATE
ST. LAURENCE CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES
AUGUST 25-26
IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER ALL MASSES
The Fort Bend Clubhouse is a safe place where those with mental illness in Fort Bend County gather together and teach and learn life skills together. Volunteer mentors are needed in the following areas: kitchen, social media, computer skills, special projects and wellness projects. Please contact Michelle Lovelace at michelle@fortbendclubhouse.org or 281-605-9212 for more information.

Summer of Service volunteers wrote encouragement cards and decorated treat bags (made by Jean Bauer) for the children at the Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center. Volunteers also decorated treats to be sent to troops stationed in Afghanistan.

Do you have gently used shoes that you no longer need? If so, drop them in one of the Social Concerns bins in the church narthex NEXT weekend only, August 11/12. The shoes are cleaned and refreshed by the Lawerance Perreau family (and friends) and shipped to Soles4Souls, a global social enterprise institution committed to fighting poverty through the collection and distribution of shoes. Your donations create sustainable jobs in developing nations and help people lift themselves and their families out of poverty!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Kroger Community Rewards Program by linking your Kroger card to the Social Concerns Ministry. In an effort to make it easier for you to support SCM, Kroger is no longer requiring yearly re-enrollment. If you have already linked your Kroger card to SCM, you don’t need to do anything. If you would like to start supporting SCM, please follow the instructions below. SCM uses these funds to purchase food for various local shelters and pantries by the Coupons for a Cause shoppers who shop local grocery deals to save 50% or more! SCM earned rewards of over $2,000 in our last fiscal year and turned those rewards into over $4,000 worth of groceries!

HOW TO ENROLL:
Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. You will need to enter your email address, create a password, enter your zip code, click on favorite store, and agree to the terms and conditions. Click on Community, then on Community Rewards, then click on enroll now. Enter St. Laurence Catholic Church Social Concerns (or NPO #80854) and click on it and save.

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 Church Social Concerns. Thank you!
RESPECT LIFE BROCHURE OF THE MONTH:
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End
This brochure lists ten concrete ways we can compassionately care for family or friends who are approaching the end of their lives. For example, listening to discover your loved ones values and how best to honor his or her wishes, and informing yourself about hospice care and the church’s teaching on end of life care. Our bishops teach “Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome.” Intentionally hastening death, whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care, is never morally permissible. Other ways to care for our loved ones are to help them achieve closure, provide opportunities for resolution, reminiscing, and showing tenderness. Finally, bear their transition patiently. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say, and if you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, “I love you. It’s OK to go home now.”

MASS of Remembrance of Children Lost Before Birth.
Whether you have had a miscarriage recently or many years ago, join us for this special Mass on Wednesday, August 8th at the 6:30 pm Mass. The little one you have lost will be honored and remembered through special readings and intercessions. This Mass is also for you as the parents to celebrate this gift of life through the prayers of the Church. There will also be a flower and prayer card given to all the mothers at the end of Mass.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD, a Catholic spiritual retreat for those suffering after an abortion, will be held August 31st-September 2nd. For more information or to register, please call 713-741-8728 or email jkfritsch@archgh.org.

NAMI OFFERS HOPE
NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness
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.

Please join us at one of our support meetings. All meetings are held at United Way, 12300 Parc Crest, Stafford, TX 77487.
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 Monday, Sept. 10, 6-8:30pm
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 Monday, Sept. 17, 6-8:30pm
Peer-to-Peer is a 10-session recovery-focused educational program for adults living with mental illness who wish to establish and maintain wellness.

Call NAMI Greater Houston at 713-970-4419 or email at namigh@namigreaterhouston.org.

SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES
WEEKLY
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
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
Loving Creations: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the SCM Workroom, 10:00am-Noon, to provide handcrafted items for adults and children hospital patients
Village Program: Matches parish families with families that struggle each month to make ends meet

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE AND OTHER GREAT WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS, GO TO www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

WHAT WE NEED
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 ISAIAH 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

• 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

• Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, disinfectant spray cleaners for PEOPLE IN CRISIS.
The library needs dedicated, VIRTUS trained volunteers to help manage the various tasks involved in running our ministry. Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System and previous library experience are helpful but not necessary as long as you are willing to learn! Have you checked out the library's webpage? You can find out all the exciting things happening at

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**Ministry News**

**ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL**

The first commandment is to love God. What better way to love God than to spend time with Him in the chapel? *The Archdiocese guidelines for Eucharistic Exposition require that 2 or 3 persons be present at all times.* We are adding a second adorer whenever only one is currently in place. Are you that second person?

**URGENT** Need for adorers at these times:
- Sunday, 6am to 7am
- Sundays, 10am to 11am
- Mondays, 12am to 1a

Please check online: stlaurence.org/adoration or pick up a card at the back of the church for a list of days and times available and prayerfully consider the hours listed where we need committed adorers. Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org 281-224-6122

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**SEP 20: EMBODIED - THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**

An Introduction to Theology of the Body

3-Week Course — Three Thursday Nights in a row

Sept. 20, Sept. 27 & Oct. 4, 7:00-9:00pm

Marian Hall at the Ave Maria Center

Anyone in their 20s or 30s single, dating, engaged, or married couples are invited to attend.

Cost: $20 for all 3 nights — includes workbook, materials and appetizers. Speakers: Michaela Barta & Eric Painter, both have taken TOB 1&2 from the TOB Institute. For more information and to register, go to www.stlaurence.org/embodied

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**TEACHINGS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Deacon Rey will continue teachings on the Holy Spirit and His gifts

Friday August 17 and August 24 (4th Fri). Meetings in the Chapel of the Divine Mercy starts at 7:00pm.

For questions call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Margie Calo at 281-980-4711.

**CLASS RESUME IN AUGUST**

**AUG 9: CHALLENGE CLUB NIGHT**

Girls, are you free this Thursday?

You don't want to miss the Challenge Club Night!

The Challenge Club would like to invite all girls grades 5th to 9th to join other girls for a night of FUN, FRIENDS and FAITH at our Club Night on August 9th, no registration needed. JUST COME!

Praising God, serving God, loving God and having fun while doing it is what the Challenge Club for Girls is all about and we would love for you to join us. This club night is August 9th, 6:30 to 8:00pm in the youth room, Ave Maria Center. Seriously, don't miss it!

Registration opens the first week of August. For more information contact Maria Leano at 979 549 2683 or slcc1213@gmail.com. See you soon!

**SEPT 6: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

The Cancer Support Group is for all cancer patients and survivors, their caregivers and friends. The group meets September-June on the first Thursday of each month to share stories and journeys, listen and learn from professionals and one another, and find hope and strength through prayer. Join them on Thursday, September 6, 10:00-11:30am in the St. Clare Room at the Ave Maria Center, to hear guest speaker Dr. Janet Tu, an oncologist from MD Anderson Sugar Land. Dr. Tu will discuss the latest in cancer research and treatments, and answer any questions you may have about cancer. For more info, please call Mariann Licato at 281-778-6356.

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**Holy Hour of Reparation**

Spend an hour consoling Jesus in a Holy Hour of Reparation at the Chapel of Divine Mercy, 7-8 pm, every 4th Thursday of the month.

The Legion of Mary is the largest Apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, whose purpose is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. There are Active members and Auxiliary members. Working together for spreading the Gospel, auxiliary members pray for the work done weekly by the active members. See stlaurence.org/legion-of-mary. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Corpus Christi room. President is Maria Argao, 281-221-8228

**Cub Scout Pack 1828 News**

**Rally Night Saturday**
August 18, 2018 @ 6 PM in the Parish Hall
Sign up to be a Cub Scout in grades 1-5, Ice Cream and a Movie, meet new friends, have fun.

**Pack 1828’s First Pack Meeting, September 4**
Parents can still sign up their son to be a scout if they missed Rally Night. Scouts officially kick off their new year in scouting, meet new friends, have fun.

More info about Cub Scouts at stlaurence.org/cub-scouts

**Attention Vendors - Shop 'Til You Drop**

We are now accepting vendor applications for the popular annual “Shop ‘Til You Drop” event, organized by the St. Laurence Ladies Guild. This year’s event will be held on Thursday, November 15, from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Ave Maria Parish Life Center. The monies raised each year go towards helping various organizations in our community and our parish. If you have a business and would like to purchase space in our event, please contact the STUD Coordinator, Carol Giardina at stlshop@gmail.com

**AUG 9: Caregivers Support Family Dinner**

The Caregivers Support Group is a spiritually-based fellowship for those caring for a loved one (of any age) with special needs, such as autism spectrum, dementia, Down syndrome, Parkinson’s and stroke. Come learn more about the group at “Celebrate the Super Hero in You,” their 3rd Annual Family Dinner & Games Night on Thursday, August 9, 6:00-8:30pm, in Marian Hall. The Holy Spirit fills each of us with gifts of super-hero proportions. Whether your super power is a super smile, witty wisdom, or powerful perseverance, we all have gifts to share, and we can’t wait to see what God will do with those gifts as we gather in community! The evening includes dinner, fellowship, and fun ability-adapted games for all ages. Please RSVP by August 6, and bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. A main dish and drinks will be provided. To RSVP, or for more info, contact Lori Knowles (knowlesml5@gmail.com, 281-261-5738) or Jane Jewell (ejcomp@aol.com, 281-265-9658).

**Aug 23: Legion of Mary Holy Hour**

**Holy Hour of Reparation**

Spend an hour consoling Jesus in a Holy Hour of Reparation at the Chapel of Divine Mercy, 7-8 pm, every 4th Thursday of the month.

**DivorceCare at St. Laurence**

Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. Don’t go through separation or divorce alone. The group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You’ll gain access to valuable DivorceCare resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in the St. Francis room in the Ave Maria Center. If interested, contact Janie Picou at jdpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

**Summer Session 2018**

You can join at any time

August 8 - Reconciliation
August 15 – No Group - Assumption of Mary
August 22 - Moving On, Growing Closer to God

**Joy Club for Seniors**

The J.O.Y. Club (Just Older Youth) is a parish group for people 55-and-up. The group meets on the first Monday of each month, from 11:00am-1:00pm, for a social activity or program at the Ave Maria Center. Join us at these upcoming events and contact Anne Higgins at nannyhiggs@gmail.com, 832-755-5597.

**Wed 8/29** Ft. Bend Museum field trip and lunch at Sandy McGee’s in Richmond — more details coming soon.

**Tue 9/4** noon Mass and lunch

**Mon 9/17** 11 am to 1pm, DOWNsizing YOUR LIFE, in the AMC. Brown bag lunch

**Aug 11: Ministerio Hispano Misa en Español**

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. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com

**Turn Back My Soul to Your Rest**

2017-2018
Be an apostle through a ministry
Live the questions now ...

Why were you looking for me?
Luke 2: 49-50

Woman, how does your concern affect me? John 2: 4

Woman, where are they, has no one condemned you?
John 8: 10

Who touched me? Mark 5:31

Whom are you looking for?
John 20:15

Live your way into the answers

Sept. 28-30, 2018

Check-in opens Friday, 3 pm
Retreat begins:
Friday, 7 pm - Sunday 1:30 pm

Offering: $210.00
Register online at stlaurence.org/womensretreat
Full payment is required at registration
Registration is limited!

For more information contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or 281.265.5774
Holy Name Retreat Center | 430 Bunker Hill Rd Houston, TX 77024
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