**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

**ROSARY**

Friday 6:30am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

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

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

**MISA EN ESPAÑOL**  
August 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

**BLESSED IS SHE RETREAT**

OCTOBER 12-13, 2018  
HOSTED AT ST. LAURENCE IN HOUSTON, TX
PARISH OFFICE
3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-9812
Pastor: Fr. Drew Wood
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jaison Thomas, MSFS, jaison@stlaurence.org
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Truong Son Nguyen, tnguyen@stlaurence.org
Deacon: Renato (Rey) Arellano, deacon.rey@stlaurence.org
Deacon: Albert Bothe, abothe@comcast.net
Deacon: Don Burns, don@comcast.net
Deacon: Dennis Henderson, dhenderson@stlaurence.org
Deacon: Charles Plant, plant@stlaurence.org
Parish Administrator: Tony Oltremari, toltremari@stlaurence.org
Liturgy: Rosemary Mascarenhas, rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org
Facilities: Sheila Stulak, sstulak@stlaurence.org
Social Concerns: Pennie DeGroot, pdegroot@stlaurence.org
Parish Life/Communications: Sharon Ehrenkranz, sehrenkranz@stlaurence.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-265-5774
Director Religious Education: Christine Dunn, cdunn@stlaurence.org
Religious Education Registrar: Ruba Kaiser, rkaiser@stlaurence.org
Adult Faith Formation: Justin Frato, jfrato@stlaurence.org
Young Adult Ministry: Michaela Barta, mbarta@stlaurence.org
Children’s Faith Formation: Joan Hastreiter, jhastreiter@stlaurence.org
Youth Ministry: Eric Painter, epainter@stlaurence.org
Maureen Bass, mbass@stlaurence.org
Daniel Glaze, dglaze@stlaurence.org

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2630 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-0500
Principal: Suzanne Barto, sbarto@stlaurence.org
Registrar: Suzanne Byrne, sbyrne@stlaurence.org

WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-313-0329
Director: Becky Wilkinson, bwilkinson@stlaurence.org
Registrar: Christine Novia, cnovia@stlaurence.org

PARISH LEADERSHIP COUNCILS
281-980-9812
Pastoral Council: Roger Peters, rogerwpeters@me.com
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
"The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." // John 3:8

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 that freedom, and give it to other women.

With time allocated for personal reflection time as well as two nights of adoration, Vigil Mass, delicious food and sweet Blessed is She swag, this retreat is for you.

The Wild retreat is for any and all women 18+ who:

+ are searching for community
+ are looking to rekindle their faith
+ need peaceful, powerful prayer time
+ are yearning for a deeper relationship with the Lord

Blessed is She WILD Retreat
Friday-Saturday, October 12-13, 2018
St. Laurence Catholic Church
with Ike Ndolo, Danielle Noonan, Michelle Benzinger, Katie Hartfiel, Beth Davis and Sister Maria Guadalupe Halle, O.P.

Find out more and purchase your ticket at blessedisshe.net/wild

PRAYING THE NEWS | AUGUST 12, 2018

“…be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.”

EPHESIANS 4:32

Dear Lord, you know how hard it can be for mere humans to forgive, even as we are forgiven so much. Pope Francis and your bishops have affirmed human dignity, mercy and hope of redemption in their firm stand against the death penalty. May we, your people in Texas, the US and throughout the world, accept your Gospel call to reject violence and vengeance in all forms.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.
In Our Prayers...

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, NV
SPC David Ambrocik, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
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
MGST. 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 Dockum, 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 Janneh Xavier George, US Army
SGF Philip Graham, US Army
CPT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
SGT Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
Ann 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 Ramrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
Sgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whiteley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUG 11**
5:00pm – Raymond & Marie Morvant (D)

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

**MONDAY, AUG 13**
7:30am – AIC Michael Liu (I)
12:00pm – Carlos Pinto Lobo (D)

**TUESDAY, AUG 14**
7:30am – Howard Cordova (D)
12:00pm – Kevin Hinguillo (D)
6:30pm – Robert & Ruth Egan (D)

**WEDNESDAY, AUG 15**
8:15am – Teodorico Bentulan, Jr. (D)
12:00pm – Crisipo Jaionm (I)
6:30pm – Mary Pueba (D)

**THURSDAY, AUG 16**
7:30am – Robert J. Wallace (D)
12:00pm – Felisa Baldonado (D)

**FRIDAY, AUG 17**
8:15am – Estelita Virdzadzo (D)
12:00pm – Rosalie & Joseph Guarisco (D)

**SATURDAY, AUG 18**
8:30am – Robert E. Kempker, III (D)
5:00pm – Pamela & Scott Sann (I)

**SUNDAY, AUG 19**
7:15am – Salvador Rosario (D)
9:00am – Zenon & Victoria Ohinowsky (D)
11:00am – Dominico & Maria Nguyen (D)
12:45pm – Joyce Barns Dusek (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

Collin 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**

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Corrected Ministry. Please pray for... Isabella Flores, Adrian Zaldivar, Johnny Sanchez, Sonia Aguilar, Jessica Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Lizette Trevino, Tommy Dooley, Chelsea George Family, Denise Joslyn Family, Fecteau Family, Amy, Austin, Alec, Daryl Beasley Family, Jerry, Chad, Strauch Family, Ronald Bussey & Family, Michael John Simon, Frank & Nora Serrano and Family, Rodriguez Family, Sanchez Family, Mosqueda Family, Simonson Family, Reyna Family, Rios Family, Cortez Family, Puente Family, Ray Lee Gracia, Adam Garcia III, Garcia Family, Isabel, Kristal, Izzak, Antaino, Angelica, Edward, Janie, Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (7/23/18).
**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

**SEPT 14-16: ENCOUNTER HOUSTON**
Encounter Houston will be presented by Adore Ministries, in partnership with Steubenville Conferences, held at the Marriott Marquis in downtown Houston the weekend of September 14-16. Whether you are a young family with kids (there’s a camp for the kids), a grandparent, a student just finishing college, or a young professional, there is a place for you at Encounter! It begins Friday evening with a Family Festival in the Park on Discovery Green and closes with Mass on Sunday morning. In between is a lot of relaxation, worship and a life giving encounter with Jesus. The ministry team leading Encounter Houston includes Paul George, Katie Hartfiel, Fr. Louis Merosne, Deacon Ralph Poyo, Ennie & Cana Hickman, Ben Walther, Matt & Stephanie Regitz and the Josh Blakesley Band. For the schedule, more event details and to register, please go to www.encounterhouston.com.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

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| 2ND COLLECTION: HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION | $17,188 |

**ONLINE GIVING**

Monthly Offertory .............................................. $218,003
Participants ...................................................... 1,038

**DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**

2018 Parish Goal .................................................. $495,000
Total Amount Paid .............................................. $379,663
Total Amount Pledged .......................................... $430,134
Participants ...................................................... 901

**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
*not licensed by the state

**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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Next Classes: September 8 & October 6
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.

**PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

**WEDDINGS**
Alison Tran & Nathan Shaw
Amy Ewbank & Bryan Malone

**BAPTISMS**
Gracie Ann Centanni, Ryleigh Elizabeth Meador, Anastasia Zoe Flores, Michael Antonio Flores, Sebastian Angel Rodriguez, Lucas John Schuh, Eliza Ventura Vela

**FUNERALS**
Irma Soza, mother of Eric and Javier Soza

**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
Infirm Priests Collection
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 CCE at cindymartin@stlaurence.org or Joan Hastreiter for Elementary (Grades 1-5) CCE at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org.

Summer break is quickly becoming a distant memory as we are about to kick off another school year! Many prayers for all of our students who have already gone back to school and for those who will begin this week or next. We pray that you have a safe and fruitful school year. We also pray for all of our parents, teachers and administrators who are such wonderful shepherds of our children throughout the year. Thank you for your loving witness to the children of St. Laurence!

Calling ALL PARENTS! We are gearing up for our CCE kickoff in the AMC and still have a need for parents to help out during our three sessions by acting as desk monitors. Hanging out in the AMC during CCE? We would greatly appreciate any help you can provide us. For more details and a description of our volunteer opportunities, please visit the church website under ‘Education/Elementary CCE’ or contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org.

MONDAYS: CALLING ALL MOMS WITH TOTS!
Are you a mom who is the primary caregiver for your young child(ren) ages infant to pre-K? Join the Moms & Tots Ministry! On Monday mornings, we gather for our weekly play group. We plan a variety of activities from parks and splash pads to mass and reconciliation opportunities! We support and encourage you in your vocation as a mother while sharing our faith with our kids and serving the community. 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! Please contact us for more information at stlaurence.momsandtots@gmail.com or call (956) 802-8084.

SEEKING FUTURE SLCS SAINTS
We have a few remaining spots open for students in 2th-7th grade. 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.

BE PART OF OUR TEAM!
St. Laurence Catholic School has a few job openings! You can find the list on our school website: stlaurenceschool.org/employment. At this time we are searching for a Librarian to join our team. If you are interested in joining our Saints Family, please submit your information here: www.choosecatholicschools.org/employment-opportunities

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 and apply at www.choosecatholicschools.org/employment-opportunities
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

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 Eric at epainter@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774

SOCIALS

Follow us on Instagram @stlaurencelt for more details

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

@ St. Laurence Young Adults
www.stlaurence.org/youth

Main Events

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

• AUG 22: Fall 2018 Young Adult Bible Study: Wisdom
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

• 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: blessedishe.net 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.

AUG 23: World Youth Day Cross & Icon visit Houston
Join the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as we gather for a night filled with worship, reflection, and multicultural celebration in the company of Bishop Sheltz as the World Youth Day Cross and Marian Icon visit in Houston on their way to World Youth Day in Panama. The Cross has traveled around the world since 1984, when St John Paul II gave it to young people. People of all ages are welcome: Youth, young adults, couples, families. This event is free. Thursday, August 23 from 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston. Information: archgh.org/yacm or call 713-741-8778

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.
Contact Mo Boss at mboss@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774
For Adults

**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

**MOMS GIFT GROUP**
Begins Wednesday, Sept 26
9:15-11:00 am, Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall B
GIFT is a group book study for moms who are seeking a deeper faith, a holier family, and the support of other moms. This semester we will read “Heaven Starts Now, Becoming a Saint Day by Day” by Fr. John Riccardo. With the help of Fr. Riccardo, come dive into the Scriptures so that you can apply them to your daily lives. He will address the obstacles we all face in becoming mature disciples.
For more info: contact Rachelle Dooley at rdooley1987@outlook.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.

**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/remembering

**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…**

**FORMACION PARA EL MINISTERIO CRISTIANO**
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 quisieran 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 registrarse y pagar con tarjeta de credito, por favor vea a la pagina web: archgh.cvent.com/FPMCOnoto2018. Para mas informacion, pueden llamar a Veronica Reinoso, 832-231-6988, veroreinoso62@gmail.com

**DATE NIGHT**
FOR COUPLES
Saturday, Sept 15, 6:30-9:00pm
More information to follow!

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Formacion para el Ministerio Cristiano (FPMC) ofrece la base teologica y el crecimiento espiritual para todos aquellos catolicos adultos mayores de 18 anos que quisieran 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 registrarse y pagar con tarjeta de credito, por favor vea a la pagina web: archgh.cvent.com/FPMCOnoto2018. Para mas informacion, pueden llamar a Veronica Reinoso, 832-231-6988, veroreinoso62@gmail.com
Our Women's Book Study continues with another Sonja Corbitt book!

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.

The term “spiritual warfare” conjures images of heavenly battles between archangels and demons, but Sonja Corbitt insists that there is a realm of spiritual warfare that is more domestic than it is cosmic—in the trenches of dirty bathrooms, fighting children, irritable spouses, the struggle to stop smoking or overeating, crazy schedules, and overwhelming workloads.

**Fearless** offers encouragement to those who are anxious or fearful about the future and who seek a spiritual solution.

Books can be purchased on Amazon or Mary Regina the Catholic Store

For more information and to register go to stlaurence.org/womensbookstudy
Living as Disciples

LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Letter to the Ephesians urges us to be mindful that part of our life together in the Eucharist means being kind to one another, compassionate and forgiving, just as Christ has forgiven us. What can we do this week to show our kindness, compassion and forgiving attitude toward others in our family of faith? How can we be even better stewards of our faith community as, what St. Paul refers to as “Imitators of God?”

www.catholicstewardship.com

Christopher Dayanand

Christoer Dayanand has a special devotion to St. Anthony of Padua and recently stepped into a leadership position with this large prayer group at St. Laurence. He and his family started attending the parish 20 years ago, but a chance discovery changed his life: “In December of 2015, I was on the top of the world and I came to St. Laurence chapel to say a thank-you prayer and that is when I discovered the St. Anthony of Padua weekly Novena and Mass. I was impressed with the small group, but when you have power, position and money, at least I was not focused on my spiritual life. 2017 was a life changer when I was laid off. St. Anthony helped me regain trust and the spiritual strength to start a new life, and I felt more drawn towards the Church. Today, I am deeply involved and help in any way I can. I do not expect favors nor compliments back. I would greatly advise everyone to get involved spiritually. Take time and help serve the Lord, even just a small task. You will be amazed how the Lord will guide and lead you in all walks of your life. I was also surprised to discover St. Laurence has lots of ministries to get involved in and help various kinds of people. I plan to get involved more and I want to use my experience and skills I have acquired to help our parishioners. I want to get involved in bringing people back who have strayed away from the Church like me.”

Q.
Eucharistic Minister spilled consecrated wine at Mass and several people wiped it up. Is that how it should be done?

A.
Okay, I’m sure an acolyte was there and they know what to do. Per Fr. Drew, this is what should have happened (and again we weren’t there): An acolyte should wet a purificator and wipe it up, then go over the spot with dry purificators. Purificators are specially washed (by volunteers) with respect for the Blood of Christ. The linens are soaked in water to allow all crumbs and remnants of the precious Body and Blood of Christ to dissolve, then the water is poured back into the earth. Hey, if you are interested in doing this... or MY laundry... (just kidding), call the church office.

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.
Tom Ruck will be ordained a Deacon on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Houston.

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
EMBODIED
An Introduction to Theology of the Body

THREE WEEKS | TWO LOCATION OPTIONS | $20

SOUTH HOUSTON
ST. LAURENCE CHURCH | 7-9PM
SEPTEMBER 20
SEPTEMBER 27
OCTOBER 4

NORTH HOUSTON
ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH | 7-9PM
OCTOBER 11
OCTOBER 18
OCTOBER 25

HEAD TO WWW.STLAURENCE.ORG/EMBODIED TO REGISTER

“The body, and it alone, is capable of making visible what is invisible, the spiritual and the divine.”
St. John Paul II
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.

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**Ministry with Persons with Disabilities Steering Committee**

The Ministry with Persons with Disabilities will hold its Steering Committee Meeting on August 21 at 7:00 pm in room 200 of the AMC. Some of the needs that have been identified include access to mass for families with special needs, the religious formation of children/young adults, and fostering greater community acceptance/integration. The agenda will include reports from the Formation, Liturgy, and Community subcommittees, along with the finalization of the mission statement. If you feel called to assist those with special needs, join us or contact Cindy Martin for more information.

**Today: Knights Sell Briskets for Labor Day**

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.*

**Experienced Early Child Care Workers Wanted**

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Candidates must be friendly, mature, reliable, trustworthy, punctual and well presented. Hours vary and there are occasional evenings and weekends. Responsibilities include caring for the children, teaching them about the Catholic faith in age appropriate ways (story-telling, songs, simple arts and craft activities, etc.) and keeping the environment safe and clean. Previous experience caring for children is required. Candidates are required to take the Virtus class (Protecting God’s Children) and have a clear a background check. Training in First Aid and CPR will be provided.

Please email a current resume with details of your previous experience and contact information to Elizabeth Hernandez ehernandez@stlaurence.org.

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Serving Others

HELP ADULTS LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH

It’s time to Learn English!

Sign up to teach or register for FREE English classes now.

NEXT WEEK ON THE PLAZA
Volunteer or learn more about the Learn English Ministry by talking to a volunteer next weekend on the plaza after Mass. The Learn English Ministry offers free English language lessons to adults. Our students come from 30+ different countries and speak a variety of languages. We teach conversational English: those basic skills needed to talk on the phone, get directions, open a bank account or talk to a child’s teacher.

USED SHOE DRIVE
THIS WEEKEND: 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 THIS weekend only, August 11/12. The shoes are cleaned and refreshed by the Lawerence 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!

NAMI OFFERS HOPE
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.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
VOLUNTEER AT THE FORT BEND CLUBHOUSE
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.

Volunteer! No experience is needed; we will train you. Talk to a volunteer after Mass to learn how you can help our highly motivated students improve their lives by learning to speak better English.

Take a Class! Sign up on the plaza for this year’s English classes. Our free classes are open to adults of all nationalities and faiths. Questions: stlaurence.org/learn-english-ministry
**RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

**AUG 18: PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD**
The archdiocesan Helpers of God’s Precious Infants will gather for 8:30 am Mass at Christ the Good Shepherd 18511 Klein Church Rd in Spring, followed by Rosary at Planned Parenthood, 4747 Louetta. [Maybe shop at Old Spring after?] For more information, contact Vicki Whynott 832-875-5126 or Spanish, Viola Griselda Mendoza-Morales 832-660-3924.

**RACHEL’S VINEYARD**, a Catholic spiritual retreat for those suffering after an abortion, will be held August 31st-September 2nd. You are not alone, and Jesus loves you as much as ever. For more information or to register, please call 713-741-8728 or email jkfritsch@archgh.org. The confidentiality of your information will be respected.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF A CHILD AT RISK:** Please consider praying daily for a child known to God who is at risk of abortion. Prayer cards will be available at the Hospitality Desk and all exit doors next week. The baby’s development will be followed for nine months, and the birth of the baby will be celebrated with a parish baby shower in May to benefit needy moms. Watch the bulletin next week for more details!

**COMMUNITY REWARDS**

**KROGER REWARDS**
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!

**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.

**SERVICE 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
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:**
- Sundays, 10am to 11am
- Saturdays, 2pm to 3pm

Please check online: [stlaurence.org/adoration](http://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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**ADULT SINGLES NEWS**

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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.

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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 jpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

CUB SCOUT PACK 1828 NEWS

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SEPT 4: Pack 1828’s First Pack Meeting
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More info about Cub Scouts at stlaurence.org/cub-scouts

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  11am to 1pm, DOWNSIZING YOUR LIFE, in the AMC. Brown bag lunch

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.

AUG 25: 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.

BUDDY TO A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY

Ministry with Persons with Disabilities

Can you be the difference to a child with a disability? Are you ready to make an impact? Buddies play a pivotal role in welcoming all God’s children. A Buddy provides support to a child with special needs so that they can successfully be included in CCE (religious education). Buddies could serve as a guide to a child with a visual impairment, remind a learner with high functioning Autism to wait their turn to speak, or break down instructions for a learner with Down Syndrome. This opportunity is open to adults and high school students. Buddies are needed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during CCE classes, on Wednesday during EDGE, and on Sundays during Preschool CCE and Life Teen. Previous experience is helpful, but not required. We will provide training and support.

Please contact Cindy Martin with inquiries and complete the application on our website, stlaurence.org/buddy-application

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SUMMER SESSION 2018 (You can join at any time)

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

TURN BACK MY SOUL TO YOUR REST
2017-2018
Be an apostle through a ministry
Date Night Series for Couples

REFOCUS

THE INVENTORY FOR MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Saturdays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall

Sept 15   Marriage as A Process
Oct 27    Intimacy
Nov 10    Compatibility
Dec 8     Communication
Jan 26    Commitment
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