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

ROSARY
Friday 6:30am

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

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
September 22 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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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 rrmartinez@stlaurence.org
What’s in it for You?

If you choose to be part of the That Man is You program starting Sept 12, you will be joining a great group of 100 men who have been growing in their journeys to be great husbands, fathers and spiritual leaders of their families.

We have men ranging in age from 25 to over 70 years old, married, divorced and single. All are welcome and all will find a place in That Man is You.

We asked our St. Laurence men last Christmas to write down what TMIY has meant to them and their families. Here’s what they told us:

“I wish this program existed 25 years ago when we started our family life.”

“I am so thankful for TMIY – it was one of the best decisions of my life.”

“I wish I had known of this program 10-15 years ago – it might have saved my marriage.”

“TMIY has awakened me as a man and a father to what God is calling me to do. I know I need to step up and be the spiritual leader of my family.”

“TMIY has helped clearly define what it means to be a man and the role that men are created to play in marriage, family, and society as a whole.”

“TMIY has transformed my life to be a better father.”

“TMIY has helped me see my wife and family as a gift from God.”

“The fellowship with other men seeking a deeper relationship with God has been a blessing to me.”

So who should sign up today for this program?
That Man would be You!

Learn more from the guys involved. They’re on the plaza after Mass today sharing information and signing guys up for the next semester beginning September 12. Or contact coordinator Roger Peters directly at rogerwpeters@me.com or 713-857-8386.

stlaurence.org/tmiy

Program Information
Wednesday mornings starting September 12
Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall

Schedule
5:30 Breakfast
5:45 Video Presentation
6:20 Small Group Discussion
7:00 Program Ends

Register for this free program by contacting Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com or 713-857-8386

Praying the News | September 9, 2018

“Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...”

Isaiah 35:4

O Lord, the news of late tempts us to fear – for our nation, our church and more. Yet you call us to be steadfast in trusting you – to believe that you are far greater than the current storms. Please open ears and hearts to your living Word and Wisdom in our times. May we follow you wholeheartedly in compassion and justice. Please grant the peace that comes with seeking and doing your will. Amen. †
In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambrocik, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
PO 5 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 Colan Day, US Navy
CPT Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
SGT Nicholas Dockum, US Army
CPT 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
CPT Michelle Thibault, US Army
CPT Will Thibault, US Army
PFC Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahnile Xavier George, US Army
SFC 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 Ramsforth, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
Ssgt 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 Wileble, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPT 8
5:00pm – Carol Siwierka (D)
8:30pm – Peggy Anderson (D)
12:00pm – Gregorio Mercado, Sr. (D)
6:30pm – Donald Lanham (D)
9:00pm – Yolanda Llagostera (D)

SUNDAY, SEPT 9
7:15am – Frank Demario (D)
9:00am – Mike Werner (D)
11:00am – Martin Werner (D)
12:45pm – Ardis Super (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPT 10
7:30am – Gregorio Mercado, Sr. (D)
12:00pm – Peggy Anderson (D)

TUESDAY, SEPT 11
7:30am – Gloria & Geraldine Calderon (I)
12:00pm – Eligha Josia Flores (I)
6:30pm – Donald Lanham (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 12
7:30am – Ladislafo Firmacion (D)
12:00pm – Frank Reina (D)

THURSDAY, SEPT 13
7:30am – Christian Jacob Rivas (I)
12:00pm – Eligha Josia Flores (I)

FRIDAY, SEPT 14
8:15am – Puthenpurayil Family (D)
12:00pm – Frank Reina (D)

SATURDAY, SEPT 15
8:30am – Gregorio Mercado, Sr. (D)
5:00pm – Anthony Pavlik (D)

SUNDAY, SEPT 16
7:15am – Clara & Vincent Poslusny (D)
9:00am – Salvador Rosario (D)
11:00am – Paula Jean Tillman (D)
12:45pm – Zandra Lozada (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS 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

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Isabella Flores, Adrian Zaldivar, Johnny Sanchez, Sonia Aguilar, Lizette Trevino, Jessica Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Keith Cameron, Melanie Layland & Family, Sierra Family, Torres Family, Hammond Family, Tommy Dooley, Chelsea George Family, Denise Joslyn Family, Michael John Simon, Frank & Nora Serrano & Family, Puente & Cortez Family, Linda & Keith Cameron & Family, Joe Longoria & Family, Bob Ahmandi, Broherton Family - healing. Ronald Bussey & Family, Linda Lucio, Silvio, Ezequiel, Jesus Robles, Gonzalez Family, Mungua Family, Stockhausen Family, Florentino & Oneyda Vasquez & Family, Laura & Jeff Arrington, Society of St. John de Mata, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (8/20/18, pg 1).
**SEPT 15: WALK FOR LIFE AT ALL SAINTS**
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**ST. JOHN XXIII COLLEGE PREPARATORY NIGHTS**
Middle School families, you are invited to the St. John XXIII College Preparatory Middle School Nights to enjoy the start of our exciting volleyball season! Head to our campus on Thursday, September 20 at St. John XXIII Competition Gym to enjoy Junior Varsity at 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. and Varsity at 6:30 p.m. Guests will receive a “Future Lion” wrist band and Concession stand coupon. For questions, please contact the St. John XXIII Admissions Department at admissions@sj23lions.org.

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Make this Christmas season extra special for your family by attending A Cardinal’s Christmas with His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, benefiting the Children and Family Services of Catholic Charities. On Saturday, December 8, at River Oaks Country Club. Now in its 10th year, this cherished family tradition includes a luncheon, Christmas treats, and Christmas story read by the Cardinal. Registration is now open. Go to catholiccharities.org/a-cardinals-christmas and contact Naibi Rivera at NRivera@CatholicCharities.org or 713-874-6629, for additional information.

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**PARISH CELEBRATIONS**
**FUNERALS**
Genevieve Nguyen, daughter of Brandon & Novelyne Nguyen
Elmick “Sonny” Brasseaux, husband of Carol Brasseaux
Shirley Brown, mother of Susan Brock and Billy Brown
Joe Celestain, husband of Ann Celestain

**FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING**
With the arrival of autumn, please consider joining with hundreds of your fellow parishioners to use Faith Direct, our parish’s electronic giving program, to make your contributions that support our parish. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct’s eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. It’s easy for you and very efficient for our parish staff. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX460 Whatever method you chose to make your gifts to our parish and its many ministries; cash, checks or through Faith Direct, thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
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.
STLAURENCE.SCHOOL.ORG

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPT 9: Preschool CCE (3’s & 4’s) through Kindergarten (Sunday option) BEGINS TODAY in the Ave Maria Center for all registered and placed children.

Please note that while our Preschool and Elementary CCE registration deadline has passed, limited availability on some days and in certain grade levels may exist. We also always offer our CCE students and families the Home Study CCE option which is a beautiful alternative allowing you to grow in your faith together with your child. For details on Home Study CCE, check out the CCE Home Study webpage stlaurence.org/home-study for details.

Elementary and Kindergarten (Wednesday option) CCE classes will resume THIS week on Sept. 11/12 with a Catechist Meet & Greet Night and Parent Information Session during all CCE sessions. Parents will escort their children into the AMC, drop them off with their catechists in the Guardian Angels Hall (or directly in their classrooms for Kindergarten students) and then proceed to the Marian Hall for a Parent Information Meeting. Parents will pick up their children and sign them out of their classes at dismissal time. Please be sure to check out the class placement rosters posted in the AMC Lobby. These will be updated periodically and will be available through the first several weeks of CCE. Note that students will not be individually notified of their placements, but rather should look for their names and classroom numbers on the posted class rosters.

SEPT 17: CCE Home Study Families (Grades PK3-12): Mark your calendars for our upcoming Home Study Kick-off on Monday, September 17, 7:00-8:00 pm in the AMC Marian Hall. Registered Home Study students and their parents will have an opportunity to pick up their materials for the school year, hear about our program year and also meet with other Home Study families and students.

If you have questions regarding placement and/or current availability, please contact Cindy Martin for Preschool and Kinder CCE at cindymartin@stlaurence.org or Joan Hastreiter for Elementary (Grades 1-5) CCE at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org

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DID YOU KNOW?
Did you know your parish school just kicked off its Annual Fund? The monies raised during this campaign benefit every student and immediately provides funds for curriculum resources, faculty compensation, professional development, and maintenance of our facilities. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our Annual Fund and enable us to continue our daily commitment to educating all of God’s Children. We also welcome company matching gifts. If you wish to contribute, please contact the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500 or visit our website at stlaurenceschool.org to contribute through Paypal.

NOV 12: SLCS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Please join us on November 12, as Solvay presents the 23rd Annual St. Laurence Catholic School Golf Tournament at Sweetwater Country Club! There are various opportunities to participate from sponsorships, foursomes, individual players and raffle donations. Player fees are $200 and include a 9 a.m. shotgun start with breakfast, lunch, beverages, goodie bag and awards reception. Please contact Kelly Goff at 281.980.0500 or kgoff@stlaurence.org to reserve your participation level now.
CONFIRMATION
Confirmation Parent Meetings
For Parents of teens to be Confirmed in 2019
A meeting detailing all of the sacramental preparation information parents need to ensure your teen will be properly formed and confirmed! Only parents need attend and you only need to attend one of the three meetings. As a reminder, these meetings are for parents of the new Confirmation candidates and not for the parents of the candidates being confirmed in September 2018.
Thursday, September 13, (Marian Hall, 7:00pm)
Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation or contact Daniel Glaze at dglaze@stlaurence.org for more information.

FIAT LUX

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

• SEPT 12: 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 Sessions: Sept 12, Sept 26, Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 12

• Monthly Social- 1st Wednesday // location varies

Young Married Couples
4™ SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
The Young Married Couples group is for any young adult married couple (in their 20s or 30s). We will be coming together for fellowship and prayer as we share the joys and challenges of our vocation. Of course, kids are welcome! Please email Alex McBride at alexandriapane15@gmail.com for more information.

Blessed Is She WILD Retreat
October 12-13! Hosted at St. Laurence! Register here: blessedisshethe.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.

Embodied: An Introduction to Theology of the Body
3 Week Course-- 3 Thursday Nights in a row
Sept 20, Sept 27 + Oct 4, 7:00-9:00PM
Marian Hall at the Ave Maria Center
For who? Anyone in their 20s or 30s- single, dating, engaged, married couples! Cost: $20 for all 3 nights — includes workbook, materials and appetizers! TOB Presenters: Michaela Barta & Eric Painter. To register, click here: www.stlaurence.org/embodied

LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF
September 16, 5pm Mass - 815pm
We’re back! All high school youth are invited to join us for our Life Teen Kick-Off on September 16. We encourage all youth to join us for 5pm Life Teen Mass in the Church (teens can sit up front!) and then Life Night from 6:15-8:15pm at the Ave Maria Center. It’s a night you won’t want to miss! More info about the year including our calendar can be found at stlaurence.org/lifetean

HELP LEAD TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST
Life Teen is only successful because we have adults who walk with our teens as a part of our Core Team. Core Team members simply give us their time on Sunday nights by helping lead small group discussions, and the rest is on us! Training and preparation is given. Email or call Eric at epainter@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 for more information. We’d love for the opportunity to meet you!

SEPT 12: EDGE KICKOFF, Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall. For more information or to register your middle school child, visit stlaurence.org/edge.

HELP NEEDED!
Edge Core Team: We are in need of adults who are willing to answer the call to lead our middle school youth into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Edge is only successful because of those who are willing to share their time and talents. If you’re interested in helping CORE team, please contact Maureen (Mo) Bass at mbass@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774..
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Begins Sept 10, 6:30-8:30pm
Ave Maria Center, Rm 206 & 208
The program consists of a 9-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. For more info: Sunny Soji-Tom at sunnysoji@hotmail.com

MOMS GIFT GROUP
Weds starting Sept 26, 9:15-11:00am 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. For more info: contact Rachelle Dooley at rdooley1987@outlook.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU
Weds, starting on Sept 12, 5:30-7:00am 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, 9:00-11:45am 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.

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY
Begins Thurs, Sept 13, 1-2:00pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30pm Ave Maria Rm 205
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre, shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. For more info: contact Julie Evett, jevett@comcast.net.

Return of Sacred Sunday on Monday
Want to hold onto the Mass Experience a little longer?
Begins Monday, Sept 24
10:30–11:30, Ave Maria Center, St Anne Room
Each Sunday at the start of Mass Fr. Drew reminds us that the most important hour of the week is Sunday Mass. Why is Mass the most important hour of the week? Because the Mass is sacred! You are invited to join a group that will revisit the table of the Lord by re-reading the sacred scriptures from the Sunday Mass, share in small groups, reflect and journal. Each session will close with various styles of contemplative prayer to discover where God is leading us. For more information or to join, contact Bernadette Peters at bernadettepeters@mac.com.

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The program consists of a 9-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. For more info: Sunny Soji-Tom at sunnysoji@hotmail.com

MOMS GIFT GROUP
Weds starting Sept 26, 9:15-11:00am 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. For more info: contact Rachelle Dooley at rdooley1987@outlook.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU
Weds, starting on Sept 12, 5:30-7:00am 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, 9:00-11:45am 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.

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY
Begins Thurs, Sept 13, 1-2:00pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30pm Ave Maria Rm 205
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre, shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. For more info: contact Julie Evett, jevett@comcast.net.

Return of Sacred Sunday on Monday
Want to hold onto the Mass Experience a little longer?
Begins Monday, Sept 24
10:30–11:30, Ave Maria Center, St Anne Room
Each Sunday at the start of Mass Fr. Drew reminds us that the most important hour of the week is Sunday Mass. Why is Mass the most important hour of the week? Because the Mass is sacred! You are invited to join a group that will revisit the table of the Lord by re-reading the sacred scriptures from the Sunday Mass, share in small groups, reflect and journal. Each session will close with various styles of contemplative prayer to discover where God is leading us. For more information or to join, contact Bernadette Peters at bernadettepeters@mac.com.
RE-MEMBERING Church

Been Away? We Miss You!

Do you feel as if something is **missing** in your life?

Are you **searching** for greater meaning?

Do you feel **disconnected** from God?

Know this: **God is seeking you!**

There is no better time than the present to return and we are here to help. Re-membering Church is a process of healing and reconciliation for inactive Catholics. Join us for evenings of dialogue to renew your relationship with the Catholic Church and St Laurence Community, voice your feeling and needs, and learn about current Catholic teachings. **No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason, you are always welcome.**

Join us for a 7-week program held on Monday evenings. The evening is facilitated by a team of parishioners in a safe, confidential, small group sharing environment.

**MONDAY EVENINGS:**
Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018
7-9 pm
Ave Maria Center, St Joseph Room

For more information contact Tom Ruck at tomruckstl@gmail.com or 281 242-4750, or visit stlaurence.org/remembering
IN THE SPOTLIGHT: MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Laurence is known for our music! Not only do we have choirs at each of the six weekend Masses, but the music offered at special liturgies, funerals and weddings has actually drawn people to our parish. Mary Thompson (Music Director) and Dr. Kevin Klotz (Music Minister) lead this ministry and invite those who love to sing or play musical instruments to join them.

WHAT’S INVOLVED: Most groups require a weekly rehearsal (Sept-May) that lasts around 90 minutes, then meet 30 minutes prior to Mass for a warmup. While previous experience and the ability to read music is helpful, it is not required for most of the groups.

WHAT’S IT LIKE: It is a real blessing and joy to make music together for the Lord. We have fun and enjoy each other’s company. We pray together, sing together, and work hard to lead the congregation in worship. It is very rewarding ministry and feels like a family!

MORE INFO: stlaurence.org/liturgical-choirs

There's a choir for everyone to be a part of. Come join us! See you at the Hospitality Desk after Mass.

STEWARDS AMONG US

TOM DONLIN

On Friday evenings, you're not going to find Tom Donlin at a restaurant. Instead, he's teaching a Peer Relationships class at the Jester III Prison Unit in Richmond, with Mark Dubois and Sam Pugh. It's a 4-week class and they minister to anywhere from 9-15 men per class. Tom says, “I felt a strong call by God to serve in ministry. Through various events in my life, God made it known – in no uncertain terms – that I had to go down this path. Serving in our correctional ministry and through the Knights of Columbus and on the Journey to Damascus retreat team, I have been able to get outside of myself and grow in my spiritual healing and in my sobriety journey. Along the way, I've received several additional gifts. In a nutshell, healing, validation of the suffering I endured as a child, and rediscovering my musical talent in playing the guitar and bass, as well as singing. St. Laurence offers many ways for God's people to use their gifts to build His kingdom. If my experience means anything, I would recommend that when God calls you to serve, the answer is YES. Also, procrastination to God's call is ill advised. I've got the lumps on my head and ego to prove it.”

May God’s blessing come down upon all your families, so that they may be places of love and forgiveness.

— Pope Francis

August 26, 2018

Ask Paula

Q.

What’s the right way to receive the Body and Blood? I see people doing it different ways.

A.

So I went right to the main source on this. (Fr. Drew, of course.) And per FD, “everything is done with intentional humility and reverence.” He said when you receive in your hand, you should have one hand under the other, like a throne, after you bow. Step to the side and place the body of Christ on your tongue. You should never grab the Host. FD would call that being a red snapper. Moving on to the Precious Blood… You should receive the chalice with both hands. You don’t want to be a red snapper, right? No grabbing. And definitely no holding the top of the chalice. Take a little sip and on your way, just sayin.

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.
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
Feb 23   Empty Nesters

Come take a REFOCCUS inventory that is designed to help you understand, appreciate and enrich your marriage. Ideal program for couples married 3 years or more.

The REFOCCUS inventory will provide presentations by licensed counselors, and the opportunity for discussion with your spouse, and other couples in small group, on the five core sections: marriage as a process, intimacy, compatibility, communication, and commitment. An optional 6th session for empty nesters will be offered. Each of these topics will be offered on separate Saturday evening sessions. Consideration of each of these areas will help refocus your attention to the core issues of your married relationship. This resource is meant to help you affirm the strengths in your marriage while identifying potential area for growth for you as a couple.

The evening will start with a pot luck dinner. We will provide the main dish. Please bring a side, salad, veggie, dessert to share with 10 people.

Cost: $70.00 (registration and materials)

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE  More details when you register

Register and pay at: stlaurence.org/refoccus
For more information contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurence.org
ARISE
NIGHT of WORSHIP

MONDAY, SEPT. 10
6:30-8:30 PM in the Church

“God Equips the Called”

This talk focuses on helping Catholic mothers, fathers, teens, and kids to hear and answer God’s personal call to holiness, abandon destructive perfectionism and self-doubt, and embrace their true vocations as wives, husbands, mothers, and children of God.

No Registration Required.
People of All Ages Welcome.

NEW!
Childcare Available
Advance registration required at stlaurence.org/play-pray

SPEAKER: DANIELLE BEAN
MUSIC: DANIELLE NOONAN

For more info: STLAURENCE.ORG/ARISE | St Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugar Land, TX  77479
On Monday, September 17, the St. Laurence Children’s & Youth Choirs begin rehearsal. If you’ve got a singer in the house, invite him or her to consider singing in the choir! Kids in Grades 2-4 meet from 4:30-5:30pm, and Grades 5-8 meet from 5:45-6:45pm. To kick off the new season, Director Mary Thompson asks that parents and children come to the Ave Maria Center and meet in Marian Hall. For more information, please contact Mary at 281-980-9812, mthompson@stlaurence.org.

ON THE PLAZA THIS WEEKEND

THAT MAN IS YOU
LEARN ABOUT FALL SESSION BEGINNING SEPT 12
The Revelation of the Father

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
GET INFORMATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE UPCOMING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

TODAY’S 2ND COLLECTION
National Collection for Catholic University of America, in Washington DC, and the University of St. Thomas, Houston’s only Catholic University

The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy is a faith sharing group that studies the Diary of St. Faustina, Holy Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A cenacle study group begins September 13 and meets each Thursday in the St. Francis Meeting Room from 10:00-11:30am. To learn more about the Cenacle and the message of Divine Mercy, contact Sally Flowers, 281-265-8360, sallyjoflowers@comcast.net. An evening study group meets every other Wednesday from 7:30-9:00pm in the Corpus Christi Room. To join this group, please contact Suzan Bryan, 713-816-5859, suzan.bryan@comcast.net.

The Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group is hosting a Healing Ministry Workshop on Saturday, October 27, 8:30am-4:00pm, in the parish hall. This workshop will be led by Steve and Tim Kroeger and includes presentations, prayer, song and lunch. Ideal for anyone interested in starting or joining a healing ministry, those already involved in healing ministry, plus anyone feeling the call to pray by laying on of hands. Encounter the Holy Spirit more powerfully and be equipped to effectively minister physical healing in the name of Jesus Christ. The event is free, but you must register by October 20 at stlaurence.org/hearts-of-jesus-and-mary. For more info, please contact Deacon Rey Arellano at 713-854-8804 or Marie Calo at 281-980-4711.

The home state of Fr. Jaison and Fr. Santy, Kerala, India, has suffered catastrophic floods. Next week, Fr. Drew is asking for a special second collection to provide relief to the millions of people who are in need of immediate aid. Thousands of families are displaced due to unrelenting rain and landslides. More than 35 dams in Kerala had to be opened, which only furthered the flood damage. At this writing, more than 450 deaths have been reported. Despite the government declining international aid, Fr. Jaison’s order, the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, is organizing relief efforts, opening shelters and providing much-needed basic needs. 100% of donations through MSFS will be directed to the people who are suffering. Go to stlaurence.org/kerala-relief for more information. Thank you for your generous support and for your prayers.

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Please join us on Mondays from 1:00 PM to 2:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center, Oratory of the Rosary, as we gather to praise and worship God. We pray the Rosary, worship God through music and reflect on God’s Word and spiritual writings. We also pray with each other and intercede for the needs of our church, our community, families, and all who are in need of prayer. During our time of reflection we will focus on the life of St. Catherine of Siena. If you have questions regarding this ministry contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

Consider praying it, wherever you are, each day at 3PM, THE HOUR OF MERCY

The Revelation of the Father

Respect Life Ministry
Get information for voter registration and the upcoming 40 Days for Life

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The core mission of the St. Laurence Habitat for Humanity ministry is to raise money and provide volunteer labor for the construction of new homes for people currently living in substandard housing. Our ministry has built 13 homes in the past 12 years.

However, last year, we chose to forgo the building of a new house so that we could help people who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey. In the three months after Harvey hit, we mucked and gutted 25 homes, helping those unfortunate souls to at least get to a stable place. Since then, we have shifted into a rebuilding mode. We have helped rebuild 11 flood-damaged homes since December. We have spent almost 5000 hours on this effort in the past year and the need is still ongoing. There are many neighborhoods that flooded last year where residents are still not back in their homes. If you drive through those neighborhoods, they look normal from the outside but on the inside, nobody is home. We will continue to help these folks out as long as the need is there. Please pray for them and, if you are so called, come and join us.

In the meantime, we are getting back to our base mission, which is to build new houses. Starting in October, we will begin our fundraising activities with the faith and knowledge that the 7500 families of St. Laurence will support the $70,000 price tag for a new house. The black bag collection on October 27 and 28 will be dedicated to the Habitat build and will be the beginning of the campaign. Then, starting in February, we will begin construction on a new house in Richmond. By June, a deserving family will have a new home, sponsored by the St. Laurence parish!

Please consider using your time, talent and treasure to contribute to this ministry! For more information, please contact Steve Pondell at spondell@comcast.net or 281-253-7088.

Teach your children the importance of serving others, have fun doing it together, and brighten the day for local senior citizens by calling BINGO at Sugar Land Health Care Center in old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. Playing BINGO is the highlight of the weekend for the seniors and they love winning quarters to purchase items from the vending machines. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Janet Roberts at jroberts3207@gmail.com.

“It’s such a fun experience getting to not only do something nice for the elderly, but to also form relationships with them as well. They have so much wisdom and advice to give, and it’s so inspiring.”

—Maddy Agner
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Peaceful and loving prayer outside abortion facilities have saved over 14,000 babies. Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm outside an abortionist’s office in Sharpstown, from Sept 26 to Nov 4. We are also sponsoring prayer at Planned Parenthood, 4300 Gulf Freeway on Tuesday, Oct 23, from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. Come to the table after all the Masses this weekend and next weekend for more information or email Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org for a link to the sign-up.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Participation in the political process, to help shape a government which truly serves the common good, is a moral obligation. Voter registration will be available after all the masses today and next weekend, and cards will be available at the Hospitality Desk. Deadline for registration is Oct 9 for the November election. Anyone who has moved into the county needs to register in Fort Bend County. Address changes within the county may be done online or you may use the regular registration form. Vote, and the choice is yours. Don’t vote, and the choice is theirs.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SHOE BOX PROJECT FOR SEAFARERS
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Western Deanery

The ACCW is requesting the help of the parish in collecting items to be placed in Christmas gift boxes for the seafarers calling on the Port of Houston this coming December. The gift boxes lift the seafarer’s spirit while they are away from their families during the Christmas holiday. Items needed are: medium size shoe boxes, band aids, kleenex, key chains, socks, combs, lotion, lip balm, paper and envelopes, stamps, nail clippers, address books, pencils and pens, deodorant, needle and thread, calendar, playing cards, Texas souvenirs, dental floss, reading materials, postcards, baseball caps (new), popcorn, t-shirts, shaving cream, flashlight, soap, shampoo, disposable razors, knitted and crochet hats. Please mark your donation “seafarers” and drop in the SCM bin in the narthex or the parish or SCM office by Wednesday, September 19.

Volunteers are needed to help pack and wrap boxes on Friday, September 21, at Holy Family Church in Missouri City, starting at 10:00 AM until finished. All help is appreciated. Contact: Ginny Kazmierczak 713-305-9845.

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.
**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: Sundays, 10-11 am

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

**JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS**

You are invited to join the JOY Club.
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.

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

**PARISH LIBRARY NEWS**

DID YOU KNOW that you can donate books we are specifically looking to add to our collection in honor of a birthday, Baptism, memorial, or any other event or occasion? A book plate is placed in the inside of the book commemorating the occasion and you will receive a certificate to present to the person you wish to honor. Right now, we desire to increase our collection of materials for middle school aged children. Call the Parish Librarian to ask about specific titles we are hoping to add.
The library is still looking for 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!

**For more info visit online:** stlaurence.org/parish-library

**OCT 11: ELEMENTARY GIRLS AND BOYS CLUB**

New Start Date - St. Laurence Little Flowers and Blue Knights Club welcomes all children in grades K-5 to our monthly meetings to make crafts, learn about virtues & saints and play games. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 11th from 4:45-5:45 pm in the Ave Maria Center. We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Please bring $15 to register at the front desk. Questions? sugarlandlittleflowers@gmail.com

**SEPT 13: CHALLENGE CLUB FOR GIRLS**

**challenge** [chal-inj] - noun

"something that by its nature or character serves as a call to battle, contest, special effort..."

How do you define Challenge? Challenge Club For Girls is a ministry for girls grades 5-9. Learn more about the Club at our kickoff and parent meeting Thursday September 13, 6:30pm- 8:00pm at the Ave Maria Center. Your daughter is sure to have a great time with other girls her age as they grow close to God.

Contact Maria at slcc1213@gmail.com for more information.

**SEPT 14: TEACHINGS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Deacon Rey will continue teachings on the Holy Spirit and HIS gifts Friday Sept 14 (2nd Fri) & Sept 21 (3rd 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.

**VOCATIONS MINISTRY NEWS**

**Fall Discernment from Vocations:** Thursdays, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8 and 12/13 from 6:30 pm–9:30pm

**WOMEN SEEKING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

This is a monthly discernment gathering for single women ages 18 and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life. Registration and video about program is available: houstonvocations.com/women-seeking

**DISCOVER THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

This is a monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary's Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Registration, video and information: www.houstonvocations.com/discover
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 atjpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

FALL SESSION 2018 TOPICS (STARTS SEPTEMBER 12)

Sept 12 What’s Happening To Me
Sept 19 The Road to Healing Finding Help
Sept 26 Facing My Anger

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

SEP 15: UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY

Do you long to experience the love, freedom, and abundant life that Jesus talks about in the Gospels? But, do you often feel stuck, bound up, unable to move forward?

UNBOUND Ministry at St. Laurence empowers people to take hold of the freedom they have been given in Christ. Unbound is a safe, loving, simple, and reproducible prayer model that helps people to respond to the Good News of the Gospel and apply the truth to their lives using five simple keys. The Five Keys are: Repentance and Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father’s Blessing. The book, Unbound, by Neal Lozano explains these principles in detail.

By using the Five Keys in individual prayer sessions and in personal prayer, people experience freedom from the influence of deception and lies, and embrace the reality that they are known and loved by the Father.

If you are interested in receiving this gift of Healing Prayer contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or call 281-265-5774. Individual Prayer Sessions on Saturday September 15, at the Ave Maria Center 9:00am to 12:00 Noon (Scheduled appointments only)

SEPT 12: DIVORCECARE AT ST. LAURENCE

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SEPT 20: GRIEVING FAMILIES MEETING

Coping with the sudden or tragic death of a loved one can be very difficult. Survivors are often overwhelmed by the grief that follows and this may complicate the grieving process. Connecting with others who are also grieving the sudden death of loved ones can facilitate the healing process. This support group meets on the 3rd Thursday each month, 1:00-2:30pm, in the Francis Room. The next meeting, on September 20, will feature a DVD (Grieving the Sudden Death of a Loved One) followed by discussion. Please contact Agnes Fernandes at 281-933-3721, agnesffernandes@gmail.com.

To be near God is my Happiness
2018-2019
Experience lasting happiness and joy — serve in a ministry
You are invited

Women’s ACTS Retreat
October 4-7, 2018

Registration is OPEN for both Women’s & Men’s ACTS Retreats at stlaurence.org/acts-retreat

“Let the children come to me... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” —Mark 10:14

Adoration – the call by, acceptance of, and response to God
Community – the love and caring of each other
Theology – the study of God through scripture and the Catholic Faith
Service – to God and his people

An ACTS retreat allows you to focus on your faith and its application in daily life, to build purpose in your prayer life, to increase your presence at the liturgy, and to cultivate friendships with others who share our faith. Spiritual direction will be provided throughout the retreat.

You can register on-line for both Women and Men’s retreat at stlaurence.org/acts-retreat

For any questions please contact:

Women’s Retreat Director:
Maria Jacobson (713) 582-8424; mjacobson1984@yahoo.com
October 4-7, 2018

Men’s Retreat Director:
Greg Cordova (832) 457-3011; gregcordova@yahoo.com
November 29-December 2, 2018

“Attending the retreat and working with the ACTS community helps me learn from my fellow men: challenges they face, practical examples of what works, discernment of faith, etc. I still stumble every day, but I now have a stronger drive to serve others and to work to be a more joyful person.” —Bobby McGoldrick

“Attending an ACTS retreat brought me into a group of faith filled women seeking to know and love their Father more fully by serving Him in their families and community. Love and goodness abound within ACTS and your life will never be the same.” —Susan Kelly-Zapata

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SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Parish Library (AMC)
Life Teen (High School)
Family Faith
Preschool CCE
EDGE (Middle School)
Maureen Bass | 281-265-5774
Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday AM Bible Study
Small Christian Comm
Sunny Tom | 832-620-7417
St. Anthony of Padua

UNBOUND Prayer Ministry
Rita McCarthy | 561-699-5800

FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

A.C.T.S. Retreat
Adult Faith Formation
EDGE (Middle School)
Elementary CCE
Preschool CCE
Family Faith
Life Teen (High School)
Natural Family Planning
Parish Library (AMC)
Parish School (SCLS)
Parish School Board
Play & Pray
RCIA
Vacation Bible School
Vocations Committee
Weekday Children’s Prog.

PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Catholic Men
Challenge Club for Girls
Contemplative Prayer
Divine Mercy (AM)
Divine Mercy (PM)
Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Lay Apostle Prayer
Legion of Mary
Men’s Bible Studies
St. Anthony of Padua
Small Christian Comm
Tuesday AM Bible Study

MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

Annulments
Bereavement Ministries:
- Grief Support Group
- Grieving Families
- H.O.P.E.
- Cancer Support
- Caregivers Support Group
- DivorceCare
- Loving Seniors
- NAMI
- P.A.C.T. (Parenting Group)
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