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
November 2 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
November 3 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
October 13 & 27 — En la Capilla
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las
7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de
la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los
enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833
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Registrar: Christine Novia, cnovia@stlaurence.org

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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 first amendment of the U.S. constitution proclaims the freedom of “the free exercise” of religion as well as the freedom of speech. These precious rights are currently under attack. Faith-based agencies are not allowed to help find foster or adoptive homes for children because they refuse to place children in same-sex families. Medical professionals have been required to participate in providing abortions. College students with pro-life views are ridiculed by professors and denied expression of their views. Individuals have even been arrested for passing out copies of the constitution in violation of school regulations limiting free speech to certain areas of campus and only when approved by the administration. It has been known for decades that mainstream media and most recently social media online are profoundly biased toward the pro-abortion view.

The truth is that every child is created by God in His image, and has a role to play in God’s plan. Every child’s life begins at the moment of fertilization. Abortion is not an “undo” button that somehow just returns a woman to her non-pregnant state, but a procedure which ends the life of a child. Every mother has a maternal instinct to nurture her child, and going completely against that instinct often has painful consequences. 64% of women choosing abortion felt pressured by others. 79% were not informed about alternatives. 65% suffer multiple symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Pro-abortion press depicts the abortion industry as providing women with choices. The truth is that workers in abortion clinics such as Planned Parenthood are salespeople, often with quotas to meet. Undercover videos have shown abortion workers lying about fetal development, encouraging victims of abuse (which is not reported) to lie about their age in order to get an abortion, discussing the sale of fetal organs, and even being willing to cooperate with apparent sex traffickers.

If the mainstream media fails to do it, it is up to us to proclaim the truth that needs to be made known. One way we can do that is with Life Chain. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers will be holding signs this month at Life Chains across the country, proclaiming that “Abortion Kills Children”, “Abortion Hurts Women”, “Jesus Forgives and Heals”, “Adoption the Loving Option” and other messages. Women in crisis are also offered help with the sign “Pregnant? Need Help? 800-712-HELP”.

While Life Chain is a valuable event, it only happens once a year. Every day, women go to abortion clinics. Some may have made a firm decision, but others may just be trying to learn about their options. Abortion clinics, however, only sell abortion; they don’t sell adoption and they don’t make money from a decision to parent. But prayer volunteers present outside the clinic are visible signs of truth and community support which have helped over 14,000 mothers choose life for their babies.

During this fall’s 40 Days for Life campaign (Sep 26 to Nov 3) Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer outside a doctors’ office building in Sharpstown, where a doctor is performing abortions in his office three days a week. Prayer times are from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. We will have signs indicating that “We Can Offer Real Help” and will have materials to refer women to the Women’s Pregnancy Center close by.

Please contact Marie McCoy at 281-610-3986 Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org, or go to ChristianVoicesforLife.org/40-days-for-life for more details.

Marie McCoy
St. Laurence Respect Life Coordinator

This year our local Life Chain will be held 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Sunday, October 28. Sign-up tables will be in the plaza after Masses on Oct 13/14 and Oct 20/21.

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### PRAYING THE NEWS | OCTOBER 7, 2018

“...what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”

**MARK 10:9**

Oh God, you create human beings and families in wonderful and mysterious ways. You do so because you love us, and you see that it is good that we also have deep bonds of love among us. The news illustrates much that divides and separates families – war, addiction, abuse, prejudice and more. Please heal and help all families to support one another. May we be signs of hope and channels of your love and mercy. Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.
In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambrook, 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
Le 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
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 Thibeaute, US Army
CPT Will Thibeaute, US Army
PFC Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT. Jahnell Xavier George, US Army
SFC Philip Graham, US Army
CPT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT. Liam Hill, US Army
Danie! 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 Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LT Kevin Stranksy, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whiteley, US Army
PO3 Troy Yelverton, US Navy

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCT 6
5:00pm – Ruodolph & Ann Dockal (D)

SUNDAY, OCT 7
7:15am – Teodorico Bentulan, Sr. (D)
9:00am – Rebecca & Jorge Lucenio (D)
11:00am – Estelita & Remedios Monteros (D)
12:45pm – Francisco & Paz Alisoso Family (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, OCT 8
7:30am – John Orell Family (I)
12:00pm – Sr. Madeleine Grace (I)

TUESDAY, OCT 9
7:30am – Johanne Jean (D)
12:00pm – Ruth Provenzano (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCT 10
7:30am – Tony Hernandez (D)
6:30pm – Taylor Preston (D)

THURSDAY, OCT 11
7:30am – Carolyn Bernardo (I)
12:00pm – Sandra Snyder (I)

FRIDAY, OCT 12
8:15am – Taylor Preston (D)
12:00pm – All Souls In Purgatory

SATURDAY, OCT 13
8:30am – Eduardo Ortiz (D)
5:00pm – Bill Weingart (D)

SUNDAY, OCT 14
7:15am – Bill Martin Family (I)
9:00am – Mike Vann (D)
11:00am – Harry Buss (D)
12:45pm – Adelaia David (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

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, Jessica Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Kristin Funderburg, Lizette Trevino, Tommy Jackson, Mrs Fritzgerald, Tommy Eooley, Nick Joslyn, Cheyen Joslyn, Denise Joslyn, Rick Joslyn, Jeffrey & Laura Arrington, Lucio Family, Almarz Family, Gonzalez Family, Mungua Family, Stockhausen Family, Florentino, Oneyda Vasquez & Familia, Keith Cameron & Family, Michael John Simon, Bob Ahmandi & Family, Adam Amaro & Family, Ronald Bussey & Family, Kevin, Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (9/24/18).

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Collin Brown, Chad Henry, Billy Dodd, 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
OCT 12-14: TEXAS CONQUEST FATHER SON CAMPOUT
Father Michael Sullivan invites fathers and sons to this campout experience of activities, sports, and talks. October 12-14 in Buda, Texas for boys ages 5 and up and their fathers. Cost is $150.00. Registration and more information can be found at TexasConquest.com.

OCT 14: SACRED HEART HOMECOMING BAZAAR
Join them for a day of Fun, Family, Food, Raffle, Games and Fellowship at the Sacred Heart Homecoming Bazaar! October 14th, 11am-6pm. Meal is served 11am-2pm, drive-thru dinners will be available, games, live/silent auctions and much more! This year on the Parish Grounds at 507 S. 4th Richmond, TX.

OCT 17: ST. PIUS X OPEN HOUSE
St. Pius X High School will host an Open House on Wednesday, October 17, for middle school students and their parents/guardians. Registration begins at 6:30pm and the program starts at 7:00pm in the auditorium, located on campus at 811 W. Donovan Street in Houston. Take advantage of this opportunity to tour the campus, meet faculty & staff, and see students in action. More info and pre-registration available at www.stpiusx.org.

OCT 22: REGINA CAELI ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE
Regina Caeli Academy is a hybrid homeschool resource center, serving students in preK-12th grade in the Catholic tradition. RCA provides fully accredited academic and extracurricular classes for homeschoolers. Come to their Fall Open House on Monday, October 22, 9:30-11:30am, for an info session and tour. Children are welcome. RCA is located inside Friendship Church at 4640 Richmond Foster Road, in Richmond. RSVP to Valerie Ragusa, 832-779-7282, vragus@rcahybrid.org and visit rcahybrid.org.

OCT 8: SHALOM REVIVAL IN SUGAR LAND
Shalom Media will present Revival, an evening of rosary, praise & worship, scripture and anointing prayer, on Monday, October 8, 6:00-9:00pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 702 Burney Road, near St. Theresa, in Sugar Land. The speaker will be Fr. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD. For more details, please contact George Mundattuchundayil (646-245-4460) or Jennifer Hill (713-201-9229).

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMS
Camilla Sarmiento & Mya Yarely Juarez

WEDDINGS
Julia Picou & Emmet Ryle

FUNERALS
Alicia Myers, mother of Nelda Falknor
Nicanor Panaligan, father of Ricardo Panaligan

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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

WEDDING PREPARATION
Next Class: November 26
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 rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Next Class: November 10
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

BAPTISMS
Gavin Cain Juarez, Anna Rose Modeste, Clifton Ray Roiz, Lyle Anthony Roiz, Arros Dell Wilkinson, Ava Louise Wittneben, Penelope Grace Zavalla, Ava Camilla Sarmiento & Mya Yarely Juarez

WEDDINGS
Julia Picou & Emmet Ryle

FUNERALS
Alicia Myers, mother of Nelda Falknor
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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!
**ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**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.

STLAURENCECHOOL.ORG

**JOIN US AT THE OPEN HOUSE**

**ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**OPEN HOUSE PREVIEW**

**FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2018

8:30 a.m. Join Us for All School Mass  
9:30 a.m. Reception and Tours

**CONTACT US TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION**

281-980-0500

www.stlaurenceschool.org

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**WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

**ACTIVITIES**

- Oct. 9 & 10 Picture Days
- Oct. 15 Parent Conferences begin

stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

**WE ARE EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS!**

Students in 7th grade science are studying cells. They are honing their microscope skills by creating wet mount slides of different types of cells and using microscopes to observe the structures in a cell.

**WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

**CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION**

**OCT 7: PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY!**

**OCT 9 & 10: Elementary CCE THIS WEEK**

Unit #1 Review: Who is Jesus Christ?

As Pope Francis recounts an observation by his predecessor, Pope Benedict, “faith is not a theory, a philosophy, an idea; it is an encounter. An encounter with Jesus Christ.” By providing your children with opportunities of encounter with the Risen Lord over the past two weeks in class, we hope to have increased their faith in Him through a deepening of their own personal relationship with Him. Rather than studying about a ‘what’, we have provided encounters with the ‘who’ of Jesus Christ. But, this is a lifetime endeavor. In our time, many are well versed in the dogmas, law and morality of a Christian life. However, because oftentimes our hearts are far from God, we do not have a true faith. As a family, come up with a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking that He provide you with continued opportunities for encounters with the Risen Lord through vigilant prayer, acts of charity and praise. Fall service project collections are also due this week.

**OCT 29: CCE HOME STUDY FAMILIES**

Program materials for this year are now available for pick-up in the AMC. Please mark your calendars for our first mandatory Parent Enrichment and Homework Checkpoint Meeting on Monday, October 29, from 7-8pm in the AMC Marian Hall.
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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: NOV. 30 — DEC. 2

OCT 7: LIFE NIGHT
Sunday, September 30, from 6:30-8:15pm at the Ave Maria Center. Join us for food, fun, and a chance to meet with your small group.

OCT 9: DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
6:00-7:30pm. Youth Hall.
All high school youth are invited to join us every Tuesday, 6:00-7:30pm in the Youth Hall. Discipleship Groups are a small group Bible Study along with food and community. No need to register, come whenever you’re able to!

OCT 10: OPEN GYM NIGHT // SCHOOL GYM, 7-8:15pm. For more information or to register your middle school child, visit stlaurence.org/edge.

OCT 26: HALLOWEEN SOCIAL, 7-9pm, Youth Hall

FIAT LUX

What does it mean?
Fiat Lux is Latin for “let there be light.”

What is it?
A community of young adults — college students to 20 & 30 somethings in the Sugar Land and surrounding areas. All walks of life welcome: single, dating, engaged, married, married with kids, divorced, discerning.

Mission Statement
We invite young adults to explore the heritage of their hearts and become fully human.

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

• OCT 10: 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 WILD Retreat
October 12-13! Hosted at St. Laurence! Register here: blessedisshe.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.
Adult FAITH Formation
Informing and Transforming Disciples

Bible Studies at a glance...

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm, or
Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15 am
St Francis Room,
Contact: Steve Ewbank, 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays, 9:00-11:45 am
Marian Hall A
Contact: Kay Quenan, kquenan@me.com
Oct 9: Wisdom for Peace of Mind

CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 am
Guardian Angel Hall
Contact: Jim Kij | 281-253-4800
jimkij@comcast.net

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY
1-2:00 pm, St Anne, or
7:15-8:30 pm Ave Maria Rm 205
Contact: Julie Evett, jevett@comcast.net

DATE NIGHT FOR COUPLES
Saturday, Oct 27, 6:30-9:00 pm, Marian Hall
The marriage enrichment series continue! The topic will focus on
Intimacy, with a presentation by licensed counselor, Pui Au-Earls,
M.Ed., LPC. Evening includes a pot luck meal, one-on-one time
with your spouse, and small group discussion. Didn’t catch the
first one... still welcome to attend. Register and pay at
stlaurence.org/refoccus

REMEMBERING CHURCH
Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 pm
Ave Maria Room 214
Contact: Tom Ruck, tomruckst@gmail.com | 281-242-4750

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES
Advent Workshop
LESS HECTIC, MORE HOLY
“Waiting with an Open Heart”

Thursday, Oct 25, 2018, 7-9 pm Ave Maria Center
Advent is right around the corner! This Advent do something
different... join a Small Christian Community! Enjoy 4 weeks
sharing with others a less hectic and more holy Advent in
preparation for Jesus’ birth. This workshop will walk you though
what being in a small loving community is all about. You will have
the opportunity to join a small group. Many options are available
such as new parishioners, couples, women/men only, families
with children, etc. For information and registration: stlaurence.
org/sccadvent or contact Genoveva Duque, 281-980-1014,
genomduque@gmail.com.
Let your heart and mind rise to encounter God at our Arise Night of Worship. Each night will include beautiful praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, as well as an inspiring teaching by popular Catholic speakers.

6:30-8:30 PM in the Church

2018-2019 | SPEAKER LINEUP

THURSDAY, NOV 8
Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio
“Temperence: The Key to Freedom”
Music by Mary Thompson

SUNDAY, FEB 17
Fr. Sean Kilcawley
“Tilling the Rocky Soil: Overcoming Obstacles to Love”
Music by Life Teen Band

MONDAY, APR 8
Patty Schneier
“God, I Really Don’t Have Time for This”
Music by Mary Thompson

No Registration Required.
People of All Ages Welcome.

NEW:
Childcare Available
Advance registration required at stlaruence.org/play-pray

For more info: STLAURENCE.ORG/ARISE | St Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77479
Living as Disciples

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP

Hearts of Jesus & Mary is a prayer group that meets every Friday from 7:00-9:00pm in the Chapel of Divine Mercy to pray the rosary and other prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by praise and worship in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Evenings may include reflections of the past week, Scripture for the upcoming Sunday, spontaneous prayers, witnessing and teachings on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, concluding with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome!

On the First Friday of each month, the Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group sponsors a healing Mass in the Chapel of Divine Mercy at 7:30pm, with Rosary and Confession starting at 7:00pm. Following the Mass, there is food, fellowship and faith-sharing in the Corpus Christi Room. Everyone is invited and no RSVP is required. For more information, please contact Margie Calo at 281-980-4711 or Deacon Rey Arellano at deacon.rey@stlaurence.org.

Look for members of the Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group at the Hospitality Desk after Mass today!

STEWARDS AMONG US

SUSAN YOKLEY

Growing up in a Catholic family, Susan’s parents were very involved in their parish, instilling in her the importance family and faith. When she came to St. Laurence, Susan signed up for bible studies and Social Concerns projects, she worked the kitchen for VBS, served as a room mom at WCP, and chaired both the SLCS Family Mass and the Golf Tournament. Today, she is one of the leaders of our huge and popular Parish Bazaar. Susan shares this: “My husband Scott, Ben, Luke and I joined St. Laurence when we moved here from Atlanta in 2004. We do not have family here in Texas so St. Laurence became our family. My family & I feel safe here and we are blessed that God moved us here 14 years ago so we could be surrounded with love, friendships, and the comfort that comes from being a part of this church community. My first ministry was Familia when my oldest was in kindergarten. Our Familia group has remained close and we have shared all our ups-and-downs, celebrated sacraments, graduations, birthdays… These are some of my best friends still today. The Scripture I try to live by is Col 3:1-2. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to the things going on around Christ – that’s where the action is! See things from His perspective.”

Ask Paula

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Who is required to take Virtus?

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All priests, deacons, employees of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, employees of every parish and anyone who volunteers working with children here has to take Virtus every 5 years. Good news though, the Archdiocese has recently done away with the refresher, Keeping the Promise Alive, and replaced it with Virtus 3.0, which you will now take online. A new background check is also run on everyone when they take any Virtus course. Sorry, but If it’s been over 5 years since you took the first part, Protecting Gods Children (the 3-hour one), you will not be eligible to take the online refresher. Instead, you will have to start over and take Protecting Gods Children AGAIN. So check your date, just sayin. If you’re not sure of your date, you can call me at the parish 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.
The 24th annual St. Laurence Parish Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 20 (5:00pm-10:00pm) and Sunday, October 21 (10:00am-5:00pm). As always, there will be a delicious array of international foods, games and activities for all ages, rides, bingo, live music and a raffle drawing. Entrance is free, but you can buy food, activity and raffle tickets at the event.

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

Buy raffle tickets
This year, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2018 Honda Accord EX. Raffle tickets are just $2/each or $20/book of 12 tickets. Books of tickets are available for pickup on the plaza after Mass starting next week and at the parish office.

Be a sponsor
Sponsorships help to underwrite the cost of putting on the bazaar and our parish is so grateful for the generosity of individuals and businesses that help in this way. Want to be a sponsor? There are a variety of sponsor levels, starting at just $100. Get all the information at stlaurence.org/bazaar-sponsors

Win this 2018 Honda Accord

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION
Colleen McKeever
832-428-4134
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Susan Yokley
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FOOD, GAMES, RIDES, BINGO, LIVE MUSIC, & RAFFLE DRAWING

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Food Booths
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Mexican
Filipino
Vietnamese
African
Indian Subcontinent
Desserts
Cotton Candy
Sno-Cones
Nachos
Pizza
Margaritas
Beer & Wine
Soda & Water

Special Attractions
Sports Zone
Cyclone Super Swing Ride
Hippo Chow Down
Jacobs Ladder
Wrecking Ball/Bouncy Boxing
Ferris Wheel
Ninja Challenge Obstacle Course
Wacky 5-in-1
Big Top Playland
Catch a Wave Slide
Bumper Cars
Texas Speed Zone Go

Activity Booths
Doll & Toy Booth
Cuddly Critters
Confetti Eggs
Sand Art
Cake Walk
Darts
Sling Shot
Duck Pond
Goblet Toss
Crazy Hair & Face Painting
Coke Ring Toss
Plants
Fish Pond
BankABall/Whiffle Ball Game
Hoops

The St. Laurence Bazaar is the place to be the third weekend in October! It’s even more fun when you’re involved. Sign up for a 2-hour shift now. Or double the fun and talk a friend (or your whole family!) into working with you. Go to stlaurence.org/games-booths and click on the link for Volunteer Opportunities and sign up today!

PARISH

More Donations = Lots of fun prizes at the Bazaar!

CAKE WALK & DESSERT BOOTH
We need LOTS of cakes and desserts for these popular booths, so get baking and let the fun begin! Both homemade and store-bought cakes are accepted. If you donate homemade goodies (cakes, cupcakes, brownies, cookies) treat, please provide a list of ingredients. We can only accept treats that do NOT require refrigeration. Please deliver all cakes and desserts directly to the Ave Maria Center on Saturday, October 20 between 8am-12noon. Thank you!

PLANT BOOTH
Remember us your next trip to the nursery or home improvement store – we can use LOTS of plants of all kinds! Please drop off your donation to the Ave Maria Center on Saturday, October 20 between 8am-12noon.

DOLLS & TOYS
The Catholic Daughters sponsor the Doll & Toy Booth and are happy for donations of new or like-new dolls and toys. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office now.

More Info
Contact the Bazaar Team at bazaar-chairs@stlaurence.org or Colleen McKeever colleenkmckeever@gmail.com or Susan Yokley at syokley@comcast.net.
**October is Month of Rosary**

Pope Francis invites “all the faithful of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day” during the Marian month of October.

**Rosary Rally**

**Saturday, October 13**

12:00 Noon

Corner of Sweetwater/Austin Pkwy in front of the Ave Maria Center

Join in this annual national event to pray the rosary for our country

**Rosary for the Preborn**

**October 14**

after the 11:00 Mass, Rosary Garden, Ave Maria Center

**Rosary in Church**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

Pray the Rosary before the 12:00pm Daily Mass in the Church

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**Victims Assistance**

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713-654-5799

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**Today: Get Your Family's Flu Shots**

**Flu Shot Clinic**

Support the Medical Mission and get your family's flu shots! The clinic will be held in the Corpus Christi Room from 8:00am to 1:00pm on Sunday, October 7. Flu shots will be given by volunteer pharmacists, doctors and nurses. Regular flu shots are $30, flu mist is $40 and the "over 65" vaccine is $60. Payment by cash or checks only (payable to MMDM). All proceeds support the upcoming Medical Mission to Laredo. NOTE: MMDM is accepting donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches for the Laredo mission. More info at stlaurence.org/medicalmissionaries or contact Maria Jacobson at mjacobson1984@yahoo.com.

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**Oct 13: Blessing of the Animals**

The annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS at St. Laurence will take place on Saturday, October 13, on the Parish Hall lawn. The blessing will begin promptly at 9:30 am with Fr. Truong Son presiding. Don’t miss this opportunity to have your pet blessed! Your pet will receive a “blessed bandana”, a St. Francis medal and treat. Please bring a bag of Hill's Science Diet (dog, puppy, cat or kitten formulas) or Fancy Feast cat food or any brand canned dog food to be donated to the City of Sugar Land Animal Center. St. Francis, pray for us!

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**Ordination to the Diaconate for Thomas Ruck**

It is herewith announced that Thomas Ruck, a candidate for the Order of the Diaconate, will be ordained a deacon on February 22, 2019, at a Mass to be celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. If any persons know of a serious reason why this candidate should not be called to ordination, please notify Deacon George Silva, Director of Formation in the Office of the Diaconate, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, at 281-543-2986 or george.silva@smseminary.com. Please keep Tom in your prayers as he prepares for ordination into this sacred ministry. May he always be faithful to the Diaconal Ministry of Service of Word, Liturgy and Charity to which he is about to be ordained. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

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**Public Announcement**

**Parish Bazaar, October 20-21**

Sponsorships available and lots of ways to get involved stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar

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**On the Plaza This Weekend**

**BazaAar**

**Signup to Volunteer Raffle Tickets**

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BOOK DRIVE

The Texas Young Lawyers Association is having a book drive to facilitate the availability of books in areas frequented by children in courthouses across the State of Texas. Their goal is to promote literacy, provide meaningful activity during a potential time of stress, and allow continued access to books even after a child’s visit has concluded. Pre-K through high school books are needed. Please mark your donation “Book Drive” and drop in the SCM bin in the narthex or the SCM office.

CAKES WANTED!

Social Concerns is once again sponsoring the Cake Walk at the Parish Bazaar on October 20/21. We will need lots of cakes and volunteers to run the Cake Walk. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com. Click on the search icon near the upper right corner of the page. Enter the following information in the “SEARCH BY THE SIGN UP CREATOR’S EMAIL”: socialconcerns@stlaurence.org. Enter the authentication code. Once in, sign up to bring a cake or work a 2-hour shift. Please read all instructions carefully. Adult volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. Thanks so much for your help! Contact pdegroot@stlaurence.org if you have any questions.

GOT COSTUMES??!

We are collecting new & gently used non-scary Halloween costumes for a Fall Festival for the children at Bethel Ministries. Mark your donations “Bethel” and drop in the Social Concerns rolling bin in the church narthex or in the parish or SCM offices. We will be collecting costumes until October 24.

LOVING SENIORS SERVICE PROJECT

The Loving Seniors Ministry recently teamed up with SCM for a fun service project. Everyone enjoyed preparing autumn treat bags for the children at Bethel Ministries and our friends at Mamie George Community Center. Thank you so much for helping to brighten the day of children and seniors in our community!

Loving Seniors is a ministry that welcomes seniors with mobility issues and/or early dementia, to grow in fellowship with others who share similar challenges, enjoy activities that promote their well-being, engage in service projects to benefits others, and to provide free time for their loved ones/caregivers. Contact Julie Koeppen, 713-320-7498, mjkoeppen@comcast.net or Fe Vicerra, 713-248-1164, bertandfevicerra@yahoo.com for more information.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

BROCHURE OF THE MONTH: POVERTY AND ABORTION – A VICIOUS CYCLE. Poor women on Medicaid have twice the abortion rate of other women in their state, and if Medicaid pays for elective abortions, their abortion rate is more than 4 times that of other women. Poverty is a major contributor to the “choice” of abortion – or to the feeling that there is no other choice. Pro-abortion advocates say poor women need abortion to fight poverty. But after 40 years of legal abortion, out-of-wedlock births have increased, and the plight of poor women worsened. Contraception and abortion have led to more extra-marital sex and therefore more unplanned pregnancies, which are seen as the woman’s problem. If a woman does have an abortion, there is a high rate of breakdown of the relationship between the parents of the baby, so if she already has children, abortion can contribute to single parenting. The brochure does not mention that women who abort may also want to replace the lost child and are likely to eventually become a single parent. The psychological effects of the abortion (increased risk of depression, drug or alcohol abuse, and more) may also make it more difficult for her to pursue higher education or hold down a job as well as develop other healthy and supportive relationships.

ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE PANEL: There is a great need for families willing to accept children in their home to care for. Please come and learn what is needed. Friday, Oct 12, 7 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston. Special guest David Scotton, as well as representatives from the Texas Catholic Conference and New Life Adoptions. For David Scotton’s great (30 min) video about adoption, see www.IlivedonParkerAve.com.

FORGIVEN AND SET FREE is a confidential Bible study and support group for healing after abortion. You may know you are forgiven, but can benefit from this healing group. Group meetings begin Saturday Oct 13 and will continue weekly. For more information or to register, call or email Julie Fritsch at 713-741-8728, jkfritsch@archgh.org

ROSARY FOR THE PREBORN: Next week, Oct 14, after the 11:00 Mass. Join members of Respect Life and Knights of Columbus in the Rosary Garden outside the Ave Maria Center to pray that our preborn brothers and sisters will be spared from abortion and that mothers who are tempted or pressured to abort will find the support they need to choose life.

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.

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

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
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- 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.
WEDNESDAY, OCT 10, 6:00 pm
Book Club Dinner at Cafe Goo Goo Yen on Williams Trace near Lexington. For the October meeting, please read and be ready to discuss *Clementine Churchill Biography of a Marriage* by Mary Soames. Let's use our brains and have a lively discussion!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 & 21
Volunteer for our St. Laurence Parish Bazaar — help working some of the booths. Here is a link to sign up. https://goo.gl/64ww7C Let's help out our church!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7:00pm
Planning meeting in the Trinity room at St. Laurence. It is the last door on the left before the Parish Hall. Come join us to give your suggestions on what you would like to do!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 5:30pm
Wine and Beer tasting at Total Wine, then dinner at Longhorn Steak house. Meet at 5:30pm at Total Wine, Sugar Land. We'll taste and then go to dinner at Longhorn Steak House around 6 pm. For questions or more info email: st.laurencesingles@gmail.com

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.

OCT 13: MINISTERIO HISPANO

**OCT 13 & 27: 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.
To be near God is my Happiness 2018-2019

Experience lasting happiness and joy — serve in a ministry

LEGION OF MARY
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 prayer and service.
Meets once a week for prayer and discussion on Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00pm, in the Corpus Christi Rm
CONTACT: Maria Argao
281-221-8228 | rmargaol1954@gmail.com

2018 CHARITY IN ACTION AWARD
Congratulations to parishioner Scott Magelssen who recently received the 2018 Charity in Action Award from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston! Scott was recognized for service he has given as a volunteer tutor at the St. Jerome Emiliani Foster Home for unaccompanied refugee minors. Over a period of 3 years, he tutored over 30 refugee youth, recruited and trained other volunteer tutors and led a Six Sigma project to improve English and reading instruction for children who arrive not speaking English and reading poorly or not at all. Pictured are Catholic Charities Board Chair Kevin Rech, Scott Magelssen, and CEO Cynthia Nunes Colbert.

VOCATIONS NEWS

OCT 10: 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 Ave Maria Center. If interested, contact Janie Picou at jpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

FALL SESSION 2018 TOPICS
Oct 10  Facing My Loneliness
Oct 17  What Does the Owner’s Manual Say?

OCT 12: TEACHINGS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT
Deacon Rey will teach on the gifts of the Holy Spirit every 2nd & 3rd Friday of each month except when announced otherwise. Meetings in the Chapel of the Divine Mercy start at 7:00pm.
Additional upcoming meetings: OCT 12 & 19. For questions call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Margie Calo at 281-980-4711.

OCT 26: NEXT MEETING FOR LOVING SENIORS
Loving Seniors will not meet the next two Fridays (Oct 12 and Oct 19), but will be back on Friday, Oct 26, 9:30-11:30am, in Marian Hall. Loving Seniors welcomes people age 60+ who have minimal mobility issues and/or early stages of dementia, as a safe place where they can grow in fellowship with others who share similar challenges. For more info, contact Julie Koeppen (713-320-7498) or Fe Vicerra (713-248-1164).

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP
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.
Having my child attend SLCS has been a true blessing and gift that I have been able to give my child. However, when I received the life changing news that I would not be able to afford tuition for her last three years of grade school, I was beyond devastated. Another change in her life would mean additional emotional scars that would break her heart. I am proud of my church, community and especially St. Laurence Catholic School for their assistance and donations. May God’s blessings flood your life eternally. Thank you for your gift of assistance.

- SLCS Family
SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Parish Library (AMC)  
Natural Family Planning
Life Teen (High School)  
Family Faith  
Elementary CCE  
EDGE (Middle School)  
Justin Frato | 281-265-5774  
Adult Faith Formation
Tuesdays AM Bible Study  
Small Christian Community
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  
Angela Coady | 314-255-4191
Adult Faith Formation  
Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
EDGE (Middle School)  
Maureen Bass | 281-265-5774
Elementary CCE  
Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
Preschool CCE  
Cindy Martin | 281-265-5774
Family Faith  
Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Life Teen (High School)  
Eric Painter | 281-265-5774
Natural Family Planning  
Jacob/Jillian Counts | 281-300-3704
Parish Library (AMC)  
Susan Mule | 281-265-5774
Parish School (SLCS)  
Suzanne Barto | 281-980-0500
Parish School Board  
Nora Sessions | 713-443-6958
Parish School PTO  
Jennifer Reyes | 817-845-7627
Mary Phillips | 832-647-0642
Play & Pray  
Elizabeth Hernandez | 281-265-5774
RCIA  
Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
Vacation Bible School  
Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
Vocations Committee  
Nia Sepe | 281-980-9812
Weekday Children’s Prog.  
Becky Wilkinson | 281-313-0329

PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Catholic Men  
Jim Kij | 281-253-4800
Challenge Club for Girls  
Monica Hager | 281-240-7672
Contemplative Prayer  
Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660
Divine Mercy (AM)  
Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360
Divine Mercy (PM)  
Suzan Bryan | 713-816-5859
Hearts of Jesus & Mary  
Margie Calo | 281-980-4711
Lay Apostle Prayer  
Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939
Legion of Mary  
Marie Argao | 281-221-8228
Men’s Bible Studies  
Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873
St. Anthony of Padua  
Joseph Elankil | 832-822-3032
Sunny Tom | 832-620-7417
Small Christian Communities  
Genoveva Duque | 281-980-1014
Tuesday AM Bible Study  
Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939

MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

Annulments  
Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
Bereavement Ministries:  
Grief Support Group  
Sandy Barber | 832-451-9117
Grieving Families  
Agnes Fernandes | 281-933-7271
H.O.P.E.  
Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
Cancer Support  
Bonita Bell | 281-468-8641
Caregivers Support Group  
Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738
Divorce Care  
Jane Jewell | 713-775-7172
Loving Seniors  
Julie Koeppen | 713-320-7948
Fe Vercena | 713-248-1164
NAMI  
Pat Sumner | 281-265-1554
P.A.C.T. (Parenting Group)  
Steve Brown | 832-471-6131
Pastoral Care for Sick  
Ambrose Graham | 713-865-3729
Spiritual Direction  
Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
UNBOUND Prayer Ministry  
Rita McCarthy | 561-699-5800

SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bridges to Life  
Dana Cutbirth | 832-689-4010
Correctional Ministry  
Deacon Charles Plant | 281-300-3059
Funeral Receptions  
Carol Giardina | 281-703-8615
Habitat for Humanity  
Steve Pondell | 281-253-7088
Learn English Ministry  
Wendy Moore | 713-208-5169
Learn Spanish Ministry  
Adriana Gutierrez | 713-269-2851
Meals That Heal  
Julianne Salersan | 530-306-1895
Medical Missionaries  
Maria Jacobson | 713-582-8424
Respect Life  
Deacon Al Bothe | 713-582-3870
Senior Rides & More  
Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
Social Concerns  
Pennie DeGroot | 281-980-9812
Society St. John DeMatha

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adoration  
Denise MacDougall | 281-235-8008
Altar Linen Care  
Julie Rodriguez | 281-980-9812
Altar Servers  
Win & Errin Vahlkamp | 713-614-4235
Art & Environment  
Michele Holbrooke | 281-265-8425
Catherine Short | 713-628-3949
Extraordinary Ministers  
Tom Ruck | 713-855-2399
Greeters  
Kristin Holy | 281-799-8317
Liturigical Ministers  
Rosemary Mascarrenas | 281-980-9812
Music Ministry  
Dr. Kevin Klocz | 281-980-9812
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