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
March 1 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
March 2 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
February 9 & 23: 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 rmartinez@stlaurence.org
Pray: Beloved Jesus, today I want to take another step forward to grow in the way of love. Today I will forgive somebody, I will ask for forgiveness and I will help someone in need. Today, Lord, I decide to do it. Today I decide to love. Amen.

WHEN OTHERS JUDGE US WRONGLY

Take a close look at this Sunday’s Gospel story. Jesus has just finished reading the scripture that we heard on the previous Sunday (“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor,” etc.). He tells the people in the synagogue that this scripture is now being fulfilled through him, and they all speak highly of him. But by the end of this scripture, they’re furious with him.

What changed their attitude?

Their awe turned into confusion when they remembered, "Isn’t this the son of Joseph?" Unlike those who would meet Jesus for the first time in later chapters of the story, these people had experiences with Jesus the toddler who fell when learning to walk, Jesus the teenager who bled from mistakes made while learning the carpentry trade from his father, Jesus the young man who wept at his father’s funeral.

Their attitude changed when they stopped listening with their spirits and started listening with their pre-conceived notions. This disconnect from the divine then stirred up their emotions.

Think of how people react when you confuse them by doing or saying something out of character, that is, out of the character that they expect from you. If you’re perceived as too young or too old to do what you are in fact capable of doing, or if your education level doesn’t include a formal degree that proves that you know what you do already know, or if you don’t tell people what they want to hear, their surprise turns into confusion that triggers an emotional response against you.

We expect them to believe us and trust us, and when they don’t, our surprise turns into confusion that triggers an emotional response against them. But how did Jesus handle it when they treated him this way? He calmly spoke a truth that was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Did he have an emotional reaction? Sure! He was human like us; we were all created by the Father to have emotions. The problem is not in the emotions; the problem occurs when we listen through our emotions instead of our spiritual connection to the Holy Spirit.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

How much time do you spend training your ear to hear the Holy Spirit within you? When life is busy happening around you, do you mostly react to it or are you on some level praying about it? What can you do this week to develop a more automatic connection to the Spirit of God?

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY

FAITH SHARING:

What are some of the ways you listen to the Holy Spirit? Keeping in mind a surprising challenge that happened to you recently, describe the differences between an emotional reaction and a spiritual action.

In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambrosock, 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 Colin Day, US Navy
CPT Andrew Desplinter, US Army
SGT Nicholas Dockum, US Army
CPT Brandon Driscoll, USMC
 Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
CPT Michael Eberhardt, US Army
CPT Stacey Eberhardt, US Army Reserve
Derek Farias, US Navy
 Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
CPT Michelle Thibea, US Army
CPT Will Thibedeau, US Army
PFC Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahneil 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
SN Lucas Kennedy, US Navy
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
SGT Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
ILT Anthony Marich, 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
SFC Santiago Ramirez, US Army
CAPT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
 Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SGT Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
 Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whiteley, US Army
PO3 Troy Yelverton, US Navy

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEB 3
7:15am – Elizabeth Zinke (D)
9:00am – Emeka C.Y. Umeh (D)
11:00am – Robert Fain (D)
12:45pm – Taylor Preston (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, FEB 4
7:30am – Ogoshiaku Oledibe (D)
12:00pm – Taylor Preston (D)

TUESDAY, FEB 5
7:30am – Morgan Meyer (D)
12:00pm – Fr. Robert Ritz (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEB 6
7:30am – Nick Silvia (D)
6:30pm – Kyle Williamson (I)

THURSDAY, FEB 7
7:30am – Irene Salazar (D)
12:00pm – Santiago Alfonzo (D)

FRIDAY, FEB 8
8:15am – Kenneth Nguyen (I)
12:00pm – Hector Mercado (D)

SATURDAY, FEB 9
8:30am – Rolando Marrero (D)
5:00pm – Carol Siwierka (D)

SUNDAY, FEB 10
7:15am – Hugh Clifton Behrens (D)
9:00am – Leonicelle & Andrea Abaigar (D)
11:00am – Ricci Martin (D)
12:45pm – Betty Neyer (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

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

FEB 9: HEART OF WORSHIP IN LAKE JACKSON
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Lake Jackson is happy to present, for the second year, Heart of Worship on Saturday, February 9, 8:30am-6:30pm. The theme is Rekindle the Fire in Our Hearts, featuring Brother Herman Johnson, O.P., as keynote speaker. Experience the Holy Spirit and the richness of our Catholic Faith during a day that includes three great talks, lunch, adoration and Mass. The cost is just $15/adults; students in grades 6-12 are welcome at no charge. Please go to www.smlj.org to register online.

FEB 9-10: IT'S ROUND UP TIME — ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL!
Please help support the St. Thomas High School and the students by purchasing raffle tickets. Note that 100% of the proceeds from Round-Up contribute to the St. Thomas High School financial assistance program from which almost one third of STH students receive grants. The financial commitment this year will total more than $1,300,000. A student representative will be at your parish on February 9 and 10. Please stop by and support St. Thomas High School.

FEB 23: ST. ANGELA MERICI GUMBO COOK-OFF
Taste over 10 different GUMBOs and VOTE on your favorite to win! Bring your family and friends for a great time… Music, games, bounce houses, face painting and more! Benefitting St. Angela Merici Youth Ministry. $5- bowl of gumbo, $1-gumbo sample, dessert or drink. February 23, 11am to 3pm, St. Angela Merici Church Parking Lot, 9009 Sienna Ranch Road.

FEB 16: FT. BEND THERESIANS - DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION
February 16, 9:00am – 2:00pm, St. Laurence Catholic Church, Ave Maria Parish Life Center, Marian Hall. Theme for the Day: Making Hope Real. Speaker: Becky Eldredge from Baton Rouge La. Becky is an Author, Spiritual Director, and retreat facilitator. Offering of $25.00 includes lunch. Inquiries: please contact Robin Castagno at ronsboys@comcast.net

MAR 9: GULF COAST CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE
Why Attend? For your family, for your parish, & you! The 4th Annual Gulf Coast Catholic Men’s Conference Saturday, March 9, 8am -3pm at Sylvan Beach Pavilion in La Porte, TX. Cost is $40 for single tickets, $35 for father/son, brothers in Christ, and groups of 5 or more through March 4. Cost includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Speakers this year are Mark Houck (The Kings Men), Deacon David Michael Moses, Rex Moses, Tim Scott, and Joe McClane. For more details and to purchase tickets go to www.gc-cmc.org.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING

We are thankful for all the generous monetary gifts that you provide to our parish Offertory and special collections. If you are not already doing so, we encourage you to consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. This is much easier and convenient for you and makes the accounting more accurate and efficient for us. Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/TX460

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
FEB 3: PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY!
FEB 5 & 6: Elementary CCE THIS WEEK
Why and how does Jesus Christ expect me to love and respect myself and others? (Part 2)
We continue to discuss how Jesus leads us to live a moral life by showing us how to love and respect ourselves and others. This week in CCE, all grades Kinder through 3rd will continue with their Circle of Grace lessons this week in CCE. Be on the lookout for the handouts coming home about what was specifically covered in each grade-level class. We would challenge you to take these handouts and use them as conversation starters at home with your children, discussing how very special they each are as God’s wonderful creation and how all relationships in life are called to be sacred. Grades 4 and 5 will continue with lessons about respecting life at all stages and also the Church doctrine of Catholic Social Teaching. For more parent information on the Circle of Grace program, please visit www.stlaurence.org/elementary-cce under the DOCUMENTS section or contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org.

Vacation Bible School, Roar: Life is Wild - God is Good.
Save the Dates! VBS will return to the Ave Maria Center this summer, with Roar: Life is Wild - God is Good from JUNE 10 -14. Registration for adult volunteers and their children begins this week, on February 1 in the AMC. OPEN REGISTRATION for children of non-volunteers will begin IN PERSON on Wednesday, February 27, 5-6 pm in the Parish Hall and will continue at the AMC thereafter, space permitting, by grade. Youth Volunteer registration will begin on Monday, March 18 in the AMC for all youth whose parents are not also volunteering in the program, until all available positions are filled. For additional information, requirements and updates, please visit stlaurence.org/vacation-bible-school.

WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FROM CRIB THROUGH 5 YEARS
stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

ENROLLMENT FOR 2019-20
St. Laurence Parishioners Not Currently on the Waiting List May come in and begin the Application Process Feb 27.
Program Tours are conducted on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00am. In the Ave Maria Center. Just check in with the reception desk.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
We are so blessed by your generosity to the plaid bag for tuition assistance! The continued support of our parishioners with this donation provides the school with the funds to assist families in situations that were unexpected, without disrupting the children’s learning experience. A generous parish helps make our school so successful! The students, faculty, and staff are most humbled by being a part of this faith-filled community! THANK YOU!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS COACHES NEEDED
St. Laurence Catholic School needs coaches for this spring and next fall. If you have experience coaching and a love of sports, you might be a great middle school sports coach.

• Coaches are needed for this spring, beginning in February, to assist with softball and track.
• Fall coaches are needed, beginning in August, for volleyball, cross country and soccer.

If you are interested in any of these coaching positions and would like more information, please email Betsy Brown at bbrown@stlaurence.org.

JOIN OVER 12,500 RUNNERS SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION!
SLCS is excited to take part in the Annual Archdiocesan Steps for Students 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, February 16, along with our fellow Catholic Schools around the city. This archdiocesan-wide event helps to support Catholic education. The funds raised will go towards tuition assistance. Please consider joining us for this special event OR you can “snooze for schools” and support SLCS without any more effort than the $20 registration fee. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at advancement@stlaurence.org.

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.

STLAURENCESCHOOL.ORG
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. Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation for information or contact Daniel Glaze, dglaze@stlaurence.org

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REST: A SIGN OF OUR COVENANT WITH GOD

Rest is a sign of our covenant with God. God wants us to rest in Him.

Resting on the Sabbath is not a luxury, it's a discipline. The Sabbath was not made for God. It was made for us and we're blessed when we keep this covenant with God. In order to observe the Sabbath properly according to the Scriptures, we must REST and WORSHIP. They go together; they are not separate. If we haven't rested properly, then we haven't worshiped properly. And if we haven't worshiped, we haven't rested properly, because worship is meant to rest our soul and rest is meant to rest our body.

The Sabbath is a time of refreshment, an interruption of the busyness in our lives. We need this. Do our bodies not burn out? Do we not get sick? Our bodies and souls need that interruption. This is so important that God repeats this lesson in Scripture, over and over again, to get our attention (just like your mama does when she calls you by your first and middle name). God is adamant about getting our attention today.

The Sabbath was one of the signs that God's people kept in order to show the covenant that God had made with them, and that they made with God. Remember the way it was years ago? Nobody worked on Sunday. Keep the Sabbath and God will multiply the time in your week.

Rest is our promise, if we do it the way God teaches us to do it. It's not necessarily a lack of activity, but being RESTFUL in situations where we lack the provisions we need. It's being at peace and trusting in God. God is always at rest and always at work. God Himself is Rest.

So, trust in God's timing, trust in God's provision, and trust in His rest. When we are in Him, we are perfectly at rest. We are not afraid. God will take care of it.

Start this Sunday! If today you hear God's voice, harden not your heart (Psalm 95).

Adapted from a talk given by Catholic speaker and author Sonja Corbitt to St. Laurence ministry leaders. To hear this talk in its entirety, go to stlaurence.org/ministry-resources-1.

To hear the complete lineup of talks given by Sonja Corbitt at the recent Fulfilled Seminar, please go to stlaurence.org/audio-recordings.
Revelation of the Father

the vision of a child capable of making moral decisions in the face of significant pressure. It discovers in St. John Bosco’s Preventive Holy Family with Don Bosco’s Preventive method to provide modern times. It integrates the Seven Steps to a Healthy, Happy, and his own experience of healing and conversion to help us find a path to concretely living a joy filled life.

Father Sean will give the first part of his presentation as the homily at all weekend Masses. Come hear the concluding part of his presentation at Arise immediately following Life Teen Mass.

Open to all teens and adults. No registration required.

Childcare Available
Advanced registration required at stlaurence.org/play-pray
(childcare will begin before Mass at 4:45pm)

For more info: stlaurence.org/arise

THAT MAN IS YOU

Feb 6-May 1, 2019
5:30–7:00 am, Marian Hall A

Revelation of the Father continues! The Spring semester considers the moral environment confronting youth and sets forth the vision of a child capable of making moral decisions in the face of significant pressure. It discovers in St. John Bosco’s Preventive System of Education the parenting method perfectly suited to modern times. It integrates the Seven Steps to a Healthy, Happy, Holy Family with Don Bosco’s Preventive method to provide practical guidance to parents in developing a parenting plan of life. For more info: Roger Peters at rogerpeters@me.com or stlaurence.org/tmiy.

WWW.STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF
In the past, most parents could get away with protecting the innocence of their children with a minimal amount of direct education. Today, because of the increased availability of internet pornography and the lowering of moral standards in all forms of media, every parent must take a proactive role in educating their children about the truth, beauty, and goodness of God’s plan for love. At the same time, it is the duty of every parent to teach their children to reject those things which cripple our capacity for love (Amoris Laetitia 281). Most importantly, parents don’t have to do this alone. Fr. Sean will provide a Christ-centered framework for having these difficult conversations and provide resources to help get these conversations started.

Subject matter not appropriate for children.

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

For more information go to stlaurence.org/parenting
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: VIETNAMESE MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

We the Vietnamese Community of St. Laurence “VNSL” are spiritually centered in the culture of strong family faith and values in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do. The Vietnamese Community of St. Laurence exists to promote Catholic teachings focused on family foundation of faith and values while promoting Vietnamese traditions and culture within our faith teachings to our children. We live to glorify God by our prayers and charitable actions helping others in need. It is our calling to gather as a Vietnamese community to worship and give praise to God through prayers and actions contributing to the building of our catholic tradition and culture. We welcome you to join us as we continue to build our community here at St. Laurence!

For additional information please contact Paul Tran (832) 878-5309 or by email vnstlaurence@gmail.com.

STEWARDS AMONG US
CHRISTINE DUNN

Christine Dunn is our Director of Religious Education. Prior to joining Staff, she and her husband of 36 years, David, moved to St. Laurence from Sacred Heart parish and each got involved in ministries here that appealed to their interests. Christine says, “My journey to full-time ministry began as a young stay-at-home mother when a friend invited me to attend a bible study with her. I love learning, but as Jeff Cavins says, ‘We don’t study the bible to be fascinated, but to be transformed.’ I always tell my team that we should affect people’s heads, hearts, and hands. The knowledge we share about the faith (head) should lead to a deeper love of God (heart), and our love for God stirs in us a desire to serve (hands). My favorite part of ministry is when others begin to see how God is working in their lives, are able to talk about it with others, and begin looking for it. Many people hesitate to get involved because they are waiting for a clear call from God or are afraid they will pick the wrong ministry. I encourage people to just try something. If it is right for you, it will be fun and life-giving. You will meet wonderful people and you will grow as God draws out your gifts and talent to serve others. If a particular ministry isn’t a good fit, try something else until you find the right place for you. And if you lead a ministry, don’t be afraid to ask others to join you like my friend did 30 years ago. I will always be grateful to her. Thanks again, Diana!”

Q. What’s the latest on Fr. Drew?

A.

FD went to the see his doctor on January 23 for new x-ray’s and this is what he told me: His doctor was very happy with the healing process and said Fr. Drew will make a very good recovery from this fall and not to worry. He will NOT need surgery. In about two weeks he begins physical therapy. Hmm, I wonder how he’ll get there, ‘cause he hasn’t been driving? (Just driving ME crazy, just sayin.) He’s been in the office every day and taking appointments, but he hasn’t been celebrating daily Masses, only a few Masses on weekends and any weddings he has scheduled. Fr. Drew, if you are reading this, please no more falls, OK?
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE ANNUAL VIETNAMESE TET LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Saturday February 9, 2019

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
3100 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479

Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM    Reception in Parish Hall: 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM

There will be traditional Vietnamese food and entertainment so come join us in the celebration!

Cộng đoàn Việt Nam ở St. Laurence chào mừng quý vị quan khách và gia đình đến chung vui chào đón Tết Xuân Kỷ Hợi

Nếu thuận tiện quý vị nào có Áo-Dài, khăn-dóng nên mặc

Paul Tran: 832.878.5309    Email: vnstlaurence@gmail.com
FR DREW INVITES THE WHOLE PARISH TO A TIME OF PRAYER ON FEBRUARY 6, 2019

On Wednesday, February 6, from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Fr Drew invites all the People of God at St. Laurence to a time of prayer — after the recent release of names of the credibly accused priests over the last 70 years. This will be a time for Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration in the church following the Wednesday evening Mass. Please come as we pray for victims of abuse, for the pope and the bishops, for purification and healing in our beloved Church.

stlaurence.org/time-of-prayer
We celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life this weekend. Consecrated life is a blessed gift given by Jesus Christ, who chooses a person to answer his great call of love in a distinct and special way. He requests that person leave behind features of the world such as marriage and wealth to serve their brothers and sisters. Consecrated life is a vocation, like marriage and priesthood, where men and women seek an intimate relationship with Christ. They are witnesses to the world that we are all ultimately called to unite with Christ.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, especially our own parishioners. Be sure to thank them on this special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

St. Laurence Young Adult Minister Michaela Barta will be the keynote speaker at Café Catholica North at St. Ignatius in Spring, on Monday, February 4. Café Catholica offers young adults (age 18-39) a chance to socialize, pray and hear great speakers, with Confession at 5:15pm, Mass at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:45pm and talk at 7:30pm. Michaela’s presentation, “Be Loved,” is part of this dinner-lecture series held on four Mondays at various parishes on the north side of Houston this winter. Young adults may come for all or part of the evening. Find more info at archgh.org/cafecatholica or contact Michaela at mbarta@stlaurence.org.

Archdiocesan guidelines suggest that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion be recommissioned in their parish every 3 years. A Renewal & Recommissioning for existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, February 9, 9:00am-11:30am, at the Ave Maria Center. All those currently serving the parish in this role are expected to attend this special session, which will be led by Fr. Drew, Deacon Dennis Henderson and Tom Ruck. The session is free and a light breakfast will be served. Please go to www.stlaurence.org/emhc-contact, no later than Monday, February 4, to update your contact information and to register for the Renewal & Recommissioning event. Questions? Please contact Rosemary Mascarenhas at rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org.
Serving Others

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FORT BEND CLUBHOUSE

Fort Bend Clubhouse is an organization that practices psychosocial rehabilitation, offering a safe, relaxed, and accepting environment for individuals with a mental health condition. Members work to discover their skills and reach their highest potential through working hand in hand with other members and volunteers. Everyone’s abilities and contributions are acknowledged regardless of their level of functioning. Their mission is to create a community that integrates these members into normal social roles and provide them with an opportunity to explore employment, educational goals and interact effectively with others.

Fort Bend Clubhouse promotes independence and focuses on relationships. Members come to work volunteering in a variety of occupational units with work ranging from clerical to culinary arts, employments preparation and health and wellness activities. Members are free to choose what work they want to contribute in order to support the community. Membership is free and anyone can come and go at any time.

Members and volunteers meet at 8:00 am, Monday thru Friday. Members receive guidance from other members and volunteers to improve their skills and talents. The clubhouse day ends at 4:00 pm. Activities range from using computers for website development, organization, budgeting, and newsletter production. Other things to do involve creativity, working with the arts, educational services, cooking and other skills. Everyone will find a spot and support to improve their talents and abilities. The goal is to prepare members to be ready to transition into employments and work in the local paid labor market through a Transitional Employment Program supported by the clubhouse.

SCM recently had the opportunity to visit the clubhouse. We shared a delicious lunch together and shared pictures of some of the people whose lives they have touched through their service projects. We were touched to hear their stories of hope and healing and the difference the clubhouse has made in their lives. This truly is a beautiful place where all are welcome, respected and treasured.

Visit their website at www.fortbendclubhouse.org
For more information or to volunteer, contact Michelle Lovelace at michelle@fortbendclubhouse.org or 281-605-9212.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE

Through the generosity of St. Laurence parishioners, funds have been raised to build our 14th house. The site has tentatively been chosen in North Richmond and our family has been selected. We hope to begin construction in February or early March to move this family into their new home this coming summer. We will be reaching out to our volunteers in the near future with invitations to help build the house.
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

RESPECT LIFE BROCHURE OF THE MONTH: BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN
This bulletin insert addresses questions such as “What is Marriage?” and “Why is it so important to society that marriage be preserved as the exclusive union of a man and a woman?”
Marriage is the foundation of the family, which is the basic unit of society. It is the best condition for raising children; with a stable loving relationship between mother and father. “Marriage is a basic human and social institution. Though regulated by civil laws and church laws, it did not originate from either the church of state, but from God. Therefore, neither church nor state can alter the basic meaning and structure of marriage.”

The complementarity of male and female makes possible the conjugal union that can serve as the transmission of human life and to build up the bond between husband and wife. Persons of the same sex cannot enter into true conjugal union. Giving same sex unions the legal status of marriage grants official public approval to homosexual activity. Redefining marriage to make other relationships equivalent to it devalues the institution of marriage, weakening the family unit. The breakdown of the family is responsible for too many poor outcomes for the children involved.

For more information on marriage see marriageuniqueforareason.org.

The article is available at the Hospitality desk in the narthex and at AMC, and at http://stlaurence.org/brochure-of-the-month.

ROSARY FOR THE PREBORN: Please join us next Sunday, Feb 10, after the 11:00 Mass to pray a rosary for greater respect for life in the womb. We will meet at the Rosary Garden outside the Ave Maria Center.

SIDEWALK ADVOCACY WORKS! Many women entering an abortion clinic don’t really want an abortion or have not made a firm decision. Offering them hope and help can redirect them to a nearby pregnancy center, where they will be empowered to choose life. Christian Voices for Life will begin a Sidewalk Advocacy program at 8200 Wednesbury Lane in Sharpstown in March. Training for sidewalk advocate volunteers will be given on Sat, Feb 16, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, in the St. Clare room of the Ave Maria Center. Cost is $15 and lunch will be provided. Please register early to ensure we have enough workbooks.
Questions? Contact Marie McCoy at 281-265-7749 or Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CALL BINGO AT THE SUGAR LAND HEALTH CARE CENTER
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.

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
• 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.
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Please check online: stlaurence.org/adoration or pick up a card on the table in the chapel foyer for a list of days and times available and prayerfully consider the hours listed Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org 281-224-6122

“Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20

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:
- Tuesdays, 9pm to 10pm; Wednesdays, 7pm to 8pm
- Saturdays, 10am to 11am; Saturdays, 6pm to 7pm (1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday of month or all)
- Sundays, noon to 1pm
And we also need a second adorer at 37 other hours.
Thank you!

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MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

FEB 7: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, 7:00PM
Ave Maria Center, Room 207
Our mission is to facilitate lifelong faith formation, access to the graces and sacraments of the Church and total Parish participation for every Catholic with physical, behavioral, or cognitive disabilities.” Our current projects include removing the barriers for access to Masses for families with special needs, the religious formation of children/young adults, and a fostering greater community awareness/acceptance/integration within our parish. For more Info: contact, Cindy Martin, cindymartin@stlaurence.org

Holy Hour of Reparation on the 4th Thursday of each month.  Feb 28, 7:00pm, at the Divine Mercy Chapel.
Plus, Fr Jaison will lead an Investiture of the Brown Scapular along with the Holy Hour
Questions contact:  Maria Argao, 281-221-8228, or email rmargao1954@gmail.com

ST. LAURENCE ADULT SINGLES
The St. Laurence Singles Ministry serves adults of all ages who are widowed, divorced, separated or never married. We gather together in spiritual and social activities in a safe and friendly environment to develop friendships and have fun! We also occasionally do service projects to help our Parish. For questions or more info email: st.laurencensingles@gmail.com

Friday, Feb 8, 6:00pm  Churrascos dinner in Sugar Land.

Wednesday, Feb 13, 6:00pm  Book Club Dinner at Cafe Goo Goo Yen on Williams Trace near Lexington. For the February meeting, please read and be ready to discuss George Washington’s Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yeager. Let’s use our brains and have a lively discussion!

Saturday, Feb 23, 11:00 am  Walk and Fuzzy’s Tacos lunch. Meet at the Fort Bend YMCA in Missouri City at 11 am. Edible Arbor Trail has fruit and nut trees to pick fruit from and they also educate what kind of trees they are. After our walk, we’ll have lunch at Fuzzy’s Tacos on Highway 6 in Missouri City Let’s get some exercise!

Tuesday, Feb 26, 7:00pm  Planning meeting in the Trinity room at St. Laurence Parish courtyard. Come join us to give your suggestions on what you would like to do!

Get all the details at stlaurence.org/adultsingles

LEGION OF MARY
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WHO WE ARE
We the people of St. Laurence Catholic Church are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do.

How we carry out our Mission
At St. Laurence Catholic Church, we respond to Jesus who calls us to love God and our neighbor. As a member of this faith community, I strive to:

- **LOVE** by showing respect, mercy and compassion to all
- **CONNECT** with others in a meaningful way
- **GROW** closer to God through prayer, Sunday Mass and the Sacraments
- **LEARN** about my Faith and share it with others

Filled with the Holy Spirit, I will be a grateful and supportive member of the Body of Christ.
All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on Saturday, February 9, at 11:00 am in the St. Laurence School Gym. Winners will progress to the District Free Throw Competition, which will be held at 1:00 pm, immediately follow the local competition. The KC Free Throw Championship is an annual event, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls, 9 to 14 years old, are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year, more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. All contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. *Secondary school athletes should check with the school athletic director about eligibility before participating. Birth Certificate or other proof of age is required to verify eligibility.*

Contact Kirk Hill, KC Community Director, at (210) 818-8883 to pre-register. Onsite registration available on the day of the event at 11:00 am. stlaurence.org/free-throw-comp
SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Parish Library (AMC)
Natural Family Planning
Family Faith
Elementary CCE
Maureen Bass | 281-265-5774
EDGE (Middle School)
Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
Adult Faith Formation
Tuesday 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

Tuesday AM Bible Study
Sunny Tom | 832-620-7417
Small Christian Community
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 | 817-845-6660

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
Maria Argao | 281-221-8228
Men's Bible Studies
Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873
St. Anthony of Padua
Joseph Ellankil | 832-282-3032
Small Christian Community
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 | 281-933-3721
H.O.P.E.
Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
Cancer Support
Bonita Bell | 281-468-8641
Caregivers Support Group
Lori Knowles | 281-265-5737
DivorceCare
Jane Jewell | 713-775-7172
Loving Seniors
Julie Koeppen | 713-320-7498
Fe Vercera | 713-248-1164
NAMI
Pat Summer | 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

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptism
Barb Roy | 281-265-5774 x5371
Confirmation (Teens)
Daniel Glaze | 281-265-5774
Confirmation (Adults)
Mary Visser | 281-265-5774
First Holy Communion
Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
First Reconciliation
Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Marriage Preparation
Rosemary Mascarenhas | 281-980-9812
Marriage Sponsor Couples
Sharon & John Harry | 281-980-8090
RCIA (Becoming Catholic)
Justin Frato | 281-265-5774

SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bridges to Life
Dana Cubirth | 832-689-4010
Correctional Ministry
Deacon Charles Plant | 281-300-3059
Funeral Receptions
Carol Giardina | 281-703-8615
Habitat for Humanity
Steve Pendall | 281-253-7088
Learn English Ministry
Wendy Moore | 713-208-5169
Learn Spanish Ministry
Adriana Gutierrez | 713-269-2851
Meals That Heal
Julianne Salverson | 530-306-1895
Medical Missionaries
Maria Jacobson | 713-582-8424
Respect Life
Erik Garcia | 832-595-4542
Senior Rides & More
Marie McCoy | 281-265-7749
Social Concerns
Penny DeGroot | 281-980-9812
Society St. John DeMatha
Deacon Al Bothe | 713-582-3870

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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Altar Linen Care
Julie Rodriguez | 281-980-9812
Altar Servers
Win & Erin Vahlkamp | 713-614-4235
Art & Environment
Michele Holbrooke | 281-265-8425
Catheber Short | 713-628-3949
Extraordinary Ministers
Tom Ruck | 713-855-2399
Greeters
Kristin Holy | 281-799-8317
Liturgical Ministers
Rosemary Mascarenhas | 281-980-9812
Music Ministry
Mary Thompson | 281-980-9812
Dr. Kevin Kloz | 281-980-9812
Ushers
Hal Mechler | 281-543-9876

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Discipleship Council
Shawn Kelly | 832-758-2222
Finance Council
Bob Ladd | 281-980-3246
Financial Peace University
Sunny Tom | 832-620-7417
Pastoral Council
Roger Peters | 713-857-8386
New Evangelization Ministry
Marta Alves | 713-569-3679
Re-membering Church
Tom Ruck | 713-855-2399

SUPERIOR VETERANS MINISTRY

Veterans Ministry
Molly Hinkle | 281-300-3059
Teen Ministry
Adan Deroche | 281-229-1590

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African Catholic Comm
Esther Iredia | 832-661-2945
Bazaar
Susan Yokley | 281-844-6484
Boy Scout Troop 828
Colleen McKeever | 832-428-4134
Cub Scout Pack 1828
Adan Deroche | 281-229-1590
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