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 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

Jesus came down with the twelve
and stood on a stretch of level ground
with a great crowd of his disciples
and a large number of the people
from all Judea and Jerusalem
and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.
And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:
“BLESSED ARE YOU...”
—LUKE 6:17-20

Fr. Sean Kilcawley
Tilling the Rocky Soil: Overcoming Obstacles to Love
Tonight following Life Teen Mass
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.

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.

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.

Announcements must be submitted via email at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication. Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator rmartinez@stlaurence.org
Does it seem like it is getting more and more difficult to live out the Gospel call to authentic love amidst a culture bent on self-gratification? Pope St. John Paul II witnessed this struggle among Catholics in our time and proposed the teachings, known as the “Theology of the Body,” as a remedy to this sickness. This revolutionary teaching helps us to understand that our deepest calling as humans is to image the self-giving love of the Trinity; especially through our vocation, the family, and our sexuality.

We are excited to welcome Fr. Sean Kilcawley, a nationally renowned speaker and expert on the Theology of the Body, to our parish this weekend to help us in applying this teaching to our lives. He is the Director of the Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Lincoln, NE and holds an STL from the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Rome. Beyond his training and expertise, Fr. Sean will bring to us his personal journey to embrace the profound teachings of St. John Paul II in his own life. We will hear the first part of his talk “Tilling the Rocky Soil: Overcoming Obstacles to Love” during today’s homily. All teens and adults are invited to hear the second half of this talk followed by Eucharistic Adoration and music by Kevin Klotz and the Life Teen Praise Group at Arise Night of Worship on Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

Fr. Sean will also offer a Parenting Workshop on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in Marian Hall entitled “Equipping Families in the Battle Against the Epidemic of Pornography.” In this workshop, he will apply the Theology of the Body in offering strategies to both protect our children from the evil of pornography and explaining to them the truth, beauty, and goodness of God’s plan for love. Don’t miss these opportunities to be transformed and empowered to live out our call to authentic love!

Questions? Contact Justin Frato, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA Coordinator: 281-265-5774 or jfratostlaurence.org

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**ARISE NIGHT of WORSHIP**

**Father Sean Kilcawley**

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**Nationally Recognized Speaker**

Will be the featured speaker at two events

**ARISE**

Sunday, Feb 17, 6:30-8:00pm in the Church

“Tilling the Rocky Soil: Overcoming Obstacles to Love”

**PARENT WORKSHOP**

Monday, Feb 18, 6:30-8:30pm in Marian Hall

“Equipping Families in the Battle Against the Epidemic of Pornography”

*Register in advance for child care at stlaurence.org/play-pray*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**FEBRUARY**

**SUNDAY**

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First Reading JER 17:5-8

Second Reading 1 COR 15:12, 16-20

Gospel LK 6:17, 20-26

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**MONDAY**

18

First Reading GN 4:1-15, 25

Gospel MK 8:11-13

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**TUESDAY**

19

First Reading GN 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10

Gospel MK 8:14-21

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**WEDNESDAY**

20

First Reading GN 8:6-13, 20-22

Gospel MK 8:22-26

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**THURSDAY**

21

First Reading GN 9:1-13

Gospel MK 8:27-33

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**FRIDAY**

22

First Reading 1 PT 5:1-4

Gospel MT 16:13-19

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**SATURDAY**

23

First Reading HEB 11:1-7

Gospel MK 9:2-13

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**SUNDAY**

24

First Reading 1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Second Reading 1 COR 15:45-49

Gospel LK 6:27-38

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**PRAYING THE NEWS | FEBRUARY 17, 2019**

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you… on account of the Son of Man.”

**LUKE 6:22**

O God, you surely do not will hateful words or actions against anyone. You grieve over them - the recent cathedral bombing in the Philippines, vandalizing of mosques and synagogues, the beating of gay men in Austin, racist mockery in Virginia. You promise blessing when we defend those attacked, risking insult, exclusion or even hatred for love of you. Jesus, we hope and trust in your mercy. Amen. †
**In Our Prayers...**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV  
SPC David Ambrovec, US Army  
PVT Michael Baird, US Army  
SA Matthew Baird, US Army  
P.O. S Debra Barnette, US Navy  
CPL Trevor Bello, USMC  
PFC John Blair, US Army  
LCpl Gordon Briggs, USMC  
SPC Jordan Briggs, US Army  
Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC  
MSgt Jason Chacon, USMC  
Lt. Matthew Chesney, US Navy  
Maj. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force  
Maj. Patrick Coffman, USMC  
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 Thibeau, US Army  
CPT Will Thibeau, 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  
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  
SSG Philip Loera, US Army  
PFC John Lundgren, US Army  
ILT Anthony Marich, US Army  
Amm Joseph Marcellus, USAF  
TSGT David March, Texas Air National Guard  
Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC  
Major Alexander Morningstar, US Army  
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy  
SPC David Ray Ramirez, USMC  
SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army  
CAPT Taylor Ramrath, US Army  
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC  
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force  
LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy  
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy  
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC  
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army  
SGT Bryce Whitley, US Army  
PO3 Troy Yelverton, US Navy

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, FEB 16**  
5:00pm – P.J. Mathew (D)

**SUNDAY, FEB 17**  
7:15am – Doan Demonia Daniels (D)  
9:00am – Frank Salinas (D)  
11:00am – Joe & Johnny Fernandes (D)  
12:45pm – Angelita Cabalde (I)  
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**MONDAY, FEB 18**  
7:30am – Felici Sima Duque (D)  
12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**TUESDAY, FEB 19**  
7:30am – Paul Espinosa (I)  
12:00pm – Ogojiaku Oledibe (I)  
**WEDNESDAY, FEB 20**  
7:30am – Taylor & Megan Krueger (I)  
6:30pm – Norma Magat (D)

**THURSDAY, FEB 21**  
7:30am – Ursula Rideny (I)  
12:00pm – Georgina de Martinez (D)

**FRIDAY, FEB 22**  
8:15am – Joann Duncan (D)  
12:00pm – Christina de Luca (I)

**SATURDAY, FEB 23**  
8:30am – Mary Ellen Ashlyne (D)  
5:00pm – Mildred Patterson (D)

**SUNDAY, FEB 24**  
7:15am – Rita Miller (D)  
9:00am – Mary & K.M. Joseph (D)  
11:00am – May Weddle (D)  
12:45pm – Heather Renee Brjakovich (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

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

NOW HIRING: ST. ANGELA MERICI DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION
St. Angela Merici Catholic Church is looking to hire a Director of Faith Formation. This position reports directly to the pastor, responsible for developing the catechetical curriculum and calendar, recruiting/training catechists, and managing the Faith Formation budget. This person collaborates with the Director of Youth Ministry and the Director of Family Life and is the manager for the Coordinator of Elementary Catechesis. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic with a minimum of five years of active ministry work with leadership experience and a BS/BA degree in Religious Education or related field. Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume, and references to Margaret Myers at margaretmyers@stamericigh.com.

MAR 14: CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CENTER HOSTS JESUS HEALS
All are invited to a free event that includes a Healing Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship and Preaching, on Thursday, March 14, at the Catholic Charismatic Center in Houston. Fr. Roy Palatty, CMI, will lead this session of “Jesus Heals” from 7:00-9:00pm. Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus in your mind, body and soul. Website: shalommedia.org/jesusheals

MAR 2: ST. THERESA ADOBOFEST & COOK-OFF
Sample the national dish of the Philippines and vote for your favorite at the 22nd Annual Adobofest & Cook-Off at St. Theresa in Sugar Land, on Saturday, March 2, 10am-2pm. Prizes will be awarded for best pork, chicken and non-traditional adobo. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for kids, or get a $20 VIP Pass with unlimited samples, drinks and desserts. Get more info and tickets at sugarlandcatholic.com. Proceeds benefit the parish’s capital campaign.

CHRISTIAN RENEWAL CENTER
Enhance your Lenten journey by attending the 2-night Silent Retreat at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson; Friday – Sunday, March 22-24, 2019. Spiritual Director, Kim Brown, will lead you through guided meditations throughout the day. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday and confessions will also be available. Regular registration ends February 22nd. Register online at retreatcentercrc.org before this date to avoid the late registration fee.

MAR 23: JEROME’S HOPE RETREAT
The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer a single day retreat for parents following miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant loss on Saturday, March 23. This retreat is part of the Jerome’s Hope ministry. To register, or for more information please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or register for the required parent preparation class, please contact Barb Roy at broy@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 x5371.

WEDDING PREPARATION
Next Class: March 25
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 Classes: March 9 and April 6
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. As an alternative, the 1st Saturday is offered in January, April, July and October. To schedule a Baptism or register for the required parent preparation class, please contact Barb Roy at broy@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 x5371.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMS
Karsyn Lynn Brod, Barrett Anthony Calcote, Derek Joseph Frontera, Ian Frank Nevo

FUNERALS
Ann Teltschik, wife of Ernest Teltschik and sister of Mike Lojo

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

*not licensed by the state

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

| FEB 10 COLLECTION | $51,063 |
| Registered Households | 7,700 |
| Envelopes Used | 718 |
| Loose Checks | 163 |

| ONLINE GIVING | |
| Monthly Offertory | $239,404 |
| Participants | 1,022 |

| DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (activity thru 1/24/2019 Final) | |
| 2018 Parish Goal | $495,000 |
| Total Amount Paid | $505,576 |
| Total Amount Pledged | $510,695 |
| Participants | 1,026 |

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
SLCS MISSION STATEMENT
As a pastoral instrument of the Church, St. Laurence Catholic School educates and develops the whole Christian person in body, mind, and spirit through the trinity of parent, child, and educator.

STLAURENCE@SCHOOL.ORG

FEB 17: PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY!
FEB 19 & 20: ELEMENTARY CCE THIS WEEK
Ash Wednesday/ Lent

As we prepare ourselves to enter fully into the upcoming season of Lent, our class lessons will discuss the meaning of both Ash Wednesday and the Liturgical Season of Lent to us as Catholic Christians. Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a family, reflect this week upon what you hope to get out of Lent spiritually this year and come up with a plan to do so.

FEB 26 & 27: NEXT WEEK – All Elementary CCE students and their families will attend our CCE Masses. Please note that there will be NO CCE classes held in the AMC during regular CCE session times on these days. There is no drop off at Mass as children must be attended by a parent or guardian. Watch your inbox for more details!

CCE HOME STUDY FAMILIES: Our next mandatory Parent Enrichment and Homework Checkpoint Meeting will be held TOMORROW Monday, February 18 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the AMC Marian Hall. We will be attending a workshop conducted by Fr. Sean Kilcawley entitled Equipping Families in the Battle Against the Epidemic of Pornography. Due to the subject matter of this presentation, no children (under 18) will be admitted. For babysitting, please contact Play and Pray. Please be sure to bring your children’s materials with you plus any make-up work. See you then!

WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FROM CRIB THROUGH 5 YEARS

stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

Save The Date For Our Annual Auction
St. Laurence Catholic School is excited to present their annual dinner and auction gala “Cirque du Saints”. This spectacular event will take place April 27, at the Marriott Town Square. The gala benefits St. Laurence Catholic School, which educates students from PreK through 8th grade. St. Laurence Catholic School provides students with an education focused on Christian values, strong academics, social skills, and community service. Contact the Advancement office at 281.980.0500 for sponsorship or ticket information.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF STEPS 4 STUDENTS!
Thank you to all that supported the archdiocesan Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk! It was a fun run with our fellow Catholic schools around the city! What a great way to support Catholic education.
**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. Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation for information or contact Daniel Glaze, dglaze@stlaurence.org

**NEW 4-WEEK BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

Primeval History of Genesis 1-12
Bible study is moved to Tuesday nights // 6:45-8:30pm.
Feb 19, Feb 26, March 5, and March 19
Led by Austin Cruz, M.T.S.  RSVP on Facebook!

- **Session 1:** February 19
  St. Joseph room, Ave Maria Center (FREE DINNER)
- **Session 2:** February 26
  St. Francis room, Ave Maria Center
- **Session 3:** March 5
  Marisa & Julian Vela’s house: 8814 Chipping Rock Dr. in Greatwood (FREE DINNER)
- **OFF** March 12 for spring break
- **Session 4:** March 19
  St. Joseph room, Ave Maria Center

**MAR 2: BLESSED IS SHE - GENTLENESS**

Meditate on 8 virtues necessary and vital to family life from Colossians!
Our next brunch is on Mar 2, 10am-12pm. Any young adult woman in their 20s or 30s (single, dating, engaged, or married) is welcome! It’s a great opportunity to celebrate and come together with other young women. Feel free to invite your friends! Please bring a brunch/dessert side to share. Email Flo for location addresses: francis.florence6@gmail.com. Upcoming dates: Mar. 30, Apr. 6, Apr. 20, May 4.

**MAR 14: MEN’S GROUP**

**TOPIC:** Christ the Liberator.
Thursday Nights / 7PM at Josue Vasquez-Weber’s house. We’ll either order food or cook together.
Email David for location address: 19david95mannino@gmail.com

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Next event: **Saturday, March 23** / Volunteer day at Westbury Garden / 8am-12pm. Email: marisa.ve, marisaramon18@gmail.com

**HOLY HOUR, HAPPY HOUR**

**Thursday, Feb 28**
5:15 holy hour / Divine Mercy chapel
6:15 happy hour / Fish City Grill in town center
Disciples on the Journey
This Lent decide to grow spiritually and build a deeper connection with your parish family by giving Small Christian Communities a try!

We will provide the Disciples on the Journey booklets to guide your small group during the six weeks of Lent. Use this resource with your existing groups or consider hosting a new group with fellow parishioners, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. This will be an opportunity to reflect and take action on the Sunday Gospel Readings through study, support, prayer and fellowship.

To register go to stlaurence.org/scc
Or
Look for SCC representatives on the plaza on February 23rd and 24th, after all the Masses to sign up.

The series will begin the week of March 4th.
For more information: stlaurence.org/scc or contact Genoveva Duque at 281-980-1014, genomduque@gmail.com
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: ST. LAURENCE WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

The Weekday Children’s Program (Weekday or WCP) provides high quality early childhood education for children 6 weeks through 5 years. Established 20 years ago as a ministry of this parish, WCP is licensed as a Child Care Center by the Texas Department of Health and Human Service and nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

We believe that children are the heart of the Kingdom of God. Together with family and community, we are called to support children’s spiritual and human growth and development. Our staff values the uniqueness of each child and will strive to develop them with early education programs that enhance them spiritually, emotionally, academically, physically, and socially. Most importantly, we believe that all children are gifts from God and that we are entrusted to care, love and teach them about His world.

Children learn best in a safe and nurturing environment. Our loving infant team provides individual care and attention to the babies. Our toddler team helps children explore the world around them and use their imagination. Our preschool team plans lessons in Language Arts, Math, Music, and Science concepts that are fun and exciting. Our goal is to have your child prepared for any challenge academically, spiritually, and socially before he/she enters kindergarten.

Visit with WCP representatives at the Hospitality Desk today after Mass!

STEWARDS AMONG US

DANIEL & ANA GLAZE

Daniel & Ana Glaze moved with their young daughter from New Braunfels to Houston 10 months ago. Their first Mass in Houston was the Life Teen at St. Laurence, and Ana turned to Daniel and said, “I think we should become parishioners here someday. This parish feels amazing!” It was prophetic, because within a few weeks, Daniel had interviewed for the Confirmation Youth Minister opening and soon joined our parish staff. Ana got a job at Adore Ministries and is a brand new member of our Discipleship Council. This young couple jumped right in, open to sharing their energy, enthusiasm and love for the Lord with their new parish family. They say, “We like meeting new people and have been actively involved in our previous parishes, but there was something different about St. Laurence. This parish drew us into a loving community much faster than any other we’ve ever been a part of. It made it very easy for us to jump in pretty fast! We both feel supported, welcomed and challenged by the people of this parish, and it has propelled us into understanding how to be good stewards of all the gifts God has blessed us with.”

They encourage others to take a similar leap of faith. “Don’t be afraid to be a little uncomfortable at the beginning. It may feel daunting to reach out at first, but trust that God will give you the graces to find a group of people that will carry you through your journey to Him.”

Ask Paula

Q. What time can we get ashes on Ash Wednesday?

A. There are three Masses, at 8:15am (the school will be at this one), noon (yes, that’s 12:00pm), and at 7:30pm. There are three services (you know, readings only, no communion) at 6:30am, 4:30pm and 6:00pm. I love when people call and want to know if we have any OTHER times. Really? Is this not enough? It’s not even a holy day of obligation, just sayin. We always get a couple of people stopping by wanting to ash themselves. That stopped when Fr. John left, and I know he’ll forgive me for saying this, but that’s not allowed — RIP my good friend. Every year, the day after Ash Wednesday, someone calls and wants to know if they can still get ashes. Sorry, it’s NOT Ash Thursday.

The Beatitudes are a roadmap for our life: they invite us to keep our hearts pure, to practice meekness and justice, to be merciful to all, to live affliction in union with God

— Pope Francis
February 5, 2019

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.
Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and experience His miraculous presence during Eucharistic Adoration, offered every day, around the clock, in the Chapel of Divine Mercy.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance. St. Laurence parishioners unite in making a continuous adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by committing to one (or more) hours a week as an Adorer.

During Lent, we pray, fast and give alms. We invite you to make a weekly Holy Hour part of your Lenten observance this year. Rest a while in His presence. Nourish your soul and know His peace.

Pick up a brochure on “How to Make a Holy Hour” at the Hospitality Desk or visit the website for more information, personal testimonies, and suggestions.

Email or call coordinator, Fran Magelssen, at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-224-6122
stlaurence.org/adoration
FAMILY NIGHT
FEBRUARY 22

The Mystery of the Holy Trinity

Join other St. Laurence families to study the clues and find out if we can solve the Mystery of the Holy Trinity. We will enjoy a meal together, gather our detective tools, and study this amazing, yet unsolved mystery.

RSVP at https://stlaurence.org/family-nights by February 20.

Contact
Melissa Calcote
for more information at mccalcote@stlaurence.org
MAR 7: INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The practice of meditation, or silent prayer, has been part of our Christian tradition from the very beginning. When we practice this “prayer of the heart,” we journey to the kingdom of heaven which is within us (Luke 17:21). A free 4-week Introduction to Christian Meditation will be offered on Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm, in AMC Room 200, starting March 7. Members of the St. Laurence meditation community will lead the sessions, which will consist of a short talk on the topic of the week, a 20-minute silent meditation, and end with discussion and/or sharing of the experience:

- **Week 1:** What is Christian Meditation (Matthew 6:5-6)
- **Week 2:** Resurrecting the Tradition (Matthew 6:7-15)
- **Week 3:** The Christian Path (Matthew 6:25-34)
- **Week 4:** Spiritual Fruits (Philippians 2:1-11)

You may attend any/all of the sessions. For more information about Christian Meditation and this class, please contact Patrick King, patrickking50@gmail.com, 713-444-6014

MAR 3: CONGRATULATE DEACON TOM RUCK

This Friday, February 22, Tom Ruck will be ordained a Deacon of the Church by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. On Sunday, March 3, there will be a reception for our newly-ordained deacon from 2:00-4:00pm, in the parish hall. Join Deacon Tom and Dolores Ruck and their family. All are welcome!

MAR 9: VIETNAMESE LENTEN RETREAT

The annual Lenten Retreat offered for the Vietnamese community will be held on Saturday, March 9, 10am-4pm, in the parish hall. The theme is “Come Back to Me with All Your Heart” featuring Cha Trần-Kha as guest speaker, with time for prayer, confession and lunch. To attend or to volunteer, please contact Amy Le at 281-330-0565.

PRAY FOR VICTIMS, PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

On January 31, the Archdiocese published the names of 42 priests credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors. This list and a letter from our bishop, Cardinal DiNardo, may be found at www.archgh.org. The Cardinal emphasizes zero-tolerance for abuse and encourages anyone with knowledge of sexual abuse of minors to report it to the civil authorities immediately. Additionally, the Archdiocese has a Victim Assistance Coordinator, Diane Vines, who may be reached at 713-654-5799. Please pray for all victims of abuse and for our Church.

FEB 27: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sign your kids up for Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 10-14, 2019. OPEN REGISTRATION for children of non-volunteers will begin IN PERSON on **Wednesday, February 27**, from 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**, at the AMC, until positions are filled. Youth must commit to serving the entire week of VBS in order to be placed. For additional information and updates, please visit stlaurence.org/vacation-bible-school.

Interested in volunteering as a teacher or other support role? Please note that ALL adult and youth VOLUNTEERS must be Safe Environment trained and cleared to assist at VBS. Check out the VBS page for Safe Environment requirements for both adults (18 years of age and older) and youth. Please contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org with questions.
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated coats for the Share the Warmth Coat Drive to support the basic needs of children, families and the homeless. This project was organized by Quail Valley Middle School student and parishioner, Charlize Lopez.

“The purpose of this service project is to provide warmth for those who do not have access to winter coats. In fact, this service project was inspired by our very own church. It all started with the Wish Upon a Star gift drive we have at St. Laurence. I picked a tag off the tagline for an eleven year-old just like me, and all she wanted was a fleece jacket. It occurred to me that not everyone had access to small, but necessary things such as jackets and coats. I thank St. Laurence for the support they have given me over the past few years and for the inspiration to start my annual service project of providing coats for people in need”.

—Sincerely, Charlize Lopez.

NAMI Greater Houston offers on-going support groups for family members of those diagnosed with mental health conditions. By sharing your experiences in a safe and confidential setting, you gain hope and develop supportive relationships. No registration is required.

This free, 90-minute group allows your voice to be heard and provides an opportunity for your personal needs to be met. It encourages empathy, productive discussion and a sense of community. You'll benefit from other's experiences, discover your inner strength and learn how to identify local resources and how to use them.

NAMI Family Support Group will help you:

• See the individual first, not the illness
• Recognize that mental illnesses are medical illnesses that may have environmental triggers
• Understand that mental illnesses are traumatic events
• Aim for better coping skills
• Find strength in sharing experiences
• Reject stigma and not tolerate discrimination
• Not judge anyone's pain
• Forgive ourselves and reject guilt
• Embrace humor as healthy
• Accept that we cannot solve every problem
• Work for a better future in a realistic way

Please join us at one of our support meetings.
All meetings are held at United Way, 12300 Parc Crest, Stafford, TX 77487.

Support Group (English) 2nd & 4th Thurs each month
Support Group (Spanish) 3rd Tuesday each month
Support Group (Chinese) Last Sunday each month

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

**40 Days for Life**

Prayer outside abortion facilities is powerful. Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer on **Mondays and Thursdays in Lent from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in Sharpstown**, outside a building where an ob-gyn performs abortions in his office. Prayer at **Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway** will be sponsored **Friday, March 15 and Tuesday March 26, from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm**. Links to the sign-ups can be found at stlaurence.org/respect-life. Or sign up at the table in the plaza the next two weekends. Contact Marie McCoy at 281-265-7749 with questions.

**Healing for women suffering after abortion (Spanish)**
The loss of a child by abortion can form a hole in one’s heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women and men who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion decision. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child and all other significant relationships. The next Project Rachel Retreat is **March 1 - 3, 2019** in Spanish. Please contact Julie at 713-741-8728.

**Pregnancy Resource Medical Center**
The PRC offers women the information and support they need to choose life for their child. They are working on adding testing for sexually transmitted infections. Volunteers are needed, at the Rosenberg center, to be trained as client advocates and in other capacities. Please call 281-232-2375 to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

**THE GIVING TREE**

**COMING SOON**

**MARCH 9/10 & 16/17**

The Giving Tree, our Lenten Service Project, kicks off the weekend of March 9. The Giving Tree restocks the shelves of the Social Concerns workroom with much needed household items. These items include everything from soap to pots and pans to gift cards and are used throughout the year to assist families referred to us through Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement as well as parish and community families in need. **The tag line will be on the plaza the weekends of March 9/10 and March 16/17.**

**WHAT WE NEED**

You can help with these simple donations. Look around the house and see what you have to share and drop off at the parish office or in the SCM Donation bin in the church.

- men’s clothing for residents of ISAIAH HOUSE, a halfway house for ex-prisoners: new underwear and gently used and new long & short sleeve shirts, pants, socks, shoes, jackets.
- mini/trial sizes shampoo, men’s deodorant, soap, lotion, toothpaste & toothbrush for MILITARY, HOMELESS, REFUGEES
- new white crew socks, new white t-shirts (size large), pop-top tuna/meat, individual peanut butters, granola bars for the HOMELESS
- new/gently used children’s books & small fleece blankets for CHILDREN IN SHELTERS
- Sunday Coupon inserts for COUPONS FOR A CAUSE program; drop off in parish office or the Hospitality Desk in the church
- Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, disinfectant spray cleaners for PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**WEEKLY**

**MONDAYS:** Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom

**WEDNESDAYS:** Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm, SCM Workroom

**OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Bingo:** Call weekend Bingo games for nursing home residents at Sugar Land Health Care Center

**Child Advocates Snack Bags:** Monthly assembly of 100+ snack bags for children

**Fresh Food Delivery:** Twice a month, purchase and deliver fresh food St. John Fisher food pantry

**Learn English Ministry:** Teach English to non-English-speaking adults; no teaching or foreign language experience necessary

**Lunches of Love:** Decorate lunch bags; over 2,200 brown bag meals provided each week to children in Richmond-Rosenberg

**Loving Creations:** Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the SCM Workroom, 10:00am-Noon, to provide handcrafted items for adults and children hospital patients

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE AND OTHER GREAT WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS, GO TO www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns
MINISTERIO HISPANO
FEB 23: 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 Martínez Tel 281-313-2833. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

LEGION OF MARY
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. Contact: Maria Argao, 281-221-8228, or email rmargao1954@gmail.com.

JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS
You are invited to join the JOY Club. The J.O.Y. Club (Just Older Youth) is a parish group for people 55-and-up. The group meets on the first Monday of each month, from 11:00am-1:00pm, for a social activity or program at the Ave Maria Center. Join us at these upcoming events and contact Anne Higgins at nannyhiggs@gmail.com, 832-755-5597.
Tuesday, Feb. 19  Noon Mass and lunch out after

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.laurencesingles@gmail.com

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

HOPE - GRIEF MINISTRY PROGRAM
Thursday, March 21, 2019 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease) is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving also utilized by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Consider attending if you have lost a loved one due to a sudden, tragic death or from a long term illness, either recently or in the past. Led by a hospice-trained facilitator, the group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call or Kathy Heinemann at 281-468-0738 or Annette Bisanz at 281-980-1449.

FEB 24: CHALLENGE CLUB FOR GIRLS
Challenge Club For Girls will host coffee and donuts after the morning Masses on February 24th. We’d love to meet you and your girls grades 5-12. Come discover what makes this ministry so much fun. And have a donut or two on us!
On-going - Challenge Club For Girls is a place where girls can be themselves, grow closer to God and make deep, meaningful connections with other girls. Contact us for more information. We’d love to tell you more. slcc1213@gmail.com

URGENT NEED for adorers at these times: Fridays, 11am to noon, Saturdays, 10am to 11am, Saturdays, 6pm to 7pm (1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday of month or all) Sundays, noon to 1pm
Adoration is closed for President’s weekend from Friday, Feb 15, 4pm until Tuesday, Feb 19, 8am after Mass.

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. Are you that second person?
Gather with members of the St. Laurence Ladies Guild this Thursday, February 21, at 6:30pm, in the parish hall, for a Valentine’s Day inspired meeting. We’ll play games and learn how to make a needle felt card, to take home. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Our donation for Angela House this month is toiletries (soap, razors, lotion, shampoo, etc). Come learn more about Ladies Guild! Questions? Contact President Tina Dougherty, tinadougherty95@gmail.com.

APR 6: PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT

A discernment for new members of the Pastoral Council is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, following the 8:30am Mass. The Pastoral Council is comprised of 12 parishioners who serve a 4-year term to provide counsel to Fr. Drew on the long range pastoral issues of our parish. If you are interested in learning more, two information sessions are set for Thursday 3/21 (7:00pm) and Sunday 3/24 (2:30pm). Attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory to participate in the discernment. Contact Tony Oltremari at toltremari@stlaurence.org.

FEB 20: DIVORCECARE MEETING

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. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in the St. Francis room in the AMC. If interested, contact Janie Picou at jpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

2019 SESSION SCHEDULE:
• February 20 - New Relationships
• February 27 - Financial Survival

The Junior Catholic Daughters, associated with our dynamic Catholic Daughters organization, is a place for girls to grow into women of faith and service. Our JCDA group is currently seeking an adult leader. If you or your daughter has benefited from being in JCDA, consider returning the blessing by leading this group now. The JCDA will not continue without new adult volunteers, so its future is in the hands of a parent with a servant’s heart. Please contact Julie Chovanetz at jchovanetz@stlaurence.org for more information. Thank you!

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS
Monday, March 4
Every first Monday of the month, 7:00-8:00pm
In the Divine Mercy Chapel

The Vocations Committee invites all to attend this special hour of adoration for vocations each month, praying before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the protection of all our priests.

ALL ARE WELCOME. Come once or come each first Monday of the month! Prayers read aloud, recitation of the rosary, and time for quiet reflection.

Questions: Email Vocations Coordinator, Nia Sepe at nsepe@stlaurence.org

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.
Fourth Annual Catholic Men’s Conference
8:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturday - March 9, 2019

The cost of the Conference is $40 if registered before March 1, 2019. After March 1st or at the door will be $45. Groups and students are $35. Clergy and seminarians are free. Light Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks/Drinks included.

For more information, speakers bios, and to register, see website at www.gcccmc.org

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