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

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
May 25: En la Capilla
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833

I give you a new commandment: love one another.” - Jn 13:34
PARISH OFFICE
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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

Parish Contacts
Pray: Lord, I glorify You when I praise You in my hardships. Give me the grace for accepting the purification process You want to do in me so I can love You as You want. Amen.

THE GLORIOUS MISSION

If you knew you were about to die, what wisdom would you impart to your loved ones in your final moments? What’s most important for them to learn from you?

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, Jesus knows that his time is short. The first thing he says to his friends are words of praise for God (the Father) while equating himself with God. He even calls his friends “children” as if he himself is God the Father! In so doing, he makes it clear that he is one with the Father — so totally that the lines between Father and Savior are blurred. And he does it humbly. He could have said, “Hey guys, in case you’re not sure, I am divine. I am God. Worship me.” But instead, he focuses on the glory of God.

Glory is the radiating light of God’s presence: his love, his joy, his holiness, his peace, his wisdom, his creativity, and everything else that he imparts on those who want to bathe in his glory. When we glorify God, we are reflecting back to him this same glory. How much of this glory is illuminating your life?

After describing the exchange of glory between Father and Son, Jesus imparts to his disciples the highest wisdom of the universe: The key to successfully joining Jesus in the glory of God is to love as he loves.

Love is not love unless it unselfishly gives itself to others. Jesus unselfishly gave himself to us completely, even in death. Followers of Jesus are not true followers, disciples are not true disciples, priests are not true priests, lay leaders are not true leaders, unless they serve with love, in love, and through love.

The glory of God is love that gives itself completely, even sacrificially. Why does the Gospel reading give us a scene from the Passion of Christ while we’re celebrating the season of Easter? The other readings are full of Easter: “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev. 21:5a). And yet here is Jesus preparing for betrayal, torture, and death. Why?

This Gospel reading is Jesus imparting to us today the key to continuing the mission of sharing God’s glory, which Jesus began and now calls us to do. By loving one another in a spirit of sacrifice, we are showing the world that Jesus is real, he is risen, and he is alive in us.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:
Whom do you not love? If you were able to give that person a gift of yourself as an act of love for the glory of God, what would that gift be?

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING:
How do sacrificial acts of love glorify God? Name a good deed you did recently. How was it self-giving (sacrificial)? How was it also a gift from Jesus, a sign that he was working through you?

In Our Prayers...

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

*Please pray for the following men and women who have served our country in the US Army, US Navy, and USMC.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

5:00pm – Louis & Angelina Kresta (D)

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

7:15am – Hoffmann Family (I)

9:00am – Wanda & Van Joslin (D)

11:00am – Kenneth Nguyen (I)

12:45pm – Remedios Llamado (D)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**MONDAY, MAY 20**

7:30am – Bernard Schindler, Sr. (D)

12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**TUESDAY, MAY 21**

7:30am – Marguerite Legner (D)

12:00pm – Pedro & Zenaida Solorzano (D)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**

7:30am – Napoleon Henriquez (D)

12:00pm – Ezennia Emuka (I)

**THURSDAY, MAY 23**

7:30am – Napoleon Henriquez (D)

12:00pm – Pedro Marrero (D)

**FRIDAY, MAY 24**

8:15am – Phoebe Inarsao (D)

12:00pm – Pedro Marrero (D)

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**

8:30am – Annette Weischem (I)

5:00pm – Ron McGinty (D)

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

7:15am – Bobbie George (I)

9:00am – Jerry Nirappril (D)

11:00am – Benedicta Ifulu (I)

12:45pm – Macaseta Family (I)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

*Collin Brown, Tim Cullen, Billy Dodd, Chad Henry, Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Christopher Meyer, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Margaret Uche.*

*Please pray for our parishioners in religious formation: Collin Brown, Tim Cullen, Billy Dodd, Chad Henry, Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Christopher Meyer, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Margaret Uche.*

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MAY 18-19: ST. THERESA 50TH ANNUAL BAZAAR
St. Theresa Catholic Church in Sugar Land is proud to host its 50th annual Church Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19. Join them on Saturday evening (6pm-11pm) and all day Sunday (10am-7pm) for a variety of international foods, children’s rides and activities, garage sale, silent and live auctions, and much more for the whole family. Visit sugarlandcatholic.com for more information. See you there!

MAY 31: ADULT BIBLE CONFERENCE AT CRC
Last Chance to register for the Adult Bible Conference with renown speaker Dr. John Bergsma. This 2 night retreat will be held at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson; Friday – Sunday, May 31-June 2, 2019. You may choose 1 of 3 rate options: Commuter Rate, Shared Room, or Private Room. The weekend will include Mass, Exposition and Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please contact the retreat center office at 281-337-1312 or online at retreatcentercrc.org to get more information and to register. Registration will close at 90 people.

JUNE 21: WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Jesus says “I give you a new commandment: love one another.” Learn how to love your spouse more on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, June 21-23 or August 30-September 01. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to www.houstonme.org.

JUNE 28: DIVINE MERCY GIRLS SUMMER DAY CAMP
Registration is now open for a one-day Summer Day Camp for girls (age 5-12) at the Divine Mercy Retreat Center & Family Camp in Cleveland, Texas. The one-day camp is from 10am-4pm, offered on Friday, June 28, and again on Friday, July 26. The theme is “Art & Beauty” and the campers will enjoy a day filled with prayer, art, friends and food. The requested donation is only $30, and discounts are available for siblings. Find out more and register by contacting Andrea Barta at 832-534-0023 and divinemercyretreatcenter@gmail.com.

MESSAGES FROM IMPOSTER PRIESTS
There has been an increase in reports of individuals impersonating one of our priests to solicit donations, normally in the form of gift cards. In fact, it’s so prevalent that the Attorney General of Texas recently issued a consumer alert. Please note, our priests would never make such an appeal. If you receive a fraudulent text or email, file a complaint at texasattorneygeneral.gov, notify the parish office and block the sender.

JULY 30: ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER BREAKFAST
The annual Archdiocesan Prayer Breakfast is July 30 at the Marriott Marquis in JUL 30: ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER BREAKFAST

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

| MAY 12 COLLECTION                        | $47,568  |
| Registered Households                    | 7,709    |
| Envelopes Used                           | 676      |
| Loose Checks                             | 177      |

ONLINE GIVING

| Monthly Offertory                        | $204,194 |
| Participants                            | 1,059    |

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

| 2019 Parish Goal                         | $495,000 |
| Total Amount Paid                        | $237,724 |
| 2019 Total Amount Pledged                | $314,668 |
| Participants                             | 659      |

PLAY & PRAY*
Childcare is provided in a safe, loving, and Catholic environment to young children while their parents/guardians attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance with Elizabeth Hernandez, at stlaurence.org/play-pray or ehernandez@stlaurence.org
*not licensed by the state

WEDDING PREPARATION
Next Classes: July 29
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: June 1
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
Camara Alana Abanukam, Rylie Cheyenne Beck, Owen Daniel Hinojosa, Zack Brendan Hobs, Samantha Everly Thu Huynh, Jide Zik Kenneth, Landon Christopher Leboeuf, Luis Andre Morales

WEDDINGS
Meghan Shank & Ryan Bacak
Katie Rawls & Jarrad Principe
Anna Vo & Phong Le

FUNERALS
Clara Dwyer, mother of Juanita Williamson
Francesco Ambrosio, husband of Alicia Ambrosio.

FAITH DIRECT ON-LINE GIVING

Summer is a time for planning and for doing. How we will spend our Memorial Day cookouts, our children’s activities, our summer travel. But have you planned your giving to St. Laurence Catholic Church and have you acted on this plan?

By enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct you can plan your giving through the summer so your gifts will reach St. Laurence Catholic Church even when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faith.direct/TX460.

However you choose to give, cash, check or eGiving, thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
Family, Children & Youth Ministry

**CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION**

**REGISTRATION** for the upcoming program year (which will begin in mid-September) is on-going and will continue through August 1. Forms for the CCE and First Sacraments preparation programs may be picked up in person at the AMC or go on-line to stlaurence.org/registration.

**OUR CCE PROGRAM** is an entirely volunteer-based ministry which depends upon the love, time and talents of parents and other adults just like you. Availability of space for your children in weekly classes is completely dependent upon finding loving and faithful volunteers wishing to share their love of Jesus with the children of St. Laurence. Please prayerfully consider stepping out in faith this year by becoming a catechist or classroom assistant. No experience is necessary, just a passion for your faith and a desire to share that with our youngest church members. Training and materials are provided. Don’t want to teach? We need you too! We have other opportunities for involvement during all CCE sessions. Interested? Please contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org.

**WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

**QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FROM CRIB THROUGH 5 YEARS**

stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

**May 23 & 24** Last Days of School, 11:30am dismissal

**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

**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.

**STLAURENCESSCHOOL.ORG**

**OUR ALUMNI MASS IS NEXT FRIDAY**

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US**

Attention SLCS Alumni! Join your alma mater for an end of the year Alumni Mass on Friday, May 24, at 8:15am. Be there to send off the 8th graders, receive a blessing, and a small reception in your honor. Parents are invited. It’s a great chance to reconnect with SLCS friends and teachers, tour the school to see how it has changed since you walked the halls, and (who knows?) You may even record a segment in our TV Studio! “ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT!”

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

We are looking for some dedicated, faith-filled people who are interested in serving our students as teachers for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in job opportunities at SLCS, please apply at www.choosecatholicschools.org. We have openings in Kindergarten and 3rd grade at this time.

We also have openings for Before/After School Care and coaching positions. Coaching positions we need for fall are Cross Country, Volleyball, and Basketball. If interested in after-school or coaching positions, contact Mrs. Brown at bbrown@stlaurence.org.
Jesus brought new life to strangers, friends and his closest companions in many ways. After His Resurrection, some of his disciples severely needed their own kind of resurrecting. Jesus desires the same for us — to bring newness, beauty and youth to those caverns in our hearts that have become cold, fearful or lifeless. We'll be discussing these things and the difference between happiness and Easter joy.

Is living a consistently joyful life "really" possible? Can the Lord actually bring resurrection to us this Easter season?

Session 3: May 21 — AMC, St. Francis Rm., 6:45-8:30pm
Session 4: May 28 — AMC, St. Francis Rm., 6:45-8:30pm

BOUNDARIES + BALANCE: SUMMER SERIES
TUESDAYS IN JUNE, 7:00-8:30pm, AMC
Dr. Ken Buckle + other counselors from Gratia Plena, Catholic Counseling non-profit, will give talks on identity, boundaries, relationships, transitions, success + more! Nights include presentation, table discussion + Q&A. PLUS, a Bible study each night from 6-7pm. RSVP on Facebook event

ST. LAURENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Join us in fellowship and prayer this summer. Registration must be complete in order to attend each event. All forms and information can be found online at stlaurence.org/edge.
Questions? Email mbass@stlaurence.org

ST. LAURENCE JR HIGH CAMP
July 15-19, 10am - 5pm
Games, Service Projects, Sacraments and Splashtown
$250 per teen
For those entering 6-8th grade

CAMP WILD SKY
IN MEDINA, TX
August 5-10
Fun, Faith, Fellowship & Sacraments
$750 per teen
For those entering 6-8th grade

JUNE
3rd- Bible Study in Youth Hall
10th- Bible Study In Youth Hall
12th- Open Gym Night
17th- Bible Study in Youth Hall
24th- Bible Study in Youth Hall

JULY
1st- JHC Registrations Due
1st- NO BIBLE STUDY/OFF
8th- Bible Study in Youth Hall
15-19st- Jr. High Camp (JHC)
31st- Movie Night in Youth Hall

AUGUST
5-10th- Camp Wild Sky

“For young children, more church, not less, is the answer. Daily Mass is a wonderful time to practice skills with fewer distractions.”
— The Shroer Family
FEATURED PROGRAMS

CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS
Thurs, May 23-Jun 27, 2019, 5:30-7:30 am, Guardian Angel Hall
Come together with other men and learn about spiritual and practical ideas. Contact: Jim Kij, 281-253-4800, jimkij@comcast.net

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Mondays, May 20-Jun 24, 7:30-9:00 pm, or Tuesdays, May 21-Jun 25, 6:15-7:15 am, St Francis

SACRED SUNDAY ON MONDAY
Monday, May 20, 10:30-11:30am, St. Anne Room
Share the prior Mass experience each Monday as we ponder and reflect upon Sunday’s reading and homily. Contact: Bernadette Peters at bernadettepeters@mac.com.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH
Mondays, May 20 and June 3 & 17, 7-9pm, St Joseph Rm.
Re-membering Church is a process of healing and reconciliation for inactive Catholics. No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason, you are always welcome. Contact Deacon Tom Ruck at 281 242-4750 or truck@stlaurence.org.

Do you want to feel secure that you know the basic teachings of the Church and can correctly answer questions that come your way? We know that it can be a challenge to find time to commit to formation during the school year. Why not make some time this summer to grow in your knowledge of the faith?

Listed below are enriching opportunities for on-going learning about the faith for catholic adults, catechists, and parents of children and youth. These programs offer basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple.

The summer courses are being offered on the various campus’ through-out the archdiocese.

The University of St. Thomas
June 10-28, 2019
Introduction to Scripture, (Basic concepts necessary for reading Scripture), Old Testament, (Navigate through and apply the Old Testament), New Testament, (Know, understand, and apply the New Testament), Catholic Beliefs, (Basic concepts in Christian theology and doctrine), Christology, (Who the Church understands Jesus to be), Sacraments, (The Liturgy and the Sacraments), Morality, (Living as a Catholic Christian Disciple), Church History 1, (From the Resurrection to the Reformation), Church History 2, (From the Reformation to today).

St Laurence Catholic Church, Sugar Land
July 8-12, 2019
Morality, (Living as a Catholic Christian disciple), Church History 1, (From the Resurrection to the Reformation), Church History 2, (From the Reformation to today).

St Helen Catholic Church, Pearland
July 15-19, 2019
Catholic Beliefs, (Basic concepts in Christian theology and doctrine), Christology, (Who the Church understands Jesus to be), Sacraments, (The Liturgy and the Sacraments).

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church (Cypress)
July 22-26, 2019
Introduction to Scripture, (Basic concepts necessary for reading Scripture), Old Testament, (Navigate through and apply the Old Testament), New Testament, (Know, understand, and apply the New Testament).

Each course is 10 hours long. Individuals are welcome to sign up for one or several courses.

For more information and to register go to http://archgh.cvent.com/SummerIntensive2019
CATHOLIC BIOETHICS

Beginning of Life Issues

3 Sessions for $50

JUNE 5, 19, & 26, 2019

7:00PM - 9:00PM

Come learn about medical and ethical issues.

Ave Maria Parish Life Center
3103 Sweetwater Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77469

Register by June 2 at: https://cvent.me/xKbYm

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Office of Prolife Activities: 713.741.8728
jkfritsch@archgh.org
Visit archgh.org/bioethics
Like us on facebook.com/pla.archgh
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: ELEMENTARY CATECHISTS & YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM

Thousands of children and teens will show up for religious education programming next fall and we need YOU! This enormous ministry requires hundreds of volunteer faith-sharers: Catechists teach young children (PreK through Grade 5), leading them towards an encounter with Jesus. Core Team members journey with middle schoolers (Edge) and high schoolers (Life Teen) as witnesses of Jesus and the Church. Together, they help parents provide a catechetical and sacramental foundation for their children that can last a lifetime.

It doesn’t take a degree in theology to share your faith. The most important requirement is commitment — a commitment to God, to the children/families you serve, and to your fellow Catechists/Core Team members. Curriculum, materials and training are provided. If you have a love for your faith and enjoy the idea of sharing that faith with children and/or teens, you have what it takes to serve!

Consider signing up as a volunteer Catechist or Core Team member. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus. You’ll be challenged, you’ll have fun, and you’ll make new friends. And importantly, you’ll be helping young people deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Get more information at the Ave Maria Center (281-265-5774) and at stlaurence.org/education. Don’t wait! The deadline to register for religious education is August 1.

Stop by the Hospitality Desk after Mass today to find out what it’s like to be a Catechist or Core Team member!

Q. What’s a good volunteer project for my kids?

A. Social Concerns has a couple of really easy ones. They can decorate lunch bags for Lunches of Love, which is an organization that feeds over 4,000 children in Fort Bend County. Please make sure it’s a regular size lunch bag (not the tiny one I’m holding, just saying). Plus, put a little effort into decorating! You know... with nice pictures, use lots of colors, make someone SMILE with your bags! You’ll earn 3 service hours. Not into decorating? You can bake cookies, brownies or treats for Parks Youth Ranch or Bethel Ministry. If you sign up for baking, you’ll get 2 service hours for HOMEBAKED goodies (which these kids don’t get, like you and I do). If you must buy store-made, you’ll only get 1 service hour. So maybe put the effort in, right? Need more info? Contact Social Concerns.

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.
You are all invited to the
GIFTS
OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Ave Maria Parish Life Center
3100 SWEETWATER BLVD., SUGAR LAND

MAIN SPEAKERS:
Rev. Drew Wood, Pastor, St. Laurence Catholic Parish
Rev. Mark Goring, Director, Catholic Charismatic Center

To register, go to: www.stlaurence.org/holy-spirit-workshop.
Each one is required to register. Walk-ins not allowed.

All are welcome. This is a free event.

SPONSORS:
FCSL-Filipino Community of St. Laurence
Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group

MUSIC:
PRAYER GROUP Choir
Marylone Urbis - Piano
Norman Acorda & Lito Clarete, Guitars
Martin Marquez-Dums

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:
Fe Vicerra - FCSL Chairperson - 713-248-1164
Deacon Ray, 713-854-8804 • Margie Calo - Prayer Group Leader (until April 21 only)
ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHurch
Hispanic Ministry and Legion of Mary
invite you to

MARY, UNIVERSAL MOTHER

A MORNING WITH OUR MOTHER

Saturday, May 25, 2019
8:30am - 11:00am

We invite you to celebrate Mary in her different advocations, representing devotions from countries around the world.

PROGRAM

8:30am  Holy Mass and devotional prayers
9:30am  Visit to the images at the narthex
9:45am  Procession and fellowship to the Parish Hall
10:30am Holy Rosary in five languages
11:00am End of the program

For information on how to bring your own national likeness of Our Blessed Mother please contact Francisco Rojas-Ayala 281-690-3374 or rojasayalafa@comcast.net
ST. LAURENCE: A SHELTER FROM THE STORM

On the evening of May 7, as the floodwaters rose, dozens of people were trapped on the St. Laurence campus. Between the church (a sanctuary for as many as 70 people), the Ave Maria Center (about 30 people), and school (10 people), St. Laurence became a safe shelter from the storm to more than 100 people. Since then, we have received many messages of appreciation, including these:

“Our vehicle was stuck in the floodwaters on William Trace. We pushed it into your parking lot and then you opened your doors to let us come inside. You literally provided shelter during the storm. ‘Behold, a king will reign righteousness and the prince will rule justly. Each will be like a refuge from the wind and shelter from the storm.’ Thank you for your special hospitality on Tuesday evening.” – John

“I am a parishioner of St. Laurence and was one of the ‘lucky ones’ to get to spend the night at the Ave Maria Center on Tuesday night. I wanted to send a note of thanks recognizing your staff that really went above and beyond to provide help and comfort to all the people that wound up getting stranded. They made coffee, got water, provided muffins, and in general a lot of support. It was a great outreach to those in our community who needed help. Most were not parishioners, but they found a safe and comfortable place to spend the night. It made me even more proud to be a member of St. Laurence.” – Bobby

JUNE 5-19-26: BIOETHICS SERIES AT ST. LAURENCE

In June, St. Laurence will host a 3-part series on Catholic Bioethics presented by the Archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities. The Beginning of Life Issues series focuses on common medical and ethical issues arising at the beginning of life, including contraception, embryology and stem cell research. The course will be held at St. Laurence on three Wednesdays, June 5, 19, and 26, from 7:00-9:00pm. The instructor is Paul Catalanotto, who teaches religion and bioethics at Frassati Catholic High School in Spring. Paul received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and an MA in theology from the University of Notre Dame. His writings have appeared in Gilbert Magazine, Homiletic & Pastoral Review, and CatholicExchange.com. Register for the course before June 2, at https://cvent.me/xKbYm and contact Julie Fritsch with questions at jkfritsch@archgh.org.

NOW HIRING: PART-TIME SACRISTANS

If you have a love for liturgy and are looking for meaningful part-time work (4-10 hours per week), consider applying for the position of Sacristan. Sacristans have an essential role at Mass, assisting clergy and lay ministers with the orderly flow of the liturgy. Sacristans arrive early to open the church; set out chalices, ciboria and other items for the liturgy; confirm lectors/altar servers are present; assist with securing the offertory; lock up campus; plus other duties. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, able to walk and stand for several hours and have a good working knowledge of the order and flow of liturgical services. Apply by sending your resume to Rosemary Mascarenhas at rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org.

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Join Legion of Mary to pray the Rosary every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:30 before the 12 noon Mass.

PARISH BABY SHOWER

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Hosted by the Respect Life Ministry and the Legion of Mary. The baby items donated by our generous parish will be on display after the 3 morning masses. Join us in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship.

Blessing of High School Graduates

Sunday, May 19

At the 5pm Life Teen Mass

All graduating seniors are invited to receive a special blessing from our pastor.

Congratulations!

On the Plaza

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May 18-19

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$3 per ticket, or $10 for 5 tickets
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CALL BINGO

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

DONATE TO THE GRACIOUS GIFTS SHOP

Gracious Gifts, the gift shop at the Mamie George Community Center, provides low cost, quality items for the seniors and poor of Fort Bend to purchase. Many people in our area cannot afford to buy gifts for family members, but Gracious Gifts gives them the opportunity to do just that!

They are in need of: NEW lotion and shower gel sets, plastic storage, Pyrex, GENTLY USED small decorative items, yard art, statues (crosses, angels, etc.), necklaces, rings, watches, bracelets and colorful teen athletic socks.

We respectfully request that the donated items be of good quality and somewhat up to date. By providing quality items, we are giving these individuals the opportunity to shop with dignity & pride. Donations may be dropped in the SCM bin in the church narthex and at the parish or Social Concerns offices marked: Gracious Gifts.

LEARN SPANISH FOR YOUR MINISTRY WORK

Sign up for free (beginning, intermediate and advanced) Spanish classes this summer, offered through our Learn Spanish Ministry. Summer 2019 classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm and are open to priests, deacons, religious, missionaries and those active in parish ministries. The program will be June 10-August 5 in the Ave Maria Center. For more info, to register or to volunteer as a teacher, please contact Adriana Gutierrez, Learn Spanish Ministry Coordinator at LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com or 713-269-2851.

TEACH SPANISH THIS SUMMER

¡Clases de Español este verano! Necesitamos voluntarios que hablen español como lengua materna, para enseñar español este Verano 2019 para niveles principiante, intermedio y avanzado. Estas clases se ofrecen a voluntarios de diferentes ministerios de la iglesia, incluyendo sacerdotes, diáconos, ministros, religiosos y misioneros. Las clases serán de Junio 10 - Agosto 5, lunes y jueves de 7:00-8:30 p.m. Para más información contactar a Adriana Gutierrez, Coordinadora de Learn Spanish Ministry, al 713-269-2851 - LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com.
**RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

**THANK YOU TO BABY BOTTLE DONORS!** As of May 6th, St. Laurence Parishioners have contributed almost $15,000 to the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center! Thank you so much for partnering with PRMC to help women with the choice for life! Bottles will still be accepted at church, the church office and AMC.

**PARISH BABY SHOWER:** You are invited to join the Respect Life Ministry along with the Legion of Mary as we host Hospitality Sunday along with our Annual Parish Baby Shower after the morning masses next Sunday, May 26th. There are still tags available for baby items still needed which can be picked up at the Parish Office. All the baby items that have been donated to the St. Laurence Gabriel Project will be on display at the parish hall. So join us for food and fellowship as we celebrate the gift of life. Questions, please contact Barbara@Panefamily.com.

**PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED:** Prayer volunteers are needed both on site and at home to support the sidewalk advocates working outside an abortion facility in Sharpstown. The hours on site are 8:30 to 11:30 am Mondays and Thursdays. Volunteers wanting to pray at home will be sent a weekly email reminder with reports of any hopeful events we see. Please contact Marie McCoy at Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org or 281-265-7749.

**KROGER REWARDS**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Kroger Community Rewards Program by linking your Kroger card to the Social Concerns Ministry. In an effort to make it easier for you to support SCM, Kroger is no longer requiring yearly re-enrollment. If you have already linked your Kroger card to SCM, you don’t need to do anything. If you would like to start supporting SCM, please follow the instructions below. SCM uses these funds to purchase food for various local shelters and pantries by the Coupons for a Cause shoppers who shop local grocery deals to save 50% or more! SCM earned rewards of over $2,000 in our last fiscal year and turned those rewards into over $4,000 worth of groceries!

**HOW TO ENROLL:**

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. You will need to enter your email address, create a password, enter your zip code, click on favorite store, and agree to the terms and conditions. Click on Community, then on Community Rewards, then click on enroll now. Enter St. Laurence Catholic Church Social Concerns (or NPO #80854) and click on it and save.

After you enroll, check the bottom of one of your Kroger receipts to ensure that your enrollment was successful. Your receipt should say, At your request, Kroger is donating to St. Laurence Church Social Concerns. Thank you!

**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 4,000 brown bag meals provided each day (during extended school holidays & weekends) to Fort Bend County children in need

**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 stlaurice.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.
How would you like to experience in a special way the power and the charismatic gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT? If so, attend the Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT Workshop, in celebration of the coming Pentecost. This is a hands-on presentation of the charismatic gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT (1 Cor. 12:7-11): the gifts of tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discernment, faith, healing and miracles. Our prayers and expectations are that the HOLY SPIRIT will impart to us or stir in us these gifts that we can use to minister to others. Fr. Drew Wood and Fr. Mark Goring, director of the Catholic Charismatic Center, are our main speakers. The Workshop will culminate with a powerful healing service. Free, open to all and lunch is provided.

To register, go to stlaurence.org/holy-spirit-workshop.

Walk-ins not allowed. For more information call Deacon Rey Arellano (713-854-8804)
Ministry with Persons with Disabilities
Are you ready to make an impact? Buddies play a pivotal role in welcoming God’s children and young people into the religious education programs at St. Laurence. A Buddy provides support to a child with special needs so that they can successfully be included in CCE, Edge and Life Teen. Buddies commit to working 1:1 with a student as they learn about their faith. Buddies may serve as a guide to a child with a visual impairment, remind a learner with high functioning Autism to wait their turn to speak, or break down instructions for a learner with Down Syndrome. This opportunity is open to adults and mature high school students.

Buddy opportunities are available on:
• Tuesdays at 6pm for Elementary CCE
• Wednesdays at 5:15pm for Elementary CCE
• Wednesdays at 7pm during EDGE
• Sundays at 9am or 11am for Preschool CCE
• Sundays at 7pm during Life Teen and Confirmation
Previous experience is not required. The only requirement is the safe environment training and an open heart to serve. Please contact Cindy Martin for more information. cindymartin@stlaurence.org. Complete the application on our website. stlaurence.org/buddy-application

MAY 25: VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY FAMILY PICNIC
The Vietnamese Community of St. Laurence is organizing a family picnic at Sugar Land Memorial Park on Saturday, May 25. Gather at the park (located at 15300 University Blvd in Sugar Land) at 10:00am for family fun and food. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please contribute a side dish to share and pack your bikes, kites, and drinks. (No alcohol allowed.) Please RSVP by May 19 to vnstlaurence@gmail.com (or text 832-878-5309) your name and number of people attending.

JUNE 5: MEET THE AUTHOR NIGHT
Save the evening of Wednesday, June 5th, for the second annual Meet the Author Night at our parish library. We are currently lining up local authors, so if you are an author or know of one, be sure and contact the Parish Librarian, Susan Mulé at 281-265-5774, smule@stlaurence.org.

Summer is coming! The Parish Library is a great resource for individuals, families and ministries.
Learn about all of our upcoming events such as this summer’s Story Time and our great Summer Reading Program that will kick off June 5 with Meet the Author Night!

SUMMER 2020: EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE WITH
Join Fr. Jaison on a 12-day pilgrimage and European tour next summer! From July 28-August 8, 2020, the group will travel to Poland, Austria and Germany, including the birthplace of St. Faustina, the Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's convent, the birth place of Pope St. John Paul II, and seeing the world-famous Passion Play in the town of Oberammergau. The cost is $4,190/person from Houston (includes roundtrip airfare, first-class hotels, 2 meals/day, sightseeing, taxes, fuel surcharges and tips). For details, please contact Anne Marie Daniel, adaniel@stlaurence.org, 281-265-5774. Or call Inspirational Tours at 713-961-2785.

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.
COME OUT AND MEET LOCAL AUTHORS!

JUNE 5
6:30PM – 8:30PM

Join us for light refreshments in the Ave Maria Center's Marian Hall as we “kick-off summer reading! Come out to meet local authors and have a chance to interact, ask questions and purchase signed books. We have a nice variety of authors and genres to choose from ranging from devotionals to fantasy! There are books for all ages from young children through adults. Come out and support your Parish Library and the wonderful local authors in our community! You won’t want to miss this!

Be sure to pick up flyers on all of our great summer programs! This year’s Summer Reading Program theme is “Read across America”! Earn prizes by reading books from Christian authors across the country! (for children AND adults! See the website for information about this program and for Story Time!}

Our BIGGEST EVENT of the Year!
Enjoy light refreshments!
Families welcome!
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