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
July 5 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
June 22: En la Capilla
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833
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OUR MISSION:
We the people of St. Laurence Catholic Church are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do.

PARISH OFFICE & COURTYARD
The parish office provides services including pastoral care, liturgical planning, business, communications, & administrative support, and social concerns & social justice support. The parish hall and meeting rooms are available through reservation by calling Nia Sepe at 281-980-9812.
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm; Friday 8:00am-6:00pm; and Saturday 8:30am-12:00noon.

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER
The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday through Thursday 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-4pm; Saturdays 8:30am-Noon (scheduled events only). The Weekday Children’s Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, WCP hours Monday-Friday are 8:00am-3:00pm.

PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL
St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 720 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8. Office Hours: Monday-Friday are 8:00am-4:00pm.
Adjacent to the school is the Chapel of the Divine Mercy which offers Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and serves as the site for smaller liturgies.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
Announcements must be submitted via email at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication. Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator rmartinez@stlaurence.org
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**JUNE**

**SUNDAY**

(#1084 in your Gather Book)

**Pentecost Sunday**

First Reading  ACTS 2:1-11

Second Reading  1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13

Gospel  JN 20:19-23

**MONDAY**

First Reading  GN 3:9-15, 20

Gospel  JN 19:25-34

**TUESDAY**

First Reading  ACTS 11:21B-26; 12:1-3

Gospel  MT 5:13-16

**WEDNESDAY**

First Reading  2 COR 3:4-11

Gospel  MT 5:17-19

**THURSDAY**

First Reading  2 COR 3:15—4:1, 3-6

Gospel  MT 5:20-26

**FRIDAY**

First Reading  2 COR 4:7-15

Gospel  MT 5:27-32

**SATURDAY**

First Reading  2 COR 5:14-21

Gospel  MT 5:33-37

**SUNDAY**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

First Reading  PRV 8:22-31

Second Reading  ROM 5:1-5

Gospel  JN 16:12-15

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**PRAYING THE NEWS | JUNE 9, 2019**

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**Good News Reflection**

**Pray:** Praised be to You, Jesus, because nobody and nothing can give us the peace You give. Your peace comforts and strengthens us to be Your witnesses to the very ends of the earth. Thank You, Lord, for Your peace! **Amen.**

**PARTNERING WITH JESUS IN THE POWER OF HIS SPIRIT**

John 20:19-23 is one of two possible Gospel readings for Pentecost Sunday. In it, Jesus says "peace be with you" twice. First, he gives his disciples the gift of peace so that they can take their focus off of their worries to look at him and recognize him standing in their midst.

Then he says it again while giving them the vocation of continuing the mission that he had started. This time, "peace be with you" is to be the fruit of a life lived in the Holy Spirit while serving God for the sake of the world.

It’s one thing to feel peaceful because we know that Jesus is with us. It’s quite a challenge, though, to feel peaceful when telling others about Jesus, for we feel inadequate and overwhelmed, and we’re afraid of being persecuted and rejected. That’s why he gave us his Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us whatever we need for doing the work that the Father asks of us, and thus we are not really inadequate nor does God fail to comfort us when people reject us.

One of the fruits of partnering with Jesus in the power of his Spirit is an inner peace that does not depend on what happens, nor on what others do or don't do to us, nor on how they respond to the Good News that we share with them. Peace is the result of being alive in the Spirit. Peace is the Spirit’s activity within us.

At the end of this Gospel passage, Jesus gives the Apostles (the first Catholic priests) the authority to forgive sins as surrogates of his divine presence. He is instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which provides to us Jesus himself in the form of the human priest.

The same forgiving power of the Spirit enables all of us to experience peace in a sinful, tumultuous world. Even when forgiving is most difficult, in the Spirit of Christ we can do it. We can forgive those who hurt us, even if they never repent. And this is what restores our peace.

**QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

What is causing you to feel unpeaceful? Whom do you need to forgive in those situations? If you’ve forgiven everyone and you still lack peace, do you need to forgive yourself? Or God? Consider going to a spiritual director or counselor for help in finding all the peace that Jesus wants you to have.

**QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING:**

Give an example of how peace is a fruit of life in the Holy Spirit. What other fruits come from depending upon God and partnering with his Spirit?

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In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for...

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
8:30am – Tom Frary (D)
5:00pm – A.T. Mora (D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
7:15am – Ann Teltschik (D)
9:00am – Rosa Waguespack (D)
11:00am – Patricia Fernandes (D)
12:45pm – Cruz Nicholas Gutierrez (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, JUNE 10
7:30am – Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
7:30am – Lorenzo Lopez (D)
12:00pm – Erika Tang (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
7:30am – Lina Infante (D)
6:30pm – JoAnn Duncan (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
7:30am – Faye Lacroix (l)
12:00pm – Basilia Zapor (l)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
8:15am – Mary Stilwell (D)
12:00pm – Francisca Herrera (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
8:30am – Aleyamma Abraham (D)
5:00pm – Teodora Basco (D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16
7:15am – Felix Thomas (D)
9:00am – Elaine & Tony Miller (A)
11:00am – Lorenzo Lopez (D)
12:45pm – Joseph Bao Nguyen (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

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**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**JOIN NOW: CATHOLIC SUMMER RUGBY PROGRAM**

Arrows RFC is Houston’s only Catholic Men’s Rugby Club, with a mission to form men in Christian virtue through competitive Rugby. The Arrows strive to create a family-friendly environment so people of all ages can enjoy the sport of Rugby. Training begins now for adult and high school men. Men’s tournaments are scheduled throughout the summer in Houston, Dallas, Austin and the Woodlands. A series of competitive Summer 7s Invitational are organized for high school youth. For more information, visit www.ArrowsRugby.com or contact Jason Kimball at coachkimball@gmail.com.

**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 dividemercyretreatcenter@gmail.com.

**JUL 30: ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER BREAKFAST**

The annual Archdiocesan Prayer Breakfast is July 30 at the Marriott Marquis in Downtown Houston. This year’s theme is “God is my Co-Pilot” featuring keynote speaker Gene Kranz, former NASA flight director. Individual tickets or tables of ten are available. Register today at archgh.org/prayerbreakfast

**CAFÉ CATHOLICA: SUMMER 2019**

The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, dinner, and socializing. Café Catholica is held on for four Mondays in July starting on July 8. Each night will include Confession at 5:15 p.m., Mass at 6:15pm, Dinner at 7:15pm, and Talk at 8:15pm. Come for all or part of the evening! No registration is needed. Donations are accepted. All sessions will be held at St. Michael Church on Sage Rd. in Houston. This year’s theme: Ever Ancient, Ever New.

- **July 8:** Give Me Crazy Love: Your Body and God’s Plans Patrick Rivera, Young Adult Ministry, San Diego
- **July 15:** The Struggle is Real: Continual Conversion Fr. Josh Johnson, Diocese of Baton Rouge
- **July 22:** Beauty Ever Ancient, Ever New Michelle Benzinger, Speaker/Women’s Advocate, Pensacola
- **July 29:** Millennial Wisdom from the Church Fathers Daniel Cardinal DiNardo of Galveston-Houston

For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778. Visit archgh.org/cafecatholica

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**JUNE 2 COLLECTION** .............................................................. $54,856
Registered Households ............................................................ 7,709
Envelopes Used ................................................................ 651
Loose Checks ................................................................. 166

**2ND COLLECTION** Catholic Communications ............ $11,431

**MAY 26 COLLECTION** ........................................................ $47,748
Envelopes Used ............................................................. 562
Loose Checks ............................................................. 167

**2ND COLLECTION** Social Concerns .............................. $11,511

**ONLINE GIVING**
Monthly Offertory ....................................................... $191,686
Participants .................................................................. 1,094

**DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**
2019 Parish Goal .......................................................... $495,000
Total Amount Paid ...................................................... $277,678
2019 Total Amount Pledged ................................. $342,451
Participants .................................................................. 694

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

**WEDDING PREPARATION**
Next Class: 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 or 281-265-5774 x5371.

**BAPTISMS**
Isabella Madelyn Flores, Jude XavierAlama Nguyen, Zane Logan Tijerina, Brianna Celeste Trevino, Ai Vy Grace Tran

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Jose Raymundo Astudillo, father of Dina Arya
Kurian Thomas, father of Jenny Jaison and Thomas Kurian
Betty Bishop, mother of Mike Bishop
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**PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

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**FAITH DIRECT ON-LINE GIVING**

Summer is a time for planning and for doing. How 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.fai

However you choose to give, cash, check or eGiving, thank you for your continued support
Looking for a part time program for your preschooler? St. Laurence Weekday Children's Program located in the Ave Maria Center has a few openings in the Part Time 2 day program. Children ages 3 years and 4 years may enroll in this Tuesday and Thursday program with meets for 9:00am-1:30pm. Families interested in enrolling may call the registrar, Christine Novia, at 281-313-0329. Program Tours age given on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.

REGISTRATION for the 2019-2020 program is on-going and will continue through August 1st. Forms for the CCE and First Sacraments preparation programs may be picked up in person at the AMC or online at stlaurence.org/registration. Don't forget to register early, as many classes fill up fast! Classes begin mid-September.

Love children and love your faith? Please prayerfully consider volunteering this coming year as a Catechist or an assistant in the St. Laurence CCE program. 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! There are other opportunities for parental and adult involvement including classroom assistants and hallway monitors. Interested? Please contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org. This is an incredibly rewarding experience which you will never regret!

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

SUMMER FAITH CHALLENGE: Faith formation should not take a vacation over the summer months. Parents, be intentional about bringing your faith into your summer activities with your children. For some great ideas on how to nurture your family’s faith over the summer break, go to https://epicpew.com/10-catholic-things-family-summer/. Travelling this summer? Find out about Mass schedules in your destination location at http://www.masstimes.org/ and check out another church on your vacation.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER — OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00pm
Fridays, 9am- 12:00pm
Our office will be closed the week of July 1st.
Regular Office Hours Resume August 5, 7:45am - 4:00pm
PARISH BAZAAR SURVEY
OCTOBER 19 & 20, 2019
St. Laurence Parish Bazaar
Celebrating 25 Years of Family Fun
Planning has begun for the 25th St. Laurence Parish Bazaar, to be held October 19-20, 2019. We'd like your help in creating the best Bazaar yet. Please take a moment to provide your feedback — what are your favorites, what don't you like, what new ideas do you have?
Return this survey to the Hospitality Desk or parish office or take online at stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar

1 (worst) to 5 (best)

CARNIVAL RIDES: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments

GAMES: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments

FOOD: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments

BINGO: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments

RAFFLE: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: 1 2 3 4 5
Comments

When was the last time you attended the St. Laurence Parish Bazaar?

Join us! If you would like to help at the Bazaar, please provide your contact information below:
Name
Phone Number
Email
FEATURED PROGRAMS

CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS
Thurs, June 20-27, 2019, 5:30-7:30 am, Guardian Angel Hall.
No Class June 13
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, June 17-24, 7:30-9:00pm, or Tuesdays, June 18-25, 6:15-7:15 am, St Francis Rm. No Class June 10 or 11

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH
Monday, June 17, 7-9pm, St Joseph Rm. No Class June 10
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.

CONGRATULATIONS to these adults who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today at St Laurence, 7:30pm, celebrant: Bishop George A. Sheltz.

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Join us for a Divine Mercy Retreat
33 Days to Merciful Love
Mondays, starting July 1, 6:30-8pm
Rm. 201, Ave Maria Center
OR
Thursdays, starting July 11, 10-11:30am
Corpus Christi Room in Church Courtyard Area
Journey into the heart of St. Therese of Lisieux’s Little Way with the 33 Days to Merciful Love group retreat. This 6-week retreat includes workbooks, group discussion, and talks on DVD by renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.
Cost: $30
Registration and info at stlaurence.org/mercifullove
FORMATION TOWARD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SUMMER INTENSIVE

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?

Join us at St Laurence as we offer the Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program. This program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple. All Catholic adults are invited who are seeking greater understanding of their faith, who are already engaged in ministry, and those discerning their call to church ministry. FTCM provides the theological content courses required for diocesan certification as a catechist, is a pre-requisite for catechetical leadership preparation, and youth ministry leadership training.

St. Laurence Catholic Church
Ave Maria Center
3103 Sweetwater Blvd,
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12
9am-4pm

Registration Online
See link below

SEMINER 3 TOPICS OFFERED AT ST LAURENCE:

Morality
Important norms that guide a Christian way of life

Church History 1
Pentecost to the beginning of the Reformation

Church History 2
Reformation through the present

REGISTRATION
For the lowest price complete registration by Friday, May 31

Full schedule and registration information can be found at http://archgh.cvent.com/SummerIntensive2019
Every creature has a function, none is superfluous. The whole universe speaks the language of God’s love, of His boundless affection for us: soil, water, mountains, everything is God’s caress. #Biodiversity #LaudatoSi’

— Pope Francis
May 22, 2019

Q. Is there anything going on at St. Laurence during the summer?

A. YES! Here’s a couple of things happening... Social Concerns has outreach opportunities every Tuesday during the summer (I’m sure that will be fun, just saying). Over at the AMC, there is a bible study on Thursday nights for college age students. On Monday and Thursday evenings, there’s free Spanish classes (wait, only for adults active in parish work, that lets me out). If you have middle schoolers, there’s a Jr High Camp July 15-19 from 10am-5pm. They’ll have games, service projects and a trip to SplashTown and the Zoo! If you’re a foodie, go to Bros & Brisket for a BBQ dinner and speaker on July 25. This is ONLY for men. Too bad, I love BBQ. Check out the bulletin and website for more things happening.
Join us for a 6-week small-group retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *33 Days to Morning Glory*.

**Consecration to Jesus through Mary at St. Laurence Catholic Church**

Six Popes have testified to the great power of Marian Consecration as the best way to enter into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC, in his book and Video Series *33 Days to Morning Glory*, based on the wisdom of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta and Saint John Paul II takes us through preparation for consecration. You are invited to join us in preparation for consecration to Jesus through Mary on the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15.**

**Thursdays 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 and 8/1, 8/8, 8/15 at the Ave Maria Center 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Tuesdays 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 at the Ave Maria Center 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**

To register contact Anne Marie Daniel 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org

Information online: stlaurence.org/33-days-to-morning-glory
Hope does not disappoint because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
Romans 5:5

It is as if Jesus is saying to each of us: “Breathe in hope. Breathe out despair. Even in the struggles of your life, the Holy Spirit is present. I have given my life for you so that you will experience Living Hope that does not disappoint.”

The St. Laurence Women’s Retreat Team invites all women of the parish to our 12th Annual Women’s Retreat, Living Hope, at Holy Name Retreat Center.

Check-in opens Friday, 3 pm
Offering: $210.00
Register online at stlaurence.org/womensretreat
Full payment is required at registration
Registration is limited!

For more information contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or 281.265.5774
Holy Name Retreat Center | 430 Bunker Hill Rd Houston, TX 77024
FOR YOUNG ADULTS & RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENTS

A free BOUNDARIES + BALANCE series for young adults continues the next 3 Tuesday nights (7:00-8:30pm). These sessions are led by counselors from Gratia Plena and focus on such topics as identity, self-esteem, anxiety, boundaries, balance and transitions. Then just for young adults 18-23, a DIVE DEEPER bible study is offered throughout the summer on Thursday nights at 7:00pm at Black Walnut Café. This FOCUS bible study invites college-aged men and women to “dive deeper” in their faith through fellowship, community and scripture. For more info and to sign up, go to stlaurence.org/ya or contact Michaela Barta at 281-265-5774.

MARRIED COUPLES. ENGAGED COUPLES

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a way to attempt pregnancy, avoid pregnancy, and space your children, all naturally and while respecting moral theology. All with the same range of effectiveness as the most effective artificial means (Pill, Patch, IUD, etc.). NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. It’s always a good time to embrace the Church’s teachings regarding the unitive and procreative joys of marriage. Our next 3 class series will be held in the Ave Maria Parish Life Center, starting with Class 1 on Thursday, July 18 @ 6:30pm. Classes 2 & 3 will be on August 22nd and September 26th, respectively. Please contact Jacob & Jillian Counts (281-300-3704, jillian@nfpsst.org) or visit our website, www.nfpsst.org, for more information or to register for the class.

AUG 16-18: ENCOUNTER TEXAS IN GRAPEVINE

Encounter Houston is becoming Encounter Texas and moving to The Gaylord Texan in Grapevine the weekend of August 16-18! Take your family “Vacation to the Fullest” for a weekend that is part fun, part community and part praise & worship. It opens on Friday evening with a concert by Matt Maher Band, leading to a full day of inspiring talks and workshops, including Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bishop Olson, Mark Hart, Ennie & Cana Hickman and Dave & Lauren Moore. Get details and register NOW at EncounterTX.com or contact Ambassador Tracy Ardoin at 228-547-4255 and get a special discount code.

GIRL SCOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

St. Laurence Parish received the Community Service Award from the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council in gratitude for a safe environment to meet and for our clergy’s encouragement of the Scouts as they grow in service, leadership and their Catholic faith. Girls from St. Laurence Catholic School and other area public and private schools meet on our campus for a wide variety of Girl Scout events, ranging from recruitment events, troop meetings and ceremonies for the girls to Leader and Service Team meetings for the adult volunteers. Girl Scouts complete the Catholic medal programs at each grade level, which are recognized by Girl Scouts, and our priests meet and review with the girls before signing their Catholic medal books. Pictured is Fr. Truong Son accepting the Community Service Award from BJ Bonner, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council.

REGISTER NOW
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCE - EDGE - LIFETEEN

Deadline August 1st. Forms for CCE and First Sacraments preparation may be picked up in person at the AMC or stlaurence.org/registration

BE A CATECHIST

Sign up to serve when you register your children

ST. LAURENCE WOMEN’S RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 27-29
REGISTER ONLINE NOW!
STLAURENCE.ORG/WOMENSRETREAT

ADVERTISE IN THE PARISH BULLETIN

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THANK YOU FROM THE GABRIEL PROJECT

On behalf of the Respect Life Ministry, we would like to thank you for the baby items donated, along with the support of prayers, as our parish supports the dignity of life with the Gabriel Project. These donations are so appreciated by expectant mothers who are experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. And, thank you so much to all the ministries who donated cakes for the Annual Baby Shower.

SUMMER OF SERVICE

We have several Summer of Service opportunities coming up in the community and in the SCM workroom. Space is limited, so preregistration will be required. Details for each service project are on Sign Up Genius.

- **June 11, 5:30-8:30pm**, Serve dinner at Attack Poverty Mission- Richmond
- **June 18, 10am-noon**, MGCC Food Pantry – Richmond
- **June 25, 1:30-3:30pm**, Military cards & treats in SCM workroom
- **July 9, 1:30-3:30pm**, Rice & Beans packing in SCM workroom
- **July 16, 9-11am**, Lunches of Love packing – Rosenberg
- **July 25, 2-3:30pm**, at Gigi’s Playhouse
- **July 30, 1:30-3:30pm**, Shoe Sort in parish hall
- **Aug 6, 9-11am**, School supply sort at Bethel Ministry in Stafford

Register via Sign Up Genius: [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Click on the search icon near the upper right corner of the page. Enter the following information in the “SEARCH BY THE SIGN UP CREATOR’S EMAIL”: socialconcerns@stlaurence.org. Enter the authentication code. This will bring up a listing of all the service opportunities that are available.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The only thing Daniel and Isabella Johnson wanted for their birthdays this year was gift cards – not for themselves, but for children in need. Together, they received gift cards from their party guests totaling $430.00 and donated them to the Social Concerns Ministry. Thank you both for your beautiful and generous hearts! So many children will be blessed because of your kindness. In addition, Isabella’s Brownie Troop 157135 donated 16 boxes of Girl Scout cookies for the children at Parks Youth Ranch and Fort Bend Family Promise.

FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE

Social Concerns works closely with Fort Bend Family Promise not only to meet the immediate needs of homeless families in our county, but to empower these families to attain self-sufficiency. Learn more about Fort Bend Family Promise by contacting our Social Concerns Ministry office. Plan to attend a special event to benefit Fort Bend Family Promise at Christ Church on Saturday, June 22, at 2:00pm, and enjoy the barbershop harmonies of the Houston Tidelanders. Get tickets and more info at tidelanders.com
**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
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**RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

**ROSARY FOR THE PREBORN:** Please join members of the Respect Life ministry and the Knights of Columbus today after the 11am Mass, as we pray a rosary for our preborn brothers and sisters who are in danger from abortion. We meet in the Rosary garden outside the Ave Maria Center. In case of bad weather, we will meet inside in the oratory.

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK: JUNE 22 – JUNE 29.**
The theme of the week, designated by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is “Strength in Hope”. Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Religious freedom means that Catholics, and all people of goodwill, are free to seek the truth and to live in accordance with that truth, and so to strengthen our common life as a nation. The bishops have prepared a prayer intention, a reflection and a suggested action for each day of the week. See St. Laurence Respect Life page for a link to the documents. A few copies of the pages for each day will be available at the church narthex and the AMC.

**BIRTH CONTROL VS. NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:**
Do you understand the WHY the church teaches that artificial contraception is wrong? Are you aware of the dangers of hormonal contraception as well as the fact that children can be conceived and then aborted while using it? See the St. Laurence Respect Life web page or check the parish library for brochures about Natural Family Planning and Contraception, and 2 free CDs: “Contraception: Cracking the Myths”, and “Prove it, God! …And He did!” A series of classes on NFP will be offered at St. Laurence on Thursday evenings July 18, Aug 22, and Sep 26. See http://nfpsst.org/ for more information and information about classes at other nearby parishes. You will need to contact the instructor prior to attending.

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**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 stlaurence.org/social-concerns

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**WHAT WE NEED**

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**BE A FRIEND AND ATTACK POVERTY**

**Friends of North Richmond**

**RICHMOND, TEXAS**

Want to Make a Difference in Someone’s Life this Summer?

Join us at Friends of North Richmond for Mission Week 2019 - a mission trip in your own back yard! June 10-13 from 6pm-8pm in the North Richmond neighborhood, serve alongside your family, friends, and neighbors in a family friendly 4-day event where we love, engage, and support the North Richmond community.

Register today to serve in: Kids Camp, Basketball, Dance, Prayer Team, Home Repair, Food Team, Check-In and More! All students ages 11 and older may volunteer. All children ages 5-10 are welcome to join but will automatically be placed in Kids Camp to participate once registered as a volunteer.

Register online at: http://bit.ly/FNRMW2019
When we relax and are still, God speaks to us. Consider these two weekly prayer groups that practice contemplative prayer styles to help us to “be still and know that I am God.” The Contemplative Prayer Group meets Wednesday morning, 9:30am-12:00pm, in Corpus Christi Room (contact Elaine Smith, 281-499-6660) and the Christian Meditation Prayer Group meets Thursday evening, 6:30-7:30pm, in St. Anne Room (contact Patrick King, 713-444-6014).
ALL YOU NEED IS A SMILE
Do you remember a time that you had to walk into a room full of strangers? And that amazing feeling when someone smiles and waves your way? Doesn’t it feel good to feel wanted and welcomed? That amazing feeling is what we want everyone here at St. Laurence to feel. We are a huge parish and that can be intimidating. St. Laurence Greeters are here to make everyone feel welcomed. We are trying to grow our team to be able to cover all of the doors (and parking lots) for every Mass. This means we need you. If you are reading this article you are already qualified, because you are HERE at Mass! That is the only requirement. If you are looking for a way to get involved, this is a great place to start. A smile can change someone’s day and yours!

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality (Rom 12:13). Please contact Kristin Holy at 281-799-8317, ckholy@windstream.net.

JUNE 21: LOVING SENIORS MEETING

St. Laurence Catholic Church

LOVING SENIORS. A ministry that welcomes seniors with mobility issues and/or early dementia, to grow in fellowship with others who share similar challenges, enjoy activities that promote their well-being, engage in service projects to benefit others, and to provide free time for their loved ones/caretakers. Contact us for an initial meeting! Julie Koeppen, 713-320-7498, mjkoepen@comcast.net or Fe Vicerra, 713-248-1164, bertandfevicerra@yahoo.com

BE A BUDDY TO A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES

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. 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

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church whose purpose is to give glory to God through prayer and service. Meets once a week for prayer and discussion on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm, in the Corpus Christi Rm. CONTACT: Maria Argao, 281-221-8228, rmargao1954@gmail.com

June 27th, Holy Hour of Reparation on the 4th Thursday of each month.

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.
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JOIN US FOR A JAM PACKED WEEK FULL OF FUN, SERVICE, FRIENDS, PRAYER AND SPLASHTOWN!

JULY 15-19TH, 10AM to 5 pm
REGISTRATION $250
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ST. LAURENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Registration must be complete in order to attend the event. All forms and information can be found online at stlaurence.org/edge. Questions? Email mbass@stlaurence.org
# Social Concerns & Social Justice

- Bridges to Life | Dana Cutbirth | 832-689-4010
- Correctional Ministry | Deacon Charles Plant | 281-300-3059
- Funeral Receptions | Carol Giardina | 281-703-8615
- Habitat for Humanity | Steve Pendall | 281-253-7088
- Learn English Ministry | Wendy Moore | 713-208-5169
- Learn Spanish Ministry | Adriana Gutierrez | 713-269-2851
- Meals That Heal | Julienne Salverson | 530-306-1895
- Medical Missionaries | Maria Jacobson | 713-582-8424
- Respect Life | Marie McCoy | 281-265-7749
- Senior Rides & More | Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
- Social Concerns | Pennie DeGroot | 281-980-9812
- St. John DeMatha | Deacon Al Bothe | 713-582-3870

# Liturgical Ministries

- Adoration | Fran Magelssen | 281-224-6122
- Altar Linen Care | Julie Rodriguez | 281-980-9812
- Altar Servers | Win & Erin Vahlkamp | 713-614-4235
- Art & Environment | Michele Holbrooke | 281-265-8425
- Extraordinary Ministers | Catherine Short | 713-628-3949
- Greeters | Kristin Holy | 281-799-8317
- Liturgical Ministers | Rosemary Mascarenhas | 281-980-9812
- Music Ministry | Mary Thompson | 281-980-9812
- Ushers | Dr. Kevin Klotz | 281-980-9812

# Evangelization, Stewardship & Leadership

- 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
- Re-membering Church | Deacon Tom Ruck | 713-855-2399

# Community & Parish Life

- African Catholic Comm | Esther Iredia | 832-661-2945
- Bazaar | Mike Turner | 979-229-0991
- Boy Scout Troop 828 | Les Fuchs | 832-360-3104
- Cub Scout Pack 1828 | Kevin White | 512-568-7630
- Catholic Daughters | Pam White | 281-265-3070
- Council of Cath Women | Ginny Kazmierczak | 713-305-9845
- Family Ministry | Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
- Filipinos | Fe Vicerra | 713-248-1164
- Hispanic Ministry | Francisco Rojas-Ayala | 281-690-3374
- Indian Subcontinent | Randolph Mendoca | 713-360-8093
- Knights of Columbus | Duong Nguyen | 281-248-3798
- Ladies Guild | Tina Dougherty | 713-859-6861
- Moms & Tots | Amy Curiel | 281-685-6920
- St. Laurence Singles | Kathy Gawlik | 281-980-2677
- Seniors (JOY Club) | Anne Higgins | 832-755-5597
- Vietnamese Community | Paul Tran | 832-878-5309
- Women of the Cloth | Joanne Friday | 281-565-9813
- Young Adults Group | Michaela Barta | 281-265-5774

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