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

ROSSARY
Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
Aug 2 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
July 13 & 27: En la Capilla
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos. Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833

...He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest".
— Luke 10:2
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.

Parish Contacts

**Parish Office & Courtyard**

**Religious Education Offices**

**St. Laurence Catholic School**

**Parish School & Chapel**

**Weekday Children's Program**

**Parish Leadership Councils**

**Bulletin Submissions**

Announcements must be submitted via email at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication. Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator rmartinez@stlaurence.org
**Pray:** Father, I am Your servant, I am a worker in Your harvest. Send me, Lord, wherever Your word may bear the fruit You desire. Thank You for choosing me! Amen.

**THE CHRISTIAN CALL OF COLLABORATION**

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples to ask the "Master" (God the Father) of the "harvest" (conversion to Christ) to send out more "laborers" (evangelizers). And in the next breath, he tells them that they are the laborers and that they must get busy: "Go on your way," he says.

When you think of evangelizers in the Catholic Church, who comes to mind first? Most of us think of priests, and we all know that we need more priests. New vocations in Western societies are still way too few to compensate for the elderly ones who are retiring and dying.

Do you pray for an increase of vocations? Good, but that's only part of what Jesus is asking us to do. "Go on your way," he says to all of us, "and use your gifts, your talents, and your skills to assist in the harvest.

Jesus has always been collaborative. The number of laborers for the mission of the Church will only be sufficient when we all join the effort — clergy, religious, and laity — working together with our separate and unique talents and skills, humbly assisting each other as members of the same team.

To reach this sufficiency, many of us have to overcome the "someone else will take care of it" attitude. And some have to overcome the desire for perfection, the "I can take care of it better myself" attitude, which robs others of the opportunity to serve.

Many of us need to overcome the fear of losing control, the "I must tell others how to do their job" attitude, which chases away some very talented laborers. Jesus said we should carry no supplies into ministry; in other words: We should accept whatever is offered to us.

Our prayers for an increase of consecrated vocations are answered from within collaborative ministry. Clergy and religious are called to be good role models, which will attract new vocations, but the laity are called to serve God with the same zeal and holiness that we expect from priests, because out of families who serve come the holy priests and religious who serve.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**
Which ministries in your parish and diocese are lacking sufficient laborers? If you’re not already busy in the work of God’s kingdom, how can you use your talents to help there? If you’re already serving enthusiastically, how can you encourage others to get involved?

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**
Name some of the attitudes and obstacles that block the spirit of collaboration. How can these be overcome? What will you do to improve the conditions of the mission field so that more people will get involved?

In Our Prayers...

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambrozik, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
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
LC. Jason Chacon, USMC
Lt Matthew Chesney, US Navy
Maj. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force
Maj. Patrick Coffman, USMC
Lt Colin Day, US Navy
CPT Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
SGT Nicholas Dockum, US Army
Maj. 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 Jahnel Xavier George, US Army
SPC Philip Graham, US Army
LCpl Eric Gurnell, USMC
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
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
SSG Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
ILT Anthony Marich, US Army
Ann Joseph Marcellus, USAF
TSGT David March, Texas Air National Guard
Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
Major Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army
CAPT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SSgt Jonathan Slussar, 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
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, US Army
2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, US Army

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 6**

5:00pm – Victor & Juanita Fadera (D)

**SUNDAY, JULY 7**

7:15am – Tony Hernandez (D)

9:00am – Harry Kingerski, Sr. (I)

11:00am – Savio Kevin Le (D)

12:45pm – Frank Nemec (D)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**MONDAY, JULY 8**

7:30am – Katherine Watkins (D)

12:00pm – Doug Roberts (D)

**TUESDAY, JULY 9**

7:30am – Orlando Colon (D)

12:00pm – Eduardo Carvajal (D)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**

7:30am – Pedro Marrero (D)

6:30pm – Donald K. Lanham (D)

**THURSDAY, JULY 11**

7:30am – Jim Macredie (D)

12:00pm – Michael & Angela Kurian (I)

**FRIDAY, JULY 12**

8:15am – Joshua Dantas (I)

12:00pm – Orlando Quirch (D)

**SATURDAY, JULY 13**

8:30am – Raquel Silva (D)

5:00pm – A.T. Mora (D)

**SUNDAY, JULY 14**

7:15am – Special Intention (I)

9:00am – Charlotte Lombardo (D)

11:00am – Herb Appel (D)

12:45pm – Linda Casey (D)

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

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

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...

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

JULY 17: SUMMER LEARNING SCHOLA BEGINS
Learn the soul's song of God's Word in the Liturgy! Join the 11th annual Summer Learning Schola at the University of St. Thomas in Houston and spend eight summer evenings learning and singing 2,000 years of the forever tones of the Mass and Psalms. Offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays (July 17-18, 24-25, 31 and Aug 1, 7-8), and the schola will close with a special Mass, singing and praying all we learned. Tuition = $245. Visit chantschool.org/sls19/ to register or call Lowell Davis at 281-855-2358.

JULY 25: REGINA CAELI HOMESCHOOL INFO SESSION
Regina Caeli is now accepting applications at all locations for the 2019-20 academic year. RCA provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K-12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 25, at 9:00am for an information session and group tour held at 4640 Richmond Foster Road in Richmond. Please visit www.rcahybrid.org and contact Valerie at vragusa@rcahybrid.org to RSVP. (Private tours available upon request.)

JULY 27: HOUSTON DYNAMO FAITH NIGHT
The Houston Dynamo welcomes all families and faith communities to their annual Faith Night at BBVA Stadium on Friday, July 27, at 7:00pm, when they take on the Seattle Sounders. Immediately following the game, stick around for a free postgame concert by Season 9 “The Voice” contestant Chris Crump. Tickets start at $15; your ticket to the match is also your ticket to the postgame concert. Get tickets at houstondynamo.com/faithnight or contact Mike Mondello at mmondello@houstondynamo.com, 713-276-7591.

AUG 5: CHRISTUS VIVIT WORKSHOP ON YOUTH VOCATIONS
A free workshop will be offered to clergy, young adult ministers and all who connect with young people in ministry on Monday, August 5, 10:00am-2:30pm, at the St. Dominic Chancery Auditorium on Holcombe. Christus Vivit: Unpacking the Apostolic Exhortation Christ is Alive will help participants to re-imagine how we as Church can better accompany youth and young adults in discerning their vocation. Advance registration is required before August 1, at archgh.org/yacm. If you are interested in attending with others from St. Laurence, please contact Nia Sepe at 281-980-9812, nspe@stlaurence.org.

AUG 11: ARCHDIOCESAN AFRICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL
The African Catholics of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will celebrate the 2nd Annual Archdiocesan African Cultural Heritage Festival on Sunday,August 11, at the Catholic Charismatic Center, 1929 Cullen Blvd, Houston. The festivities begin with Mass at 3:00pm, presided by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, followed by an outdoor reception and entertainment immediately following Mass. There is no charge to attend and all are welcome! INFO: Fr. Sebastine Okoye, aaachf@yahoo.com, 281-917-2303.

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 Class: July 29
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BAPTISM PREPARATION
Next Class: August 10
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.

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PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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| Registered Households | 7,698 |
| Envelopes Used | 635 |
| Loose Checks | 158 |

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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!
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.

stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

Summer Faith Challenge:  Participate more fully in Mass as a family.  Before Mass this week, check out the Doing Mass with Kids webpage at https://www.pbgrace.com/doing-mass-with-kids/ for tips on how to make your weekly experience more meaningful for everyone in your family.  Discuss why it is so special to celebrate Mass together as a family and why you make it a priority.

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.

Registration for Elementary CCE is ongoing now through August 1.  Please check out the Religious Education webpage, www.stlaurence.org/registration, for session times/days and to download registration forms.  Elementary (K-5) classes will begin on Tues/Weds September 10/11 and Preschool classes on Sunday September 15, for all registered children.  Questions?  Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org for Elementary or Cindy Martin for Preschool and Kindergarten at cindymartin@stlaurence.org

JOIN THE ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILY AND GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

WE ARE A TWICE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

OUR MISSION

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.

SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY

We have limited spaces available

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00pm
Fridays, 9am- 12:00pm

Regular Office Hours Resume August 5, 7:45am - 4:00pm

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 your parish school, please apply at www.choosecatholicschools.org.  We have an opening for a middle school religion and part-time band teacher at this time.

We also have openings for Substitutes, 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.
FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS

Be a model of humility and grace. Ask for forgiveness when you’ve wronged others – and be merciful and loving when they seek your forgiveness.

HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN PROGRAM
Life Teen is our main outreach to all 9th-12th grade students and our mission is simple: to lead teens closer to Christ. Through teaching, discipleship, prayer, social events, and service, we hope to build up the kingdom of God one teen at a time. For more information on summer activities head to STLAURENCE.ORG/LIFETEEN

HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

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 & Splashtown
$250 per teen, For those entering 6-8th grade

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

JULY
8th - Bible Study in Youth Hall
15-19th - Jr. High Camp (JHC)
31st - Movie Night in Youth Hall

AUGUST
5-10th - Camp Wild Sky
For Adults

Adult FAITH Formation
STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF
Informing and Transforming Disciples

St Laurence Kiosk Highlights
Marriage & Family

Men, Women and the Mystery of Love
In Men, Women and the Mystery of Love, Edward Sri unpacks the contents of St. John Paul II’s Love and Responsibility, making it accessible to every reader. He emphasizes the down-to-earth nature of the late pope’s work, giving readers actionable advice on issues such as: How to determine if a relationship is one of authentic love or is doomed to failure; The problem of pornography; The meaning of friendship; And how to achieve greater intimacy in marriage.

Humanae Vitae
The papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (On Human Life) made headlines worldwide. Many talked about the encyclical when it was issued in 1968, but few actually read it. Why is it perhaps the most controversial document in modern Church history? On Human Life combines Humanae Vitae with commentary by popular and respected Catholic authors Mary Eberstadt, James Hitchcock, and Jennifer Fulwiler in order to address this question and shed light on the document’s enduring wisdom.

God’s Plan for Love
In anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the encyclical Humanae Vitae, Archbishop Aquila explains how Blessed Pope Paul VI’s teaching still serves as a great light amidst a world that is deeply confused about sexual intimacy. He provides valuable insights about how God imbued our sexuality with truths that are reflective of his own divine love. He challenges Catholics to share the liberating truth of God’s plan for sex within marriage and witness this reality as the way of lasting.

How to Keep your Kids Catholic
In a heartfelt and truly practical presentation, former Baptist minister Ken Hensley reveals effective strategies to help keep our kids within the fold of the Catholic Church. Drawing on personal experience and centu-ries of Catholic spiritual wisdom, he shares timeless, real-world ad-vice we can readily use. His insights set us on the road to more effective and successful parenting.

Find these and other great materials on our kiosks’ in the Church Narthex and the Ave Maria Center lobby.

SAVE THE DATE

the messy family project workshop for couples

Presenters:
Mike & Alicia Hernon

Saturday, Aug 17, 2019
9:15am -3:00 pm
Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall
More information to follow

Divine Mercy Retreat
33 Days to Merciful Love

Mondays, starting July 8, 6:30-8pm
Rm. 201, Ave Maria Center
OR
Thursdays, starting July 11, 10-11:30am
Corpus Christi Room in Church Courtyard Area

Still time to join this 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 work-books, group discussion, and talks on DVD by renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.

Cost: $30
Registration and info at stlaurence.org/mercifullove
THE GREATEST BATTLE STORY EVER TOLD

Enter into the cosmic battle that has been raging since the fall of the angels thereby embracing authentic Christian masculinity. Discover a kingdom and battle "not of this world." Encounter practical tools, like praying the Rosary, that aid in spiritual defense and development.

MARK HARTFIEL

Mark Hartfiel serves as the Vice President of Paradisus Dei, a national lay ministry dedicated to helping families discover the superabundance of God in marriage and family life. Mark is the author of Into Great Freedom, The School of Nazareth, and he and his wife Katie are co-authors of Totus Tuus: Totally Yours. Mark, Katie and their four children live in Katy, TX.

JULY 25, 6:30–9 PM
MARIAN HALL, AMC

Men, 16 and older, are invited to St. Laurence on Thursday, July 25, for a BBQ dinner and powerful talk delivered by guest speaker Mark Hartfiel. Reserve your spot at stlaurence.org/brosandbrisket.

No Cost, Donations Accepted.
Caroline says, “Taking the first step into ministry is always the hardest, but God uses us where we are with the talents that we bring. So just call and volunteer for any ministry! There’s no wrong way to get involved.” Caroline should know. She and her husband Randy, along with their children Libby (sophomore at Texas A&M) and Brice (senior at Clements High School), moved here in 2011 from North Carolina. Right off the bat, she got involved and has served in Family Faith, Edge, Life Teen, and Confirmation. “I’ve been a Core team member for Edge and then Life Teen for 8 years. I’ve also chaperoned Steubenville several times and will chaperone Life Teen camp at Covecrest for the 2nd time in August. Before moving to Sugar Land, I taught CCE and helped with Children’s Choir and VBS, so when we moved, and my daughter started attending Edge, I went with her and never left. Through these ministries, I’ve learned a lot about the traditions and beliefs of the Church by listening to talks and being involved in teaching the Youth. I also get to witness teens as they grow closer to Christ every week. Their love, joy, and enthusiasm is contagious, so my faith is renewed each week by serving them.”

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: ST. LAURENCE MEN’S MINISTRIES

St. Laurence offers many opportunities for men to grow in their faith, have fellowship with one another, and serve the community through our various Men’s Ministries. If you are looking to grow in your love and knowledge of Jesus and the Catholic Church with brothers in Christ, consider joining one of the following groups that meets weekly: Men’s Bible Study (Monday nights or Tuesday mornings), That Man Is You (Wednesday mornings), Catholic Men Called to Be Saints (Thursday mornings). The Men’s ACTS Retreat (coming up August 8-11) is a great opportunity to get away with other men and reignite your faith. If you are seeking a faith-based fraternal organization with many opportunities to serve the community, consider joining the Knights of Columbus. All men sixteen and older are invited to our second annual Bro’s and Brisket on July 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ave Maria Center where there will be a delicious BBQ brisket dinner, an inspiring talk, and an opportunity to learn more about all of the Men’s Ministries of St. Laurence. Register for this event at stlaurence.org/brosandbrisket.

Meet members of the Men’s Ministry — visit the Hospitality Desk after Mass. Learn more about all Men’s Ministries and other resources for men at stlaurence.org/men.

STEWARDS AMONG US

CAROLINE ROBERTS

In all we do ... 
... evangelize

@ PONTIFEX

Ask Paula

Q. What’s the (D) and (I) for next to the names for the Mass intentions?

A. We put a (D) for a deceased person and the (I) is for an intention (like the person is ALIVE, but not necessarily ill). People offer intentions for living people who might be graduating, or taking a test, or if they’re ill. Once in a while, you’ll see an (A). It’s for wedding anniversaries. Before you ask, we don’t put a (B) for birthdays. People ask all the time. Sorry, they don’t do that. If they did, Mass would be even longer, just sayin. Once in a great while, we “kill someone off” by putting a (D) next to the name, instead of an (I). It’s a typo (not mine). Of course, I get that call and just apologize and give them another Mass. Sorry.

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.
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

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FAMILY NIGHT

WHEN
Friday, July 26
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

WHERE
Ave Maria Center

We will spend some time talking about reflections of Mary in the Old Testament and Mary as our Queen in the New Testament.

A MAIN DISH AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE

Contact Melissa Calcote for more information at mcalcote@stlaurence.org

RSVP AT https://stlaurence.org/family-nights BY JULY 24
**NOW HIRING: PART-TIME YOUNG ADULT MINISTER**

Do you love interacting with young adults and want to see them thrive? Do you have good organizational skills? St. Laurence is now hiring a part-time Young Adult Minister to minister with and to our 18-39 year-old parishioners. This position is 20 hours per week to provide strategic support for all young adult programs and events. Two-three years of prior work experience is preferred. Must have excellent communication skills and competency in Microsoft Office Suite. Some evenings and weekends are required. All interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Christine Dunn, Director of Religious Education, cdunn@stlaurence.org.

**AUG 8-11: MAKE AN A.C.T.S. RETREAT**

An ACTS Retreat for men of the parish is scheduled for August 8-11, 2019. All men 21-and-over, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to attend this life-changing weekend. Registration is open now and spots fill up quickly. You'll leave on Thursday evening and return Sunday morning. This experience will take place at the Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Houston. It’s a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends within our parish community. For more information, please contact Ruben Alvarez at 713-562-2933 or ralvarez05@comcast.net.

**JULY 13-14: SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2ND COLLECTION**

“*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” LK 10:27

In 1833, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul along with 6 friends. To fund the activities to help the poor, they took a secret collection using a black bag. They passed it from person to person until each one had given their share. Because the Society does not receive DSF funding, Bishop Markovsky allowed us to have our first Black Bag collection in 1970. Forty-nine years later, we continue the tradition of the Black Bag Collection. Please donate to the 49th Annual Black Bag Collection next week.

**REGISTER NOW FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Registration is open now for religious education classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration is required for all programs from age 3 through high school, including Sacrament Preparation classes. No matter the age of your children or where they are in their faith formation, we invite you to commit today to helping them grow as disciples of Christ. Please go to stlaurence.org/registration for information and forms. The deadline to register is August 1, but don’t wait! Classes do fill up quickly and the number of classes offered is limited to the number of volunteer catechists available to help. Teaching or assisting in religious education classes is a wonderful way to get involved in the life of this big parish! No experience is necessary, training & materials are provided, and you’ll be a visible model of service for your children. Please stop by the Ave Maria Center to learn more or call 281-265-5774.

**ST. LAURENCE WOMEN’S RETREAT**

**SEPTEMBER 27-29**

**STLAURENCE.ORG/WOMENSRETREAT**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY 25, 2020**

Scott Hahn at St. Laurence

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1ST

**ON THE PLAZA**

**BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE TODAY**

Take a tag on the plaza to donate new school shoes and supplies for Fort Bend children in need.

Thank you!
Beginning in 2001, the St. Laurence Shoe Drive has impacted the lives of more than 7,500 children in need. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of over 700 children this year. The simple gift of a new pair of athletic shoes helps tackle one of the most visible signs of poverty and helps children attend school in comfort and with dignity, better prepared to learn and play. We hear such positive feedback from the participating agencies about how excited and delighted the children are when they open their new shoe boxes.

With your assistance and generosity, we will be able to distribute shoes to the following churches and agencies:

- ABIGAIL’S PLACE
- BETHEL MINISTRY
- QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (our sister parish)
- ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH
- HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
- HICK’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- FORT BEND RAINBOW ROOM
- RIO BEND FOSTER CARE COMMUNITY
- LOTUS MILITARY PROJECT
- FORT BEND CHILD ADVOCATES
- ST. LAURENCE VILLAGE FAMILIES
- FORT BEND COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL
- REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

The Shoe Drive tag line and monetary donation envelopes will be on the plaza after Mass today and next weekend. In addition to the Shoe Drive, please consider helping us provide necessary school supplies to help ensure that children in need in Fort Bend County are prepared to learn and succeed in the classroom. The rising cost of supplies coupled with the number of items requested has made it difficult for many families to purchase the supplies needed. A complete list of all school supplies will be available on our website and on the tagline. All school supply donations will be distributed to children in need at the Fort Bend County Back to School event on Saturday, August 3.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
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.

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE AND OTHER GREAT WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS, GO TO stlaurence.org/social-concerns
Deacon Rey will continue teaching on the Holy Spirit and Gifts on every 2nd & 3rd Friday of each month — starting in August through November. Meetings are in the Chapel of the Divine Mercy, 7:00pm - 9:00 pm. Next teachings are on Aug 9, 16 and 23 and Sept 13 & 20. Additional dates and classes will be announced. Everyone is welcome! For questions call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Margie Calo at 281-980-4711.

AUG 2: A Healing Ministry meeting every first Friday, the Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group Healing Ministry will pray for individual needs after the First Friday Masses, from 8:30-9:15pm. Adoration will start immediately after in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

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/caregivers.

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Contact us for an initial meeting! Julie Koeppen, 713-320-7498, mjkoeppen@comcast.net or Fe Vicerra, 713-248-1164, bertandfevicerra@yahoo.com

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JULY 13 & 27: MISA EN ESPAÑOL En la Capilla. Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez Tel 281-313-2833. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

God is waiting for you every day from 5am to 9pm. Just drop in. A code is provided to committed adorers to access the chapel 24 hrs a day.

URGENT NEED FOR ADORERS: Saturdays, 7am to 8am and Saturdays, noon to 1pm Second Adorer needed for 46 other hours

Adoration is paused from June 28, 4pm until July 8, 8am for the 4th of July holiday week
DIVORCECARE BEGINS IN AUGUST

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

A NEW SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 28TH

MONDAYS: CALLING ALL MOMS WITH TOTS

Are you a mom who is the primary caregiver for your young child(ren) ages infant to pre-K? Join the Moms & Tots Ministry! On Monday mornings, we gather for our weekly play group. We plan a variety of activities from parks and splash pads to Mass and reconciliation. We support and encourage you in your vocation as a mother while sharing our faith with our kids and serving the community. Our meetings are casual, and kids and moms get a chance to make new friends and grow closer to Christ. Come every week or just when you can! Please contact us for more information at stlaurence.momsandtots@gmail.com or call (956) 802-8084.

HOPE - GRIEF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Thursday, August 29, 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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PRAYER GROUP

For those with a special devotion to St. Anthony of Padua, this ministry gathers each Tuesday evening at 6:45pm in the chapel to pray the Novena and to celebrate Mass. (On the first Tuesday of every month, the celebration is offered in the church.) CONTACTS: Joseph Ellankil & Christopher Dayanad | stanthony novena@gmail.com

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.
Join us for a Divine Mercy Retreat!

Journey into the heart of St. Thérèse of Lisieux’s Little Way with the 33 Days to Merciful Love Group Retreat.

This 6-week parish retreat includes workbooks, group discussion, and talks on DVD by renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.

Culminates in a consecration to Divine Mercy.

**Retreat Date/Time/Location:**

Two meeting options:

- Mondays, starting July 8, 6:30-8 p.m., Rm. 201 of Ave Maria Center
- Thursdays, starting July 11, 10-11:30 a.m., Corpus Christi Room in Church Courtyard Area

Cost: $30

Registration and info at stlaurence.org/mercifullove
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