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

ROSARY
Friday 6:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4:00pm–4:45pm
Wednesday 5:30pm–6:20pm
Monday–Thursday after morning Mass

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 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

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him
and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left
me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.

The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha,
you are anxious and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the
better part and it will not be taken from her.”

Luke 10:40-42
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ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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281-980-0500
Principal: Suzanne Barto, sbarto@stlaurence.org
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WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-313-0329
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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
Pray: My Lord, I thank You, because You show up every day to be alone with me. Give me an alert and docile heart to give You the time and place You and I need to find ourselves in such a beautiful friendship. Amen.

DON’T WORRY, BE FEARLESS

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to us about our anxieties and worries. They distract us. They’re harmful to us if we let them control our lives, because they take our eyes off of our Lord and focus us on what’s going wrong and how it might get worse.

Mary chose the “better part”; she didn’t let anything distract her from being a disciple learning avidly from Jesus. When we make the time to put aside the busyness of life to sit quietly and learn from Jesus, we discover reasons why our worries aren’t really so worrisome.

Only as we sit quietly at the feet of Jesus do we find hope that overcomes despair, peace that conquers anxiety, and wisdom that gets us through trials. Even the littlest worry, such as Martha’s concern that her kitchen chores wouldn’t get done, is a sin when it takes our eyes off of Jesus. Nothing that distracts us from Jesus is ever good for us.

We cannot grow in holiness when we’re not watching Jesus and learning from him how to be holy. We cannot love as he loves nor receive all the love he gives us unless we have a prayer life that includes quiet time alone with him, drinking up his lessons and his loving embrace. Prayers said while driving and while listening to homilies isn’t enough.

Anxieties and worries are varying degrees of fear: We’re afraid that something bad is going to happen. Even when there’s a legitimate reason to worry, fear blocks our view of Jesus, because it turns us away from him. We need to recognize fear as a warning flag telling us to slow down, quiet down, and sit down with Jesus for a good discussion on whatever it is that’s bothering us. He’s got the answers, the encouragement, and the affirmation that will bring us peace.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:
What has been worrying you lately? What are you anxious about? What are you fearing might happen? Write them on a list and take them to Jesus in a quiet prayer time. What lessons is Jesus trying to teach you in those situations? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn from Jesus. Search the Bible for additional inspiration.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING:
What are some of the ways we can slow down our lives and improve our prayer times? Tell the story of an experience you had when quiet prayer relieved an anxiety or solved a problem.

In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for these members of our parish family and all our loved ones listed in the Book of the Sick:


Tony Miscio, Anna Mathew, Marina Monroy, Jim Murray, Patrick Navidad, Paul Vung Nguyen, Patrick Novia, Justino Ramos, Fr. Roy Oggero, Robert O’Neil, Sandra Ortiz, Meena Outlaw, Charles Pierson, Lauren Popene, Rose Marie Prevot, Scott Rando, Angela Rankin, Frances Reveit, Melanie Robb, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Ivonne Ruiz, Provi Sabido, Gil Saenz, Kathleen Schroeder, Rebecca Schlosser, Scotty Scott, Joan Sherman, June Sherman, Nigel Smith, Sandy Smith, Steve Spaulding, Justin Stout, Adrienne Sturgis, Eugene Theobald, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Kylie Ward, Monica Williams, Irene Wenglar, Gary Wilson.

PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Following are the prayer intentions of Gary Wilson.

Kylie Ward, Monica Williams, Irene Wenglar, Theobald, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Spaulding, Justin Stout, Adrienne Sturgis, Eugene Theobald, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Kylie Ward, Monica Williams, Irene Wenglar, Gary Wilson.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 20
5:00pm – Mr. & Mrs. Jose Altamirano (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 21
7:15am – Juana & Tito Vicerra (D)
9:00am – Wanda & Van Joslin (D)
11:00am – Emeka C.Y. Umeh (D)
12:45pm – Edwin Gaviria (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 22
7:30am – Thomas Joseph (D)
12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

TUESDAY, JULY 23
7:30am – Maria Sofia Pinto Lobo (D)
12:00pm – Jean Snyder Martin (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
7:30am – John Muniz (D)
6:30pm – Dr. Christopher Njigha (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 25
7:30am – David Gizerix (D)
12:00pm – Jose Raimundo (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 26
8:15am – Theresa McKinney (D)
12:00pm – Ted & Marie Duenwald (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 27
8:30am – Stephen Krueger (D)
5:00pm – Vicki Osburn (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 28
7:15am – Paula & Mike Asistin (D)
9:00am – John Michael Moore (D)
11:00am – Keven Lewis (D)
12:45pm – Nieves Villasenor (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

In Our Prayers...
**JULY 31: CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Catholic Radio 1430 AM KSHJ is presenting a special summertime Catholic Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, July 31, 7:00-9:00am, at St. Pius X High School, in Houston. Fr. Richard McNeillie, the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese, will open in prayer, followed by special guest speaker Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale. Go to grnonline.com/houston-prayer-breakfast/ for information and to register.

**AUG 16-18: MARIAN CONFERENCE AT HYATT HILL COUNTRY**

Fullness of Truth presents “Behold Your Mother: Ark of the New Covenant,” a Marian conference at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort & Spa in San Antonio, the weekend of August 16-18. Journey to the depths of the Church’s teachings about the Blessed Virgin Mary – a singularly holy masterpiece, a maternal consoler and powerful intercessor – with speakers Immaculee Illibagiza, Fr. Donald Calloway MIC, Tim Staples, Curtis Martin and Michael Gormley. The conference weekend kicks off with a concert by The Vigil Project on Friday night. Go to fullnessoftruth.org/sanantoniohyatt2019 for speaker bios, cost information and to register.

**URGENT NEED: HELP REQUESTED BY DIOCESE OF LAREDO**

Each day, Catholic Charities is receiving nearly 250 immigrants who are seeking asylum and crossing the border legally in Laredo. Adult volunteers are needed to help take phone calls, buy bus tickets, welcome people, help in the kitchen and sort donations. They are asking for groups (a minimum of 5 people and a max of 15) to volunteer for at least 3 days. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and be VIRTUS or Safe Haven trained. Spanish speakers especially needed. For details and to learn how you can help with this crisis, please contact Pennie DeGroot, Social Concerns Ministry Director, at 281-980-9812, pdegroot@stlaurence.org.

**THURSDAYS: SUPPORT GROUP FOR TEENAGE GIRLS**

A new support group for teenage girls to aid with depression has been formed by Gratia Plena. Joan’s Girls Group (named after St. Joan of Arc) is a 6-week program on self-esteem, coping skills, communication, social media, and other relevant and timely issues. Summer sessions are at 2:00pm each Thursday at St. John Fisher Parish in Richmond, led by Lauren Novak (LMFT-Associate) and Anne Schwebel (counseling grad student from Divine Mercy University). Please contact Gratia Plena at 832-532-0129 for program details, cost info and to register.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

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**2ND COLLECTION** St. Vincent De Paul Society Black Bag... $13,689

**ONLINE GIVING**

| Monthly Offertory       | $206,782 |
| Participants            | 1,088    |

**DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**

| 2019 Parish Goal         | $495,000 |
| Total Amount Paid        | $300,180 |
| 2019 Total Amount Pledged| $352,071 |
| Participants             | 717      |

**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.

**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.

**PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

**BAPTISMS**

Kolbe George Counts, Aurielle Amara Ihim, Jidenna Noah Iloanya, Tobetona Joshua Iloanya, Reece Jeffrey Newton, Oliver Ryan Corpuz Sulit

**WEDDINGS**

Emma Chibnall & Clement Chee

**FUNERAL**

J.P. Asensio, husband of Maggie Asensio

**FAITH DIRECT ON-LINE GIVING**

Thank you for being a part of our St. Laurence Catholic Church family. We appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure.

This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Laurence Catholic Church continues to be open for Mass, many activities, meetings and the Sacraments. During these summer months your generosity through cash, checks or through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries. Visit www.faith.direct/TX460 to enroll.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

Tony Oltemari, Parish Administrator
**Weekday Children’s Program**

Quality Early Childhood Education from Crib Through 5 Years

Weekday Children’s Program now accepting applications for full and part time infant and toddler teachers and assistants.

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 my call the registrar, Christine Novia, at 281-313-0329. Program Tours age given on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

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**Summer Faith Challenge:** Looking for a fun way to serve the community? Consider volunteering at the Houston Food Bank. Children as young as 6 through 16, accompanied by an adult, can serve at the Portwall Warehouse working on all sorts of kid-friendly projects which support the Food Bank. Check out and sign up for a 3-hour shift by going to https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/give-time/volunteerathfb/portwallwarehouse/. This is a wonderful way to serve beside your children and teach them the value of reaching out to others in need. It is also a FUN experience!

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**St. Laurence Catholic School**

Registration for Elementary CCE is ongoing now through August 1. Please check out the Religious Education webpage at 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

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We 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.
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

SUMMER LIFE TEEN
All Life Teen events are open to all high school students, including incoming freshman and graduated seniors. Join us for any of the below events! Bring a friend!

JULY 23, 30: DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
Community, food, and a bible study. Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Hall.

JULY 21, 28: LIFE NIGHTS
A summer youth night series. Sunday evenings in July from 6:15-8:15pm in the Youth Hall. Join us for 5pm Mass in the Church.

JULY 22, 29: MASS & OPEN YOUTH HALL
Noon Mass in the Church and then Open Youth Hall from 1-3pm on Mondays in July.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2019/2020
Now is the time to register your children for all Religious Education (elementary CCE, Family Faith, Edge, Life Teen) for the 2019/2020 school year! Deadline to register is August 1st. Head to www.stlaurence.org/registration or stop by the Ave Maria Center for more info.

LEAD TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST
Life Teen is looking for adults who love Jesus and have a desire to pass on their faith to the young church. If you are interested or simply have questions, please contact Eric at epainter@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774.

ATTENDING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY THIS FALL?
Howdy! Will you or someone you know be a freshman at Texas A&M University or Blinn College this fall? If so, St. Mary’s Catholic Center invites you to attend our Connect Retreat! Connect is a retreat held just for incoming freshmen before school starts in August. It is a great way to meet other Catholic freshmen and to learn about growing in your faith while in college. For more information and to register, please visit www.stmarysconnect.com. Gig’em and God Bless!
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INQUIRY SESSIONS: SUNDAYS, AUGUST 18 & 25, 10:15-11:15AM
IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI ROOM

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THAT MAN IS YOU
Begins Wednesdays, Sept 11, 5:30-7:00am
Marian Hall

The new program Vision of Man Fully Alive enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Through living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, their hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain them on their spiritual journey, the men will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God. Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com or stlaurence.org/tmiy.

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY
Begins Thursdays, Sept 12, 1-2:00pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30pm, Ave Maria Room 205

In Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, Dr. Brant Pitre takes readers step-by-step from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really are. Dr. Pitre uses the Old Testament and Ancient Judaism to unlock how the Bible itself teaches that Mary is in fact the new Eve, the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, and the new Ark of the Covenant. For more information contact: Julie Evett at jevett@comcast.net.

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FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Begins Mondays, Sept 23, 6:30-8:30pm, Ave Maria Center, Rm 200 & 202

Come join us on the road to find Financial Peace. This life changing program helps participants to achieve their financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. The program consists of a 9-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. For more information contact: Sunny Soji-Tom at sunnysoji@hotmail.com.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH
Begins Mondays, Sept 9, 7-9 pm
St Joseph Room

Remembering Church

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Family Culture is the unspoken system that binds your family together and communicates your expectations, beliefs, and values more powerfully than any written word, an invisible web that binds your family together. Parents need to be thoughtful and intentional about the culture that they are stewarding within their home.

Keeping Love Alive
When parents strengthen their marriage they are able to love their children more effectively and create a community of faith and love within the home. Learn new ways to renew your marriage and improve the culture within your family.

Couples of all ages are invited to St. Laurence for the workshop, with opportunities for one-on-one couple discussion, table dialogue and prayer.

Michael & Alicia Hernon founded The Messy Family Project, a ministry to empower parents, strengthen marriage and bring families to Christ. Parents of 10 children, they offer inspirational and practical insights into family life through their popular podcast and website.
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: ST. LAURENCE FAMILY MINISTRY

St. Laurence Family Ministry is just like your family! We are growing, changing, and sharing in the wonders of life through our Catholic faith.

The Family Ministry provides various opportunities for families to grow together in faith. Many families have joined us over the years for Family Nights. Family Nights are typically held on a Friday night with a certain theme; families enjoy a shared meal and have fun learning together about our faith. Little Flowers and Blue Knights are groups for boys and girls (Kindergarten through 5th Grade) that meet once a month during the school year to learn about saints and virtues and have some fun. B.L.A.S.T. (Believing, Learning And Serving Together) is a new group that is just now being formed. This part of the Family Ministry gives families with older kids an opportunity for parents and teens to serve together through various service projects. Watch the bulletin for more information about this exciting new group!

Would your family like to be a part of the vibrant and growing Family Ministry at St. Laurence? We would love to have you join us. Please contact Melissa Calcote at mcalcote@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774.

Stop by the Hospitality Desk following Mass today to meet with members of the St. Laurence Family Ministry!

STEWARDS AMONG US

NICK & MARY NOE

Nick and Mary graduated from Franciscan University in 2013, and were married at St. Laurence two years later. Nick, the son of Steve & Tammy Noe, grew up in this parish, and it’s a joy to have the next Noe generation making St. Laurence their spiritual home, too! Today, Nick is an attorney and Mary stays home with their sons George (2) and Benedict (10 months). Nick serves on the Pastoral Council, Mary is active in Mom’s & Tots and Blessed Is She, and together, they serve as facilitators in Baptism Preparation classes and call BINGO at the Sugar Land Health Care Center. “We initially became involved out of a desire to be a support to the under-served of our community. Over time that grew to include a desire to be active and supporting members of our parish home. Each ministry teaches us new and different ways to love Christ in our fellow man. If you have two hands and love for Christ, the world is your oyster. You are wanted (and needed!) and can make a difference in whichever ministry calls to you. It helped us to get our feet wet in a service-oriented ministry, but others might find community ministries a good place to start. It’s easy to think you can’t make a difference in such a huge parish, but the truth is without YOU giving of your time, there would be no St. Laurence. Make Mary’s fiat your model, and say YES to God’s call.”

In difficult times, even more than in times of peace, the priority for believers is to be united to Jesus, our hope.

— Pope Francis
July 5, 2019

Ask Paula

Q. Do we no longer have to take VIRTUS if we are volunteering?

A. Good news, you don’t! But wait, VIRTUS has been replaced by the Archdiocese with CMGConnect. (Who comes up with these names? Just sayin.) Anyway, the best thing about CMG Safe Haven is it’s all done online, so no more Saturday morning or Wednesday evening training sessions for Tony and me! Because it is all about me, right? That’s right people, you can take this training on your home computer! Just like VIRTUS, CMG is good for 5 years. The training consists of 3 vignette-style training videos that will take you about 60 minutes to complete. Not bad, right? You will also have to complete a new background check, too. The website for this training is GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org. Good luck!

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.
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.
PURPOSE
The purpose of the ACTS weekend is to invite the retreatants into a new or deeper relationship with the Lord and with other faithful women and men through Adoration and daily prayer; Community awareness as a member of the Body of Christ; Theology encouraging more study of our faith and God’s word; and promoting the virtue of Service to our Lord and one another.

GOAL
An ACTS retreat strives to achieve the directives of Vatican II and the goals of the Revised Code of Canon Law of 1983, placing emphasis on “Community and Pastoral Care” within a parish; that the participants experience God’s love and joy throughout the weekend, and return to the parish with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved in the parish faith community.

August 8-11, 2019
Registration for Men’s ACTS Retreat is NOW open online at stlaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat

If you have any questions please contact
Men’s Retreat Director: Ruben Alvarez 713-562-2933; ralvarez05@comcast.net
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.

CCE PROGRAM - CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Calling all Adults! Our CCE program is an entirely volunteer-based ministry which depends upon the time and talents of parents, grandparents, college students and other adults just like you who have a love for Jesus and a desire to share that with the children of St. Laurence. Availability of space in the weekly faith formation classes is completely dependent upon finding loving and faithful volunteers ready to serve in this capacity. Please prayerfully consider stepping out in faith this year by becoming a Catechist, Classroom Assistant or special needs Mentor Buddy. 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. Questions? Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org (Elementary) or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org (PreK3 through Kindergarten).

SEPT 28: TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 5th annual Together in Holiness conference at St. Theresa in Sugar Land on Saturday, September 28, 8:30am - 3:30pm. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Featured speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Bishop Joseph Strickland, and breakout sessions at each location will discuss living the vocation of marriage as a young growing family or as empty-nesters. On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required. Cost: $59/couple or $35/individual. An early bird discount is available until August 5 and scholarships are also available. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email th@forlifeandfamily.org.

DUE AUGUST 1: REGISTER 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. Please stop by the Ave Maria Center to learn more or call 281-265-5774.
Thank you for your overwhelming support of our Back to School Shoe Drive. All shoe tags were taken and over 700 children will be receiving new shoes in a few weeks! All shoe donations are due TODAY!

We will be accepting new school supplies to benefit children in Fort Bend County who are living in poverty until August 1. School supplies will be distributed to students at the Fort Bend County Back to School Event which will take place on Saturday, August 3. A complete list of the needed supplies is available on the Social Concerns web page on the parish website. Donations can be dropped off in the parish or Social Concerns office. Thank you for your support of our community and the Social Concerns Ministry!
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

HEALING RETREAT FOR THOSE SUFFERING AFTER ABORTION: Experience God’s forgiveness and learn to forgive yourself. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats will be offered in English on August 23-25, 2019, and in Spanish on Sep 27-29. For more information or to register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org.

Did you know? Among teens who aborted their first pregnancy, 66% experienced miscarriage or premature birth of their second child. Abortion is linked to increased depression, violent behavior, alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders, and replacement pregnancies.

Assisted suicide invites coercion, putting vulnerable persons at risk of abuse. Once lethal drugs have been prescribed, assisted suicide laws have no requirements for assessing the patient’s consent, competency, or voluntariness. Who would know if the drugs are freely taken since there is no supervision or tracking of the drugs once they leave the pharmacy and since no witnesses are required at the time of death? Elder abuse is considered a major health problem in the United States with federal estimates that one in ten elder persons are abused. Placing lethal drugs into the hands of abusers generates an additional major risk to elder persons. From: “Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide” available on USCCB web site.

CALL BINGO AT THE SUGAR LAND HEALTH CARE CENTER

BINGO

Teach your children the importance of serving others, have fun doing it together, and brighten the day for local senior citizens by calling BINGO at Sugar Land Health Care Center in old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. Playing BINGO is the highlight of the weekend for the seniors and they love winning quarters to purchase items from the vending machines. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Janet Roberts at jroberts3207@gmail.com

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY

MONDAYS: Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom
WEDNESDAYS: Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm, SCM Workroom

OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo: Call weekend Bingo games for nursing home residents at Sugar Land Health Care Center
Child Advocates Snack Bags: Monthly assembly of 100+ snack bags for children
Fresh Food Delivery: Twice a month, purchase and deliver fresh food St. John Fisher food pantry
Learn English Ministry: Teach English to non-English-speaking adults; no teaching or foreign language experience necessary
Lunches of Love: Decorate lunch bags; over 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

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.
ADULT SINGLES GROUP

TUES., JULY 23, 7:00pm  Monthly Business/Planning Meeting
Join us for our monthly business/planning meeting in the Trinity Room, just off the parish courtyard. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and provide feedback regarding our upcoming events.

SUN., JULY 28, 9:00am  Mass at St. Laurence & brunch at Eggcellence Cafe. For mass, we sit in the elevated seats by the choir. Eggcellence Cafe is located at William's Trace, near Chili's and Freebirds.

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

Get all the details at stlaurence.org/adultsingles

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 jdpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

A NEW SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 28TH

AUG 9: COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME

TEACHINGS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT & GIFTS — HEALING MINISTRY TRAINING
Deacon Rey will continue teachings on the Holy Spirit and Gifts every 2nd & 3rd Friday’s of each month. Beginning in August to November — these teachings will also serve as training for those who want to join the Healing Ministry. Meetings are in the Chapel of the Divine Mercy, 7:00pm-9:00pm. Next teachings are on Aug 9, 16 and 23 and Sept 13 & 20. Additional dates and classes will be announced later. Everyone is welcome! For questions call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Margie Calo at 281-980-4711.

JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

You are invited to join the JOY Club. The J.O.Y. Club (Just Older Youth) is a parish group for people 55-and-up. The group meets on the first Monday of each month, from 11:00am-1:00pm, at the Ave Maria Center. Contact Anne Higgins nannyhiggs@gmail.com, 832-755-5597.

Mon, Aug. 5:  Social Concerns Service Project  In the Ave Maria Center, 11am to 1pm. Please bring a 2 liter bottle of your favorite lunchtime drink. Brown bag lunch.

Tues, Aug. 20:  Mass, 12pm and lunch.

Mon, Sept. 9, 11am to 1pm:  Brookdale Cooking Demo. Ave Maria Center...

Thurs. Sept. 26:  Field trip to CANDYTOPIA (details to follow Aug. 5th meeting).
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, 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Corpus Christi Rm. CONTACT: María Argao, 281-221-8228, mrmargao1954@gmail.com

JUL 25: HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION, on the 4th Thursday of each month, in the Chapel of Divine Mercy.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

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.

SIGN UP NOW! ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Are you a member of St. Laurence Parish, in Grade 5-12, who feels a call to serve at Mass? Sign up now for the annual training to become an Altar Server! Orientation night will be Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-7:30 pm. To be a part of this important ministry you must feel the call to serve at the Altar, have made your First Communion, be at least 10 years old (in 5th grade for 2019-20 school year), and understand the privilege and responsibility of being an Altar Server. If you, along with your parents, feel this is right for you and your family, register now and plan to attend orientation night as well as the following training days:

Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-7:30 pm - Orientation Night
Tuesday, August 27, 7:00-9:00 pm OR
Tuesday, September 10, 7:00-9:00 pm (select one)
Saturday, September 14, 9:00-11:00 am

Altar Servers are expected to serve at least once a month at weekend Masses and attend additional training and rehearsals for other special liturgical celebrations. For more details about this ministry and to register, visit stlaurence.org/altar-servers and complete the form. You may also email altarservers@stlaurence.org for more information. Please note, class size is limited by grade level, so register ASAP.

A Buddy assists a learner with a special need so that they can be included with their peers while they learn about their faith. Our greatest need is Buddies for elementary learners and for a couple of high school learners. This opportunity is open to adults and mature high school students. Please contact disabilitiesministry@stlaurence.org for more information or search “Buddy” on our website.

There is also a need for Catechists (Teachers) to work with individual students with a disability and their parents, as learn about their faith. If you have experience working with students with disabilities please share your gift. Contact CindyMartin@stlaurence.org for the details.

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.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

JULY 27: MISA EN ESPAÑOL En la Capilla. Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00 pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunió a los enfermos, Irma Martínez Tel 281-313-2833. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.
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
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## 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 Pondell | 281-253-7088
- Learn English Ministry: Wendy Moore | 713-208-5169
- Learn Spanish Ministry: Adriana Gutierrez | 713-269-2851
- Meals That Heal: Juliane 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

## FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

- A.C.T.S. Retreat: Paul Fontenot | 281-725-0794
- Adult Faith Formation: Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
- EDGE (Middle School): Maureen Bass | 281-265-5774
- Elementary CCE: Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
- Preschool CCE: Cindy Martin | 281-265-5774
- Family Faith: Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
- Life Teen (High School): Eric Painter | 281-265-5774
- Natural Family Planning: Jacob/Jillian Counts | 281-300-3704
- Parish Library: Susan Mulé | 281-265-5774
- Parish School (SLCS): Suzanne Barto | 281-980-0500
- Parish School Board: Nora Sessions | 713-443-6958
- Parish School PTO: Jennifer Reyes | 817-845-7627
- Play & Pray: Mary Phillips | 832-647-0642
- Vacation Bible School: Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
- Vocations Committee: Nia Sepe | 281-980-9812
- Weekday Children’s Programs: Becky Wilkinson | 281-313-0329

## PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

- Challenge Club for Girls: Maria Garcia Leano | 979-549-2683
- Christian Meditation: Patrick King | 713-444-6014
- Contemplative Prayer: Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660
- Divine Mercy (AM): Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360
- Divine Mercy (PM): Suzan Bryan | 713-816-5859
- Hearts of Jesus & Mary: Margie Calo | 281-980-4711
- Lay Apostles Prayer: Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939
- Legion of Mary: Maria Argao | 281-221-8228
- Men Called to Be Saints: Jim Kij | 281-253-4800
- Men’s Bible Studies: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873
- St. Anthony of Padua: Joseph Elaniak | 832-382-3032
- Small Christian Comm: Genoveva Duque | 281-980-1014
- That Man is You: Roger Peters | 713-857-8386
- Tuesday AM Bible Study: Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939

## MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

- Annulements: Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
- Bereavement Ministries: Sandy Barber | 832-451-9117
- Grief Support Group: Agnes Fernandes | 281-933-3721
- Grieving Families: Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
- H.O.P.E.: Bonita Bell | 281-468-8641
- Cancer Support: Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738
- Caregivers Support Group: Jane Jewell | 713-775-7172
- DivorceCare: Janie Picou | 832-860-3398
- Loving Seniors: Julie Koeppen | 713-320-7498
- NAMI: Fe Vicerra | 713-248-1164
- Pastoral Care for Sick: Pat Summer | 281-265-1554
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