SUNDAY MASS
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
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
August 10 & 24: 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

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

JULY 28, 2019 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Laurence
CATHOLIC CHURCH

3100 Sweetwater Blvd. | Sugar Land, Texas 77479 | 281-980-9812 | www.stlaurence.org

The Reverend John T. Weyer Council #11343 was initially chartered on May 1, 1994 as St. Laurence Knights of Columbus Council #11343. The council was renamed in 2014 in honor of our founding chaplain and supporter, the late Reverend John T. Weyer. This year we celebrate our 25th Anniversary as a council. The council was founded with over 101 parish men. Photo, Circa 1994
PARISH OFFICE
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Deacon: Dennis Henderson, dhenderson@stlaurence.org
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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

SUNDAY
28
First Reading  GN 18:20-32
Second Reading  COL 2:12-14

MONDAY
29
First Reading  EX 32:15-24, 30-34
Gospel  JN 11:19-27

TUESDAY
30
First Reading  EX 33:7-11; 34:5B-9, 28
Gospel  MT 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY
31
First Reading  EX 34:29-35
Gospel  MT 13:44-46

THURSDAY
1
First Reading  EX 40:16-21, 34-38
Gospel  MT 13:47-53

FRIDAY
2
First Reading  LV 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34B-37
Gospel  MT 13:54-58

SATURDAY
3
First Reading  LV 25:1, 8-17
Gospel  MT 14:1-12

SUNDAY
4
First Reading  ECC 1:2; 2:21-23
Second Reading  COL 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel  LK 12:13-21

PRAYING THE NEWS | JULY 28, 2019

"...forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us..."
LUKE 11:4

O Lord, help us forgive as we listen to the news. The pharmaceutical opioid cases call to mind all those suffering in addiction. Help us forgive those who may have prescribed or marketed irresponsibly for financial gain. Help us forgive those who target the vulnerable in dealing drugs or who restrict effective treatment. Help family members forgive each other. Help us pray for others rather than condemn. Jesus, we trust in you. Amen. †
In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambrzyk, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. 5 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
LCpl Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahneil 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 Hollogbaugh, 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 Slusser, US Air Force
LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whiteley, US Army
P03 Troy Yelverton, US Navy
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, US Army
2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, US Army

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 27
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

MONDAY, JULY 29
7:30am – Taylor Krueger (I)
12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

TUESDAY, JULY 30
7:30am – Maria Sofia Pinto Lobo (D)
12:00pm – Flora Igoy (I)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
7:30am – Kevin McGinnis (D)
6:30pm – Ben Cykala (D)

THURSDAY, AUG 1
7:30am – John Muniz (D)
12:00pm – J. G. Altamirano (D)

FRIDAY, AUG 2
8:15am – Clara Poslusny (D)
12:00pm – Patricia Fernandez (D)

SATURDAY, AUG 3
8:30am – Francis Bede (D)
5:00pm – Trang Doan (D)

SUNDAY, AUG 4
7:15am – Kattapurath Family (D)
9:00am – Peter Heidel (D)
11:00am – Jodi Jablonski (D)
12:45pm – Joseph Bao Nguyen (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Adrian Anniciarico, Collin Brown, Leah Burrhus, Tim Cullen, Billy Dodd, Chad Henry, Christopher Meyer, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Margaret Uche
**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 Ilibagiza, 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.

**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.

**OCT 11: CHRISTIAN RENEWAL CENTER RETREAT**

Coming to the Christian Renewal Center October 11-13th: Mother & Daughter Retreat featuring the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist. The retreat theme, “Called to be Saints”, is designed for Mothers and their daughters (1st-6th grade). Register by August 15th to receive the lowest rate. Rate includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, a t-shirt, and all activities. Register online at www.retreatcentercrc.org. Space is limited, so don’t delay.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

| JULY 21 COLLECTION | $49,028 |
| Registered Households | 7,698 |
| Envelopes Used | 606 |
| Loose Checks | 171 |

**ONLINE GIVING**

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

**DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**

2019 Parish Goal ........................................................ $495,000
Total Amount Paid ....................................................... $300,361
2019 Total Amount Pledged ........................................ $354,176
Participants ................................................................. 726

**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: September 23
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**

**WEDDINGS**

Cassandra Flores & Jesus Martinez

**FUNERAL**

C.T. Renfrow, husband of Kathy Renfrow

**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 Oltremari, Parish Administrator
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

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

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

Summer Faith Challenge: The Rosary is a beautiful and traditional devotion to our Blessed Mother. It is prayed to reflect upon the life of Jesus as recounted in the Holy Scriptures. Spend some time together as a family learning more about the Rosary and why it is so important to our Catholic faith at http://www.catholic-church.org/ccos_trn/pdf/_rosarylessonplan.pdf. Also, for a child-friendly rendition of the Joyful Mysteries go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiGyPQarFiC or for some Rosary activities, go to http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/2009/11/rosary.html. As a family, pray the Rosary weekly at home or attend the parish Rosary on Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in the church.

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

Family, Children & Youth Ministry

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Summer Faith Challenge:

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION!

Our students learn about and celebrate our faith traditions each day. Call 281-980-0500 today to schedule a tour and learn more about our school!

WE HAVE LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

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 an early childhood music teacher and part-time band teacher at this time. Positions can be combined as full-time for the right person!

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**

Light a candle and create a little “space for silence” for your kids just before bedtime prayers.

**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 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 29: MASS & OPEN YOUTH HALL**

Noon Mass in the Church and then Open Youth Hall from 1-3pm on Mondays in July.

**JULY 30: DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS**

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

**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.

**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!
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
INQUIRY SESSIONS: SUNDAYS, AUGUST 18 & 25, 10:15-11:15AM
IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI ROOM

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Experience growth and blessings this Fall through scriptural and enrichment opportunities!

**GROW**

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

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

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**
Begins Tuesday, Sept 10, 9:00-11:45am
Marian Hall A

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

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

For Adults

St Laurence Catholic Church

Adult FAITH formation

Informing and Transforming Disciples

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“And what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well.”
-2 Timothy 2:2

Semester One: The Creed

Since the time of the Apostles, the Catholic Church has been entrusted with the ministry of echoing down from generation to generation the truths that Jesus Christ has given us, known as the Deposit of Faith. These essential doctrines of our faith have been written down for us in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in order that we may come to know and love Jesus Christ and the Church he gave us and share this with others.

You are invited to attend this three-semester free course on the Catechism so that you too can receive and pass on the echo of these ancient truths to others. In each session, our catechists will teach on an aspect of the Catechism followed by large and small group discussion.

Mondays, starting
Aug 26, 2019
7:00-9:00 pm
Guardian Angel Hall

Registration is required at stlaurence.org/echo

Presenters:
Marta Alves, Bob Bethancourt, Cindy Kral, Tim Cullen, Justin Frato, Deacon Dennis Henderson, Charles Johnson, Deacon Tom Ruck

For more information contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774

Ave Maria Parish Life Center | 3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land TX 77479
Katherine grew up in a big Catholic family, she attended Catholic schools for 22 years, both her parents were Catholic educators and, before moving to St. Laurence in April of last year, she had worked for St. Martha in Kingwood. All this experience, knowledge and love of her Faith she brings to our parish staff today as the Administrative Assistant for Youth Ministry, to support Life Teen, Edge and Confirmation. “Coming to St. Laurence felt like home after working at St. Martha. I enjoy the benefit of working where I can also live out my faith. My work in Youth Ministry is not just a job. It’s a wonderful mix of fun and faith! While I am doing the behind-the-scenes tasks, I am also helping minister to the teens and their families by being of service. I get to experience (and appreciate) the Youth Ministers using their time, talent, loads of energy and passion for the faith to minister to the teens. Life Teen and Edge are always looking for willing people to help teens encounter Christ up close and personally! There are many other ministries here at St. Laurence that are looking for someone like you to bring what you have to offer. Just pick one and jump in! You’ll be amazed at what you can do and what you can learn about yourself.”

Living as Disciples

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group is a spirituality-based fellowship existing to serve those caring for a loved one of any age with special needs which impact independent functioning, such as autism spectrum diagnoses, dementia, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, cancer, stroke, etc. The nature of the special care needed by our members’ loved ones varies, yet the struggles and joys of caregiving are common to all. The group gathers twice each month, typically one meeting and one activity, to provide a small oasis of time for the caregiver to focus on spiritual and emotional renewal. (Other than occasional family-centered events such as the Family Dinner & Games Night, the group is intended for the caregiver without their loved one.) Meetings are held on Mondays 11:45am-1:15pm at the Ave Maria Center, and Scripture, reflection, prayer, peer-to-peer sharing and a light lunch. Activities include off-site trips, such as a Christmas Luncheon or Lenten mini-retreat, plus various service projects through the Social Concerns Ministry.

Join us for our 4th Annual Family Dinner and Games Night, “Picnic with the Saints,” on Tuesday, August 6, 6:00-8:30pm, in Marian Hall. Bring the whole family or come on your own. We hope you can join us for an evening out of the heat and away from screens as we enter into a time of lively fun and fellowship. Whether teams are building a box tower or elevating a beach ball, we will build community as we enjoy ability-friendly games and activities.

Get details about the Caregivers Support Group at stlaurence.org/caregivers-support-group- or contact Jane Jewell (ejcomp@aol.com or 281-265-9658) or Lori Knowles (knowlesml5@gmail.com or 281-261-5738).

Please stop by the Hospitality Desk following Mass today to meet with representatives from the Caregivers Support Group.

Ask Paula

Q. Is it okay to bring a concealed weapon to Mass?

A. First, let me tell you what happened at Mass a week ago, so you guys are in the loop. When a man was walking up to Communion his gun fell out and landed on the floor! People, I’m not making this stuff up! Good news is, it didn’t go off. I wasn’t there, but if I was I would’ve been tempted to yell GUN, just sayin. Anyway, here at St. Laurence, handguns are prohibited. The only exception is for the uniformed officers we have at all the Masses on the weekends. Those guys are here for our protection so we don’t need parishioners protecting us, RIGHT? You can read our parish policy on bringing your weapons to Mass on page 13. Let me just say, I don’t even bring my pocketbook or cellphone into Mass, so maybe you guys can leave your guns home? It’s only for an hour. Thanks.

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.
ACTS is an acronym for **Adoration, Community, Theology and Service.** It is these four themes that are the focus of the weekend’s activities.

ACTS is inspired by the ACTS of the Apostles 2:42-47

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God an enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

**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 sltaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat

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

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength… to stand before the Son of Man.
SCOTT HAHN at

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SATURDAY
JANUARY 25
9:00AM-1:00PM

ST. LAURENCE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

3100 Sweetwater Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Join Us for Two Talks That Will Enrich Your Faith

EVENT SCHEDULE

9:00: Welcome and talk by Scott Hahn
10:00: St. Paul Center Presentation
10:15: Break, books available for sale
10:45: Talk by Scott Hahn
11:45: Closing announcements
12:00: Books available for sale

TICKETS
$25.00

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JONATHAN MCGOVERN
jonathanmcgovern@stpaulcenter.com | (740) 264-9535

REGISTRATION & DETAILS AT
stpaulcenter.com/sugarland/
This week is the deadline to register 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. Please go to stlaurence.org/registration for information and forms. 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.

AUG 1: DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. Please prayerfully consider stepping out in faith this year by becoming a Catechist, Classroom Assistant or special needs Mentor Buddy. No experience is necessary, training and materials are provided. Questions? Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org (Elementary) or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org (PreK3 through Kindergarten).

TEACH OUR CHILDREN

St. Laurence is 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. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Christine Dunn, Director of Religious Education, cdunn@stlaurence.org.

AUG 6: CAREGIVERS SUPPORT FAMILY DINNER & GAMES NIGHT

Pray, Eat, Play! The St. Laurence Caregivers Support Group is hosting “Picnic with the Saints,” the 4th Annual Family Dinner & Games Night, in Marian Hall on Tuesday, August 6, 6:00-8:30pm. The Caregivers Support Group exists to serve those caring for a loved one of any age with special needs, such as autism spectrum diagnoses, dementia, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, cancer, stroke, etc. Join them for this fun annual event, open to all, for a great meal and ability-friendly games and activities. The main dish and drinks will be provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share and RSVP by Sunday, August 4, to Jane Jewell (ejcomp@sol.com or 281-265-9658) or Lori Knowles (knowlesml5@gmail.com or 281-261-5738).

REMINDER OF PARISH POLICY

On January 1, 2016, a law concerning the open carry of handguns went into effect in the State of Texas. No weapons are allowed in schools. A church or place of business may prohibit concealed or openly-carried handguns in its buildings by providing notice under the statute. St. Laurence is giving notice that handguns are prohibited in our buildings except for uniformed Peace Officers:

**CONCEALED WEAPONS**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

**OPENLY CARRIED WEAPONS**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.07, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH AN OPENLY CARRIED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY.

ST. LAURENCE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

THE DATING PROJECT

MOVIE SCREENING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019

6:30- 9:00PM, AVE MARIA CENTER
- MARIAN HALL

TODAY’S 2ND COLLECTION

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

MONDAY, AUG 5, 7:00-8:00PM

in the Chapel of Divine Mercy

A special hour of adoration for vocations, praying before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
DONATIONS ARE DUE NOW!
If you haven’t dropped off your shoes, please bring them to the parish office on MONDAY. Volunteers will be sorting the shoes on Tuesday afternoon. Because of your generosity, over 700 children in need will be returning to school with new shoes and school supplies!

We are still 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 4. 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!

Special thanks to our Summer of Service volunteers who helped prep and pack lunches for hungry children in the Richmond/Rosenberg area.

Did you Know? Lunches of Love provides a free, nutritious sack lunch to over 4,000 children a day during extended school holidays and weekends? They are committed to helping end childhood hunger in Fort Bend County. LOL is 100% volunteer based and driven and has several volunteer opportunities including bag decorating, food prep and lunch packing, and delivery. For more information, visit their website at lunchesoflove.net
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Prayer at Planned Parenthood in Spring: Please join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants on Saturday August 17 for 8:30 am Mass at Christ the Good Shepherd, 8511 Klein Church Rd., Spring followed by Rosary at Planned Parenthood, 4747 Louetta. Ask a friend to join you and go shopping in Old Spring afterward! If you cannot attend, please pray for the conversion of hearts. For more information, contact Vicky at 832-875-5126.

MASS of Remembrance of Children Lost Before Birth. Whether you have had a miscarriage recently or many years ago, join us for this special Mass on Wednesday, August 21st at the 6:30 pm Mass. The little one you have lost will be honored and remembered through special readings and intercessions. This Mass is also for you as the parents to celebrate this gift of life through the prayers of the Church. There will also be a flower and prayer card given to all the mothers at the end of Mass.

Publicity about suicide and assisted suicide, especially when presented favorably, leads to more suicides. The rate of suicide among Oregonians increased after it legalized assisted suicide. In 2012 suicide had become the second leading cause of death among Oregonians aged 15 to 34 years, and the suicide rate was 42% higher than the national average. These figures do NOT include deaths under the Oregon assisted suicide law, which legally are not counted as suicides. 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.
ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

MAKE A DATE WITH GOD

The first commandment is to love God. What better way to love God than to spend time with Him in the chapel. There are over 40 hours available to be near God. Please check online at stlaurence.org/adoration for needed hours or pickup a card at the chapel. Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-224-6122.

God is waiting for you every day from 5:00am to 9:00pm. Just drop in. A code is provided to committed adorers to access the chapel 24 hrs a day.

URGENT NEED FOR ADORERS:
Eucharistic Minister needed on Wednesdays, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Adorers needed for Fridays, 9:00am-10:00am; Saturdays, 7:00am-8:00am; and Noon-1:00pm

BE A BUDDY TO A PERSON WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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.

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

Thurs. Sept. 26: Field trip to CANDYTOPIA (details to follow Aug. 5th meeting).
If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. stlaurence.org/kc11343

The Knights support the following students to continue their education:

- **Elizabeth Tillman**, graduate of Clements High School, attending Texas A&M, awarded $2,000;
- **Kayla Casuga**, graduate of St. Agnes Academy, attending UT Austin, awarded $2,000
- **Gaby Smith**, graduate of Dulles Middle School, attending the Duchesne Academy, awarded $1,000

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.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

**AUG 10 & 24: 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.

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.
GROWING A FAMILY CULTURE
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.
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