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

18th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
“Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him,
“Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd,
“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”
- Lk 12:13-15


FIRST FRIDAY MASS
Sept. 6 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
Sept. 7 — 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
7:00 pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833

AUGUST 4, 2019 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
PARISH OFFICE
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281-980-9812
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ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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281-980-0500
Principal: Suzanne Barto, sbarto@stlaurence.org
Registrar: Suzanne Byrne, sbyrne@stlaurence.org

WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
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281-313-0329
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281-980-9812
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THE PARISH OFFICE PROVIDES SERVICES INCLUDING PASTORAL CARE, LITURGICAL PLANNING, BUSINESS, COMMUNICATION, & 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
Good News Reflection

Pray: Deliver me, Lord, from any attachments to the things that stop me from enjoying the freedom You obtained for me with Your passion, death and resurrection. Amen.

THE WEALTH OF GOD’S GENEROSITY

When we understand God’s generosity, we realize how wealthy we truly are. Even if we have little money in the bank, our lives are rich in God – feeling protected and cared for by God, giving us an abundance of peace that gets us through trials and battles with wisdom and endurance.

God’s generosity also leads to material goods. Every material blessing we have comes from God. He delivers it to us through the talents and skills that he has given to us. Whatever we earn through our own efforts comes originally from God’s efforts. God is the source of everything that’s good in our lives.

However, there’s always a purpose that’s bigger than us. Everything from God is meant to bless others, too. We are channels of God’s generosity.

Whatever we have that we refuse to share becomes the cause of sin. We succumb to selfishness, which is akin to greed. The problem with greed is that it hurts others by denying them what God wants to share with them.

What makes us vulnerable to this sin? Self-reliance. It comes from thinking that we can rely solely on ourselves and on our own resources instead of partnering with God in generosity. Even when we recognize that God has been generous with us, self-reliance says that we are responsible for preventing the poverty of giving it away to others.

When we protect our lives by storing up our goods, others suffer. In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, Jesus addresses both greed and self-reliance, because they are completely contrary to the personality of God.

Generosity grows when we understand that God is the provider of everything good and that he will continue to provide for us even when we give away what he gives to us – especially when we give away what he gives to us. Think about what you have in abundance (be it money, or joy, or wisdom, or lessons learned from experience, or ___). Now look around. How might you be the answer to someone else’s prayers?

Whatever we hope to have already belongs to God and is meant to be shared with others. This is the primary economic principle of the kingdom of God. The Body of Christ thrives only when there’s a continual exchange of goods. We call this the communion of saints.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
What is most difficult for you to share or give away? Why do you cling to it? What are you afraid will happen if you let go of it?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:
Why do we feel safer relying on ourselves than on God? Give an example of God’s generosity in your own life. How would (or did) sharing this with others make a difference?


PRAYING THE NEWS | AUGUST 4, 2019

“...you have taken off the old self…and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.”

COLOSSIANS 3:9-10

O Loving Creator, you must wonder at human silliness – like the popularity of apps making our pictures look older. Only you would know! Maybe we could turn our minds and hearts with equal enthusiasm toward the new self that is being renewed in your image. May our faces then radiate love, joy and peace! Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.  †
In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


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...

PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambro, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. 5 Debra Barnett, US Navy
CPL Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
LPc 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
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
LPc Eric Gurnell, USMC
CPT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SGS 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
LPc 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 Suthlin, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whiteley, US Army
PO3 Troy Yelverton, US Navy
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, US Army
2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, US Army

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, AUG 5
7:30am – Jose & Gloria Altmirano (D)
12:00pm – Norman Jones (D)

TUESDAY, AUG 6
7:30am – Johanne Jean (D)
12:00pm – Rita & Gerardo Duran (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 7
7:30am – Samuel Evangelista (I)
6:30pm – Harold & Anne Wilson (A)

THURSDAY, AUG 8
7:30am – Joel Garza (D)
12:00pm – Georgina Martinez (D)

FRIDAY, AUG 9
8:15am – Special Intention (I)
12:00pm – Moses Eshiet (D)

SATURDAY, AUG 10
8:30am – Kurian Thomas (D)
5:00pm – Osburn Family (I)

SUNDAY, AUG 11
7:15am – Sonny Brasseaux (D)
9:00am – Josef Schlosser (D)
11:00am – Fung Family (D)
12:45pm – Giles Robb (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Adriano Annicchiarico, Collin Brown, Leah Burrhus, Tim Cullen, Billy Dodd, Chad Henry, Christopher Meyer, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Margaret Uche
CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
Regina Caeli Homeschool Resource Center, located in Richmond, provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre-K through 12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes taught by trained tutors two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Lesson plans for home days are included and optimized for in-home education. For enrollment information or to schedule a tour, please contact the Admissions Department (admissions@rcahybrid.org or 470-239-0259) and visit www.rcahybrid.org

AUG 14: TMIY ROSARY KICKOFF AT ST. JOSEPH
A new season of That Man Is You will kick off in the Houston area at an early morning prayer event on Wednesday, August 14, 6:30-7:15am, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1505 Kane Street, Houston. Over 25 parishes in the Archdiocese now offer TMIY. On this feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, gather with fellow TMIY participants to pray the Rosary and to hear brief talks from Steve Bollman and Mark Hartfie1 before the start of a new semester. INFO: paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/ or Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com.

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.

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

| JULY 28 COLLECTION | $43,000 |
| Registered Households | 7,698 |
| Envelopes Used | 615 |
| Loose Checks | 140 |
| 2ND COLLECTION Social Concerns | $13,796 |

ONLINE GIVING
Monthly Offertory | $187,234 |
Participants | 1,093 |

DIOCESDAN SERVICES FUND
2019 Parish Goal | $495,000 |
Total Amount Paid | $309,426 |
2019 Total Amount Pledged | $358,126 |
Participants | 747 |

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 e hernandez@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 Classes: Aug 10, Sept 14, & Oct 12
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
Caeden Patrick Beltran Casaclang, Olivia Anehita Okupa, Sterling Samuel Sims, Landon James Lapac, Ian George Samuelson, Arielle Haven Geneta

WEDDINGS
Jill Hardin & Juan Cantu Jr.

FUNERAL
Stephen Borque, father of Brian Borque

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
**Children’s Faith Formation**

Preschool and Elementary CCE registration has officially ended for this academic year. Limited availability and/or wait lists on some days and in certain grade levels may apply. While space in the weekly program may be limited, Home Study is always offered as an option to our CCE families. Please refer to Home Study on www.stlaurence.org/home-study for details. If you have questions regarding registration and/or current availability, please contact Cindy Martin for Preschool-Kindergarten CCE at cindymartin@stlaurence.org or Joan Hastreiter for Elementary (Grades 1-5) CCE at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org.

**Summer Faith Challenge:** Lazy days of summer? Summer used to mean a time to kick back, relax and reconnect with our families and friends, but society has gradually changed that expectation for us. Many times our summers are ‘business as usual’ despite our best efforts to slow down. We need to be purposeful if we intend to find any R&R and restore not only our bodies, but also our souls. Read Psalm 46 (http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/46) with your families and take time to “be still and know that I am God.” Carve out some extra family time this week to reconnect with God through the Holy Scriptures as you prepare yourselves for the coming of our school schedules.

**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

**Confirmation**

Confirmation at St. Laurence is part of the Youth Ministry and Religious Education. Confirmation is open to sophomores and juniors in high school. Teens who do not attend Catholic School should attend Life Nights (HS religious education) for at least one year prior to beginning the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to ensure they have been catechized and are prepared for the journey to Confirmation. Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation for information or contact Daniel Glaze, dglaze@stlaurence.org

**St. Laurence Catholic School**

**SLCS Mission Statement**

As a pastoral instrument of the Church, St. Laurence Catholic School educates and develops the whole Christian person in body, mind, and spirit through the trinity of parent, child, and educator.

**We Can’t Wait to Have You Back**

August 13: Visiting Day 2:00pm - 4:00pm
August 14: First Day of Classes - full day

**As Another School Year Begins...**

Dear Lord,

As we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers. We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months. We thank you for the time to enjoy family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives. Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. We ask this in your name.

Amen.

**Give Your Child the Gift of a Catholic Education and reap the rewards**

Considering a change for your child’s education? Consider St. Laurence Catholic School where faith-based education in a safe environment is combined with academic excellence every day. Call 281-980-0500 today to schedule a personal tour and learn more about our school! We have limited spaces in 1st and 3rd grade available!

**Job Opportunities**

We are looking for some dedicated, faith-filled people who are interested in serving our students as 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.
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
@ St. Laurence Young Adults
www.stlaurence.org/ya

FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS
Minimize eating “on the go” and make it a family tradition to share at least one meal together without distractions.

AUGUST 8: HOLY HAPPY HOUR
5pm, Holy Hour, Happy Hour!

AUGUST 13, 27: HOLY HAPPY HOUR
7pm, Lectio & Visio Divina, Bible Study

BLESSD IS SHE WOMEN’S GROUP
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
For any young adult woman in her 20s or 30s (single, dating, engaged, or married). Two Saturdays a month, we meet for a potluck brunch to eat, chat and pray together from 10am-12pm. Bring a brunch dish to share & your bible. Next brunch info & meeting location: Email Flo Francis at francis.florence6@gmail.com

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.

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

FEAST OF ST. LAURENCE
OUR PATRON SAINT
PRAY FOR US
AUGUST 10, 2019

Prayer to St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr
O Generous patron of the Church’s poor, St. Laurence, pray to the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that all the poor of the Church in need in every corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them.

Deliver the Church from the greed and envy of the powerful and protect her rights and property so that she may serve the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body.

May we come some day with all those whom we helped on earth to the bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God’s house and the company of the Savior who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

INQUIRY SESSIONS: SUNDAYS, AUGUST 18 & 25, 10:15-11:15AM
IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI ROOM

RCIA is for those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith tradition, those interested in joining the Catholic Church, and Catholics who were baptized but have not celebrated all of their Sacraments. Please come to one of the following sessions to get your questions answered.
Want to know Jesus & His Church?

You Call Me by Name.

We can become who we are meant to be with the support of a community called Church.

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Inquiry Sessions: Sundays, August 18 & 25
10:15-11:15 am in the Corpus Christi Room

Contact Justin Frato, 281-265-5774 / jfrato@stlaurence.org
More info: stlaurence.org/rcia
Having been raised in Venezuela in the heart of a devoted Catholic family, finding a Catholic parish to belong to was a priority. In Venezuela, involvement for parishioners is mostly reserved to a few. Here in Sugar Land is different and at St. Laurence there is so much to do, it’s impossible not to find something that suits you. I started working at the Weekday Children’s Program 10 years ago. To love and take care of God’s littlest ones has been a blessing and it fills my heart to be able to touch these lives. As my son grew, I volunteered with CCE logistics, stepping up sometimes to cover for a catechist, nervous as my Catholic formation was in Spanish and sometimes I did not have the vocabulary at hand, but the Holy Spirit was always helping me. I became an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion 5 years ago, after feeling the call for it. I was very insecure to start serving, as I was holding in my hands the very Body and Precious Blood of Christ, but after my first time one Christmas Day, I always wish to be an instrument of His love. There is always room in your heart and soul to receive God’s blessings and our Lord will never let you down. He has a plan for you and is always supporting you, so if you receive the call, do not hesitate, just step up, He will be there for you!

Jesus looks for witnesses who say to Him every day: "Lord, you are my life".

— Pope Francis
July 25, 2019

Q. Is it okay to make change from the collection basket?

A. Here’s the thing, it’s not that it’s not allowed, but if a lot of you guys did it, it would definitely slow down the collection process, right? Plus, people are probably looking at you like, what’s going on? Let me make a suggestion (like I always do)... Maybe you can break your large bills BEFORE you come to Mass, instead of rummaging in the collection basket. This way you won’t hold up this well-oiled process, just sayin. Or wait! Faith Direct might be a good option. You know, giving electronically. This way you don’t have to worry about writing a check during Mass, like I see people do, and you also wouldn’t have to make change anymore. With Faith Direct, you can set the amount you would like to donate each month, including the second collection. Easy right?

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.
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

REGISTRATION & DETAILS AT
stpaulcenter.com/sugarland/

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JONATHAN MCGOVERN
jonathanmcgovern@stpaulcenter.com | (740) 264-9535
Play & Pray
Caring for our Flock. Sharing Christ's Love

Sunday Morning Play & Pray
For children ages 12 months through 3 years old
During the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses

Registration opens August 1st
stlaurence.org/play-pray

1 Child - $40
2 Children - $50
3+ Children - $60

Make your first stop Room 105 at the Ave Maria Center before the 9:00am or 11:00am Mass. We will welcome your young children (ages 12 months through 3 years) and care for them while you attend Mass. Children participate in faith-based activities including crafts, stories, and songs. A $40 fee covers the entire school year, and children are welcome to drop in each week, as childcare is needed.

Register online at stlaurence.org/play-pray or contact Play & Pray Coordinator Elizabeth Hernandez at ehernandez@stlaurence.org with any questions.

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stlaurence.org/play-pray
**Teach Our Children**

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).

**Register Aug 1**

**Scott Hahn at St. Laurence**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**Mass of Remembrance**

For Children Lost Before Birth

**Wednesday, August 21**

6:30 PM

Special prayers and intercessions to remember children lost before birth. Mothers will be given a flower and a prayer card. In the church.

**St. Laurence Women’s Retreat**

**September 28-30**

Register Online Now!

STLAURENCE.ORG/WOMENSRETREAT

**St. Anthony of Padua Mass & Novena**

**August 6 — In the Church**

First Tuesday of the month

6:30pm - Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm - Mass (followed by Novena)

**Feast of the Assumption**

A Holy Day of Obligation

**Thursday, August 15**

Wed, Aug 14, 6:30pm, Vigil Mass

Thur, Aug 15, 8:15am - Mass in the church

Thur, Aug 15, 12:00 noon

Thur, Aug 15, 6:30pm

(No Thursday Mass in the chapel)

**Next Week: Knights Selling Brisket for Labor Day**

The Knights of Columbus will be on the plaza next weekend taking orders for their delicious smoked briskets and pork butts for Labor Day. Place your order (or order online at stlaurence.org/kc11343) and plan to pick up from the parish hall on Sunday morning, September 1. The cost is $80 for a full brisket (12-14 lbs), $45 for a half (6-7 lbs), and $35 for a boneless pork butt. All proceeds help the many charities supported by the KCs, including Catholic schools, religious vocations, Medical Mission of Divine Mercy, scholarships, Life Teen, Edge and other parish ministries and community organizations. MORE INFO: Greg Schocklin, gschocklin@aol.com or Greg Cordova, gregcordova@yahoo.com.

**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.
SUMMER OF SERVICE – FUN WITH FRIENDS AT GIGI’S PLAYHOUSE

Our Summer of Service volunteers had a wonderful and memorable experience playing, making snacks, and crafts with our friends at GiGi’s Playhouse!

GiGi’s Playhouse is a unique Down syndrome organization providing a permanent brick and mortar location offering direct educational and therapeutic programs to individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community. All programs are free for the families! All ages are welcome from pre-natal to adults. The positive and uplifting environment of GiGi’s Sugar Land empower those with Down Syndrome to reach their highest potential. There are so many ways you can volunteer to support GiGi’s Playhouse Sugar Land! In addition to their weekly programs, they are always looking for support for events, lectures, and monthly outings and parties. Please visit their website at www.gigisplayhouse.org/sugarland/volunteer if you are interested in donating your time and talent.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE

After various delays for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts and building permit challenges, your Habitat for Humanity ministry is ready to build our next house! We will begin on-site wall building on Saturday, September 7 and continue on every Saturday until the house is done, sometime around Thanksgiving. Due to the generous contribution of your treasure, we have raised the funds to fully sponsor this house, to be built in North Richmond. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent, we would like to have you join us for any or all of our Saturday builds. Simply contact Steve Pondell at spondell@comcast.net and we’ll get you on our distribution list. Don’t worry if you do not have a lot of experience in house building – we’ll teach you everything you need to know and give you the tools as well!

Now is the time to sign up if you or your ministry would like to provide lunch for the hungry workers. The lunches are so appreciated by the volunteers, as well as the prospective owners, who also participate in the build throughout the construction period. Monetary donations are also welcome. It takes approximately $110.00 to feed everyone. For more information and to reserve your date, please contact Lawerance Perreau at 832-525-8717 or lperreau@comcast.net

UP NEXT: USED SHOE DRIVE

Do you have GENTLY used shoes that you no longer need? If so, drop them in one of the Social Concerns bins in the church narthex NEXT weekend only, August 10-11. The shoes are cleaned and refreshed by the Lawerance Perreau family (and friends) and shipped to Soles4Souls, a global social enterprise institution committed to fighting poverty through the collection and distribution of shoes. Your donations create sustainable jobs in developing nations and help people lift themselves and their families out of poverty!
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

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FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE AND OTHER GREAT WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS, GO TO stlaurence.org/social-concerns

NAMI Greater Houston offers on-going support groups for family members of those diagnosed with mental health conditions. By sharing your experiences in a safe and confidential setting, you gain hope and develop supportive relationships. No registration is required.

This free, 90-minute group allows your voice to be heard and provides an opportunity for your personal needs to be met. It encourages empathy, productive discussion and a sense of community. You’ll benefit from other’s experiences, discover your inner strength and learn how to identify local resources and how to use them.

Please join us at one of our support meetings. All meetings are held at United Way, 12300 Parc Crest, Stafford, TX 77487.

Support Group (English) 2nd & 4th Thurs each month
Support Group (Spanish) 3rd Tuesday each month
Support Group (Chinese) Last Sunday each month

For more information, call Pat Sumner at 281-384-3156 or psumner1@comcas

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

WHAT WE NEED

MONDAYS:

Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom

WEDNESDAYS:

Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm, SCM Workroom

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.

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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:
Fridays 9-10am, Saturdays 7-8am and Saturdays Noon to 1pm

MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Sensory-Friendly Mass
All are invited to attend a “Sensory-Friendly” Mass being celebrated at St. Matthew the Evangelist (9915 Hollister Street, 77040) on Saturday, August 17 at 5:00 p.m. This Mass aims to support individuals with sensory processing needs to more easily attend Mass: http://www.cvent.com/d/qaqwzx.

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.

AUG 17: CUB SCOUTS PACK 1828 MEETING

Girls and boys in Kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to join Cub Scout Pack 1828. On Saturday, August 17, starting at 6:30 PM, the Pack will be having a movie night and ice cream social in the Parish Hall. This event is also our annual parent information and registration for returning scouts and new scouts. Contact: Cubmaster Kevin White 512-568-7630 kevin.m.white103@gmail.com

AUG 28: 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

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.

SAVE-THE-DATE: SHOP TIL U DROP

Shop Til U Drop is the popular holiday market presented by St. Laurence’s Ladies Guild each November. Please save the date – Thursday, November 21, 1:00-8:00pm – and plan for a fun-filled shopping day in the Ave Maria Center, featuring over 60 vendors, unique gifts, décor and foods. There’s something for everyone! This year, the market will be expanded to include even more vendors and longer shopping hours. Just a few vendor spaces are still available. For more information, please contact Carol at slg.shop@gmail.com.

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.
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.

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, 6:00-7:30pm. 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, 6:00-7:30pm - Orientation Night**

**Tuesday, August 27, 7:00-9:00pm OR Tuesday, September 10, 7:00-9:00pm (select one)**

**Saturday, September 14, 9:00-11:00am**

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. Please note, class size is limited by grade level, so register ASAP.

AUG 8: CHALLENGE CLUB FOR GIRLS

Calling all girls entering grades 5th-9th!

Challenge Club For Girls is holding its club night on August 8, 6:30p-8:00pm, Youth Hall, Ave Maria Center. The purpose of club night is to learn what Challenge Club is about and how to join. It will be a fun evening of fellowship, food and lots of laughs. Email Maria for more information: slcc1213@gmail.com
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ESTUDIOS BIBLICOS

"Desconocer las Escrituras es desconocer a Cristo"
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SEDES Y CURSOS

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Natural Family Planning Jacob/Jillian Counts | 281-300-3704
Parish Library Susan Mulé | 281-265-5774
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Christian Meditation Patrick King | 713-444-6014
Contemplative Prayer Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660
Divine Mercy (AM) Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360
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Tuesday AM Bible Study Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939

MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

Annulments Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
Bereavement Ministries:
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  - Grieving Families Agnes Fernandez | 281-933-3721
  - H.O.P.E. Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
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