2019-2020 Parish Theme

“Surrender to God and He Will Do Everything for You.”

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:15am, 9:00am, 11:00am,
12:45pm, 5:00pm

DAILY MASSES
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
7:30am, 12:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am, 6:30pm
Friday 8:15am, 12:00pm
Saturday 8:30am
Healing Mass: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

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

ROSARY
Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
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 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

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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

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.”
We worry about money, our kids, our health and our future. We’re anxious about grades, approval, being included. We despair at violence, suffering, hunger, homelessness, intolerance and hatred. As Fr. Drew would say, we are a people suffering from the 8 FR’s — we’re frantic, fretful, frazzled, frenetic, fragmented, frustrated, frightened and frayed.

And what is our response? For many of us, we go into “solve & fix” mode. We take action, we take over and we spend sleepless nights coming up with a Plan B and Plan C (just in case Plan A doesn’t work). It’s what we do, it’s how we’ve been trained. And we’ve been tricked into thinking we’re doing the right thing.

In selecting for his parish family the theme for this year, “Surrender to God and He Will Do Everything for You,” Fr. Drew reminds us that it is not our battle to fight. The Lord himself will fight for us. We have only to keep still.

This message is repeated throughout Scripture, from Moses to Jesus. In Exodus, Moses told the terrified Israelites to fear not, stand their ground and see the victory the Lord will win for them. In 2 Chronicles 20:13-18, the prophet says: Pay attention! The Lord says to you, do not fear or be dismayed at the sight of this vast multitude, for the battle is not yours but God’s. And Jesus’ invitation in the Gospel of Matthew: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me… For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

We are called to surrender and to be still… and allow God to do things his way. This requires patience, waiting and endurance in the midst of confusion and turmoil. Instead of immediately taking action, first take your problem to God. Only in the silence and peace of prayer can we know the will of God. The Lord’s will is our peace. As we hear in Psalm 35, “Great is the Lord who delights in the peace of his servant.”

So try the peaceful practice of surrendering to God and hear what He has to say to you. “I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people, his friends and those who turn to Him in their hearts (Psalm 85).”

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**AUGUST**

**SUNDAY**

18

First Reading  JER 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading  HEB 12:1-4

Gospel  LK 12:49-53

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**MONDAY**

19

First Reading  JGS 2:11-19

Gospel  MT 19:16-22

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**TUESDAY**

20

First Reading  JGS 6:11-24A

Gospel  MT 19:23-30

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**WEDNESDAY**

21

First Reading  JGS 9:6-15

Gospel  MT 20:1-16

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**THURSDAY**

22

First Reading  JGS 11:29-39A

Gospel  MT 22:1-14

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**FRIDAY**

23

First Reading  RU 1:1, 3B-6, 14B-16, 22

Gospel  MT 22:34-40

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**SATURDAY**

24

First Reading  RV 21:9B-14

Gospel  JN 1:45-51

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**SUNDAY**

25

First Reading  IS 66:18-21

Second Reading  HEB 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel  LK 13:22-30

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**PRAYING THE NEWS | AUGUST 18, 2019**

"...the Lord thinks of me."

**PSALM 40:18**

Dear Lord, how incredible and comforting to know that you think of us — in the unique struggles and joys of our lives. You surely watched over Marine Corporal Stewart Rembert who was kidnapped as an infant 22 years ago and FBI agent Troy Sowers who rescued him. That you should reunite them recently was a blessing and affirmation that we can cooperate in making a life-changing difference. Help us remember that you are there and you care.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen. †
**In Our Prayers...**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUG 17**
5:00pm – Teresa Nga Do (D)

**SUNDAY, AUG 18**
7:15am – Salvador Rosario (D)
9:00am – Robert E. Kemper III (D)
11:00am – Augustine Ogbechie (D)
12:45pm – Estellelita Vizutdazo (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**MONDAY, AUG 19**
7:30am – Mark & Rocio Williamson (I)
12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**TUESDAY, AUG 20**
7:30am – Leowi C. Evangelista (I)
12:00pm – Elias Luis (D)

**WEDNESDAY, AUG 21**
7:30am – Gelsomina Midence (D)
6:30pm – Margaret James & Patrick McCourt (I)

**THURSDAY, AUG 22**
7:30am - Thanksgiving (I)
12:00pm – Anita Carvajal (D)

**FRIDAY, AUG 23**
8:15am – Daniel Kallus (D)
12:00pm – Linda Casey (D)

**SATURDAY, AUG 24**
8:30am – Manish Krishnan (I)
5:00pm – Buddy Padraza (D)

**SUNDAY, AUG 25**
7:15am – Alex Tello (D)
9:00am – Heather Renee Brajkovich (D)
11:00am – Quynh VU (D)
12:45pm – Mr. & Mrs. Bien Nguyen (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

Adrian Annicchiarico, Collin Brown, Leah Burrhus, Tim Cullen, Billy Dodd, Chad Henry, Christopher Meyer, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Margaret Uche
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

SEPT 12: 2019 MISSION OF LOVE, SHINING A LIGHT ON HOPE
Catholic Charities Mamie George Community Center invites you to join them for the 2019 Mission of Love, Shining a Light on Hope. Honoring former County Commissioner James Patterson, their event is held on Thursday, September 12, at the Safari Texas Ranch in Sugar Land. Tables and individual tickets available. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities in Fort Bend County. More info and tickets visit www.CatholicCharities.org/MissionofLove

SILVER WEDDING JUBILEE MASS CELEBRATION
The 2019 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their Silver (25th) Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, September 22, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3:00 pm. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition. Reserved seating will be limited. Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of six family members or friends to the Mass. Registration closes on August 26 at midnight. For more information e-mail mroman@archgh.org or call 713-741-8720. Click here to register at https://archgh.cvent.com.

SEPT 7: PRAYER EVENT FOR CREATION
Join Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza and The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word for an Ecumenical Observance of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation at 10 am on Saturday, September 7, at the Villa de Matel in Houston. A reception will follow. Pastors and representatives from area Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, Evangelical and Orthodox churches, as well as environmental groups and local officials, will be in attendance. This joint prayer service will be a time to give thanks, to repent, to plead for moral courage, and to bear witness to all of Houston of our unity in declaring that the environmental crisis an ethical imperative that must be urgently addressed. RSVP with Mara at (713) 341-2611; MMartinez@ccvi-vdm.org, or visit SistersofCharity.org

SEPT 21: STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP: CASTING NETS MINISTRIES:
Discipleship – Stewardship – Evangelization. Casting Nets, a lay apostolate dedicated to the New Evangelization will be at St. Laurence Catholic Church September 21. The workshop will be led in the Ave Maria Parish Life Center from 8 am – 12 noon. A light continental breakfast will be served. Casting Nets will bring a great deal of inspiration and information in three talks that are humorous and entertaining. Tickets are $15 before September 1 and $20 after September 1. Please register by September 18 at https://cvent.me/MSaoa

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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PLAY & PRAY*
Childcare is provided in a safe, loving, and Catholic environment to young children while their parents/guardians attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance with Elizabeth Hernandez, at stlaurence.org/play-pray or ehernandez@stlaurence.org
*not licensed by the state

WEDDING PREPARATION
Next Class: 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: 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
Livi Emma Koh, Colton Ryan Nguyen, Angelina Pedraza, Eleanor Marie Petershagen

FAITH DIRECT ON-LINE GIVING

Did you miss a weekly offering while on Summer vacation? Giving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for St. Laurence Catholic Church to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. Using Faith Direct will also save you time while helping our parish reduce our expenses.

What's not to like? Setting up your Faith Direct account is quick and easy! Join your fellow parishioners by enrolling today at, FaithDirect.net, code TX460.

Whatever way you choose to give, thank you for your prayerful support of St. Laurence Catholic Church.

Tony Oltremari, Parish Administrator
**Family, Children & Youth Ministry**

**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. Visit www.stlaurence.org/home-study 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.

Mark Your Calendars NOW: Our Elementary CCE classes (Grades K-5) will resume on Tues/Weds Sept. 10/11 and Preschool CCE (3’s & 4’s) will begin on Sunday, September 15 for all registered children. Please be sure to check out class placements and rosters which will be posted beginning NEXT weekend (Aug. 24/25) in the Parish Hall for the Ministry Fair after all Masses. Rosters will be updated weekly as registrations are processed, and posted thereafter at the AMC. Please note that students will not be individually notified of their placements, but rather should look for their names on the posted class rosters. Questions? Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org.

**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.

STLAURECESCHOOL.ORG

**PLAID BAG COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEKEND**

The plaid bag collection enables the school to assist families in crisis to continue their children’s Catholic education. We’d like to thank you in advance for your support next weekend. The monies collected will help families that find themselves dealing with an unexpected loss of job, medical crisis, or family emergency.

**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.

Follow SLCS

STAY CONNECTED
FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS

Nighttime is for sleeping; collect the kids’ cell phones before bedtime.

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 activities head to stlaurence.org/lifeteen

LIFE NIGHT 2019 FALL SCHEDULE
Our weekly evangelistic outreach gatherings. Sundays 6:30-8:15pm in the Ave Maria Center. Join us for Life Teen Mass in the church at 5pm.

AUG 27: PARENT MEETING 7-8pm, Youth Hall

SEPTEMBER
15. LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF!
22. LIFE NIGHT
29. LIFE NIGHT & CONFIRMATION LIFE NIGHT

OCTOBER
06. LIFE NIGHT
13. LIFE NIGHT
20. NO LIFE NIGHT (BAZAAR)
27. LIFE NIGHT & CONFIRMATION LIFE NIGHT

NOVEMBER
03. LIFE NIGHT
10. LIFE NIGHT
17. LIFE NIGHT & CONFIRMATION LIFE NIGHT
24. NO LIFE NIGHT (THANKSGIVING)

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Join us in fellowship and prayer. Registration must be complete in order to attend each event. All forms and information can be found online at stlaurence.org/edge. Questions? Email Mo Bass, mbass@stlaurence.org

EDGE FALL 2019 SCHEDULE
AUGUST
27 PARENT MEETING // 7-8PM // YOUTH HALL

SEPTEMBER
18 EDGE KICK-OFF
25 EDGE NIGHT
27 EDGE SOCIAL // 7-9PM// YOUTH HALL

OCTOBER
02 EDGE NIGHT
09 EDGE NIGHT
16 OPEN GYM NIGHT // SCHOOL GYM
23 EDGE NIGHT
30 EDGE NIGHT

NOVEMBER
06 EDGE NIGHT
08 EDGE SOCIAL // 7-9PM // YOUTH HALL
13 EDGE NIGHT
20 EDGE NIGHT
27 NO EDGE // THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER
04 EDGE NIGHT
11 EDGE NIGHT
13-14 WINTER LOCK IN // 9PM-7AM // AMC
18 NO EDGE // CHRISTMAS BREAK
25 NO EDGE // CHRISTMAS BREAK

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
@ St. Laurence Young Adults
www.stlaurence.org/ya

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
LECTIO & VISIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY
2nd/4th Tuesdays, 7-9pm
Aug 27, Sept 10, AMC Oratory
Sept 24, St. Anne Room
Join Young Adults in their 20s/30s for a new bible study combining both Lectio and Visio Divina prayer. These ancient forms of prayer allow our hearts to connect with God through reading, meditation, and “sacred seeing.” Please feel free to attend any or all of the nights. Contact Ray Bacalla at bacallarf@yahoo.com or visit the St. Laurence Young Adults Facebook page for details.
**For Adults**

**St Laurence Catholic Church**

**Adult FAITH formation** Informing and Transforming Disciples

**STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF**

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

**GROW**

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**ST PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION TRAINING**

Tuesdays, Aug 20-Sept 24, 1-2:30pm,
Ave Maria Room 205

If you are interested in sharing your faith in a non-confrontational way, consider getting trained to be part of our parish’s St. Paul Street Evangelization Team. This group goes to Oyster Creek Park in Sugar Land several times of month to share their love for Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church with others. At this six-week training session you will gain certification as an evangelist. For more information and to register go to stlaurence.org/evangelization.

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**ECHO**

**Semester One: The Creed**

Begins Monday, Aug 26, 7-9 pm
Guardian Angel Hall

You are invited to attend this three-semester free course on the Catechism so that you can receive and pass on the echo of these ancient truths to others. In each session, our catechists will teach an aspect of the Catechism followed by large and small group discussion. Registration is required at sltaurence.org/echo. For more info: contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurence.org.

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**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Begins Tuesday, Sept 10, 9:00-11:45am
Marian Hall A

In the study *Galatians: Set Free to Live* by Jeff Cavins, Paul’s letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most important question we can ask: “What must we do to be saved?” It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and how we can unite ourselves to Christ’s redeeming sacrifice. Register at stlaurence.org/biblestudies or contact Kay Quenan at kquenan@me.com.

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**WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY**

Thursdays, Sept 19-Nov 7, 1-2:30pm
Ave Maria Room 200

*Fulfilled, Uncovering the Biblical Foundation of Catholicism, Part 2*, by Sonja Corbitt continues. It will focus on the elements found in the inner sanctuary of the Tabernacle and how they connect to the Magisterium, the Eucharist, incense, Mary and more. This program will help participants explain how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament, becomes equipped to share their faith concisely, and examine their own faith and grown deeper in their relationship with God. To register: stlaurence.org/womensbiblestudy or contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774, or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

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**MOMS GIFT GROUP**

Begins Wednesday, Sept 11, 9:15-11:00am
Marian Hall B

Join other moms in reading “The Friendship Project” by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet as you explore the cardinal and theological virtues with an eye toward friendship. Focusing on faith, hope, love, prudence, gratitude, loyalty, generosity, and prayerfulness, they help us answer questions such as, “What does it mean to be women of hope, and how does that change our lives and make us more compassionate friends during difficult times?” For more info: contact Rachelle Dooley at rdooley1987@outlook.com.

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**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

**INQUIRY SESSION TODAY, AUGUST 18, 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 the following session 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
When Moses called together the people of Israel for his final speech, he began with the bad news: he was not going to lead them across the Jordan into the Promised Land. It was his time to die. Imagine the sadness that spread through the gathering. How could they possibly function without him? But Moses moved quickly to the good news: “It is the Lord, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you… So do not fear or be dismayed” (Deuteronomy 31:6, 8). He reminded them that God himself would lead them, just as he had always done.

Perhaps you too are facing a transition or an uncertain future. Perhaps a parent or friend on whom you relied has been taken from you. Maybe you don’t feel secure in your job — or a child has disappointed you or even turned against you. Perhaps you’re keenly aware of falling short of your goals. In times like these, you might become consumed with anxiety. You might be tempted to dwell on the uncertain future and miss God’s invitation to dwell with him in the present.

Whatever the future brings, you can be sure of one thing: God will be with you there. More important, Jesus is with you here and now. Whether or not you receive answers to the questions that seem so urgent, you can count on his loving presence. Leave your fear and confusion with him, and rest in his unconditional love for you.

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Q.
I’m new to St. Laurence and it’s so BIG. How can I get involved?

A.
You’re in luck! At every Mass next week there will be a Ministry Parade. Yep, a parade (no marching band though). Each ministry here at St. Laurence will parade into the church holding a banner from their ministry. After Mass, stop by the parish hall, where our ministries have a table set up so you can visit the ones you might be interested in and see if you’d like to join one or two. Trust me, it’s a good way to meet other peeps, just saying. Did I mention that there is food to nosh on? After the evening Masses, there will be sodas, wraps and cheese & crackers. On Sunday morning, it’s coffee, kolaches and donuts from Shipley’s! Don’t mean to rain on your parade, but I’ll be home sipping my Dunkin Donuts coffee.

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.
Next Weekend

Celebration of Ministries

Ministry Fair | August 24-25
Following all Masses in the Parish Hall

Vocations  Spiritual Direction  Bereavement  Cancer Support  Caregiver Support  NAMI

Spiritual Direction  Bereavement  Caregiver Support  NAMI

COFFEE AND DRINKS

Spiritual Direction  Bereavement  Caregiver Support  NAMI

STAGE

Society of St. John de Matha  Filipino Ministry  Lay Apostles  Prayer  African Community

Vietnamese Ministry  Joy Club

Parish Council  Ushers  Greeters  Liturgical Ministries  Pastoral Care  Sick/Homebound

Hospitality Ministry  Filipino Ministry  Filipino Ministry  Filipino Ministry

Altar Linen Care  Parish Council  Ushers  Greeters  Liturgical Ministries  Pastoral Care  Sick/Homebound

Social Concerns Ministry  Disabilities Ministry  Loving Seniors

Funeral Reception  Ladies Guild  Meals That Heal

Art & Environment  Cultural Centers  Catholic Women  Social Concerns Ministry  Social Concerns Ministry

Correctional Ministry  Lutheran Church

St. Anthony of Padua

Divine Mercy  Respect Life

Indian Subcontinent  Hispanic Ministry

Habitat of the Cloth

MEETING ROOMS

Weekday

Childrens Bazaar

Future Ministries

Ignite Campaign

Learn English  Learn Spanish

St. Laurence

LEARN  GROW

CONNECT  LOVE

ENGAGED CHURCH
SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE
- Bridges to Life
- Correctional Ministry
- Funeral Reception Ministry
- Habitat for Humanity
- Learn English Ministry
- Learn Spanish Ministry
- Meals That Heal
- Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy
- Respect Life Ministry
- Senior Rides & More
- Social Concerns Ministry
- Society of St. John de Matha

CARE & SUPPORT
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- Caregivers Support Group
- DivorceCare
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- Ministry with Persons with Disabilities
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- Sunday Priest Meals
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- Tuesday AM Bible Study
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- Adoration
- Christian Meditation Prayer Group
- Contemplative Prayer
- Divine Mercy
- Hearts of Jesus & Mary
- Lay Apostle Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Marian Consecration
- St. Anthony of Padua Prayer
- St. Laurence Women’s Retreat

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- African Catholic Community
- Bazaar
- Boy Scout Troop 828
- Catholic Daughters of America
- Challenge Club for Girls
- Council of Catholic Women
- Cub Scout Pack 1828
- Family Ministry
- Filipino Community of St. Laurence
- Hispanic Ministry
- Indian Subcontinent Ministry
- JOY Club (Senior Ministry)
- Knights of Columbus
- Ladies Guild
- Little Flowers & Blue Knights
- Moms & Tots
- St. Laurence Singles
- Small Christian Communities
- Vietnamese Community
- Women of the Cloth
- Young Adults

SACRAMENT PREPARATION
- Baptism
- Confirmation
- First Holy Communion & Reconciliation
- Marriage Preparation
- Marriage Sponsor Couples
- RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
- Acolytes
- Altar Linen Care
- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors
- Music Ministry
- Sacristans
- St. Laurence Greeters
- Ushers

Next Weekend
Attend the MINISTRY FAIR in the parish hall after all Masses

Surrender to God and He Will Do Everything for You.
ATTENTION PARENTS OF 1ST GRADERS

For children to enter the Sacrament Preparation Program for First Reconciliation and First Communion, they must complete a year in our Faith Formation program the year prior to entering Sacrament Preparation. Therefore, if you haven’t already registered your 1st grader for CCE, be sure to sign up for Faith Formation through the CCE Home Study program. A young child’s Faith Formation journey is crucial for them to come to know, love, and serve God. Part of that journey includes these two years of Faith Formation, plus the Sacrament Preparation Program. Don’t wait, register as soon as possible! CONTACT: Melissa Calcote, mcalcote@stlaurence.org, 281-265-5774.

TODAY: KNIGHTS SELLING BRISKET FOR LABOR DAY

The Knights of Columbus will be on the plaza today taking orders for their delicious smoked briskets and pork butts for Labor Day. Place your order (or order online at stlaurence.org/kc-store) 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 Schockling, gschocklin@aol.com or Greg Cordova, gregcordova@yahoo.com.

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 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).

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. You may also email altarservers@stlaurence.org for more information. Please note, class size is limited by grade level, so register ASAP.

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 MINISTRY FAIR
AUGUST 24-25
IN THE PARISH HALL
AFTER ALL MASSES

MEDICAL MISSIONS
OF DIVINE MERCY
Costa Rica Trip 2019 Newsletter available at the Hospitality Desk

TODAY’S 2ND COLLECTION
ST. LAURENCE
SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

EWTN PILGRIMAGE
September 11-15
Bus pilgrimage to EWTN, Shrine of Most Blessed Sacrament, and more!
CONTACT:
Margie Calo, 281-980-4711, diomargo77@gmail.com
BETHEL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Social Concerns

BLACK BAG DONATION TODAY!

This Sunday’s black bag collection will be used for our People in Crisis fund which is currently averaging more than $10,000 a month in financial assistance. Because of your generous donations, we were able to assist over 85 families in crisis with rent/mortgage payments, utilities, counseling, medical/cancer costs, and food/gas cards, in June and July. Thank you, St. Laurence parishioners, for your kindness and compassion for our neighbors in need!

TODAY’S 2ND COLLECTION

THANK YOU: USED SHOE DRIVE

Thank you for supporting the annual USED SHOE DRIVE last weekend! Your donated shoes are being cleaned and sanitized by the family and friends of Lawerance Perreau. After that, the shoes will be 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!

LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH

It’s time to Learn English!

Sign up to teach or register for FREE English classes now.

Classes Start on Monday, September 9

THIS WEEKEND ON THE PLAZA

HELP ADULTS LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH

Classes begin SEPT 9

Volunteer or learn more about the Learn English Ministry by talking to a volunteer this weekend on the plaza after Mass. The Learn English Ministry offers free English language lessons to adults. Our students come from 30+ different countries and speak a variety of languages. We teach conversational English: those basic skills needed to talk on the phone, get directions, open a bank account or talk to a child’s teacher.

Volunteer! No experience is needed; we will train you.

Talk to a volunteer after Mass to learn how you can help our highly motivated students improve their lives by learning to speak better English.

Take a Class! Sign up on the plaza for this year’s English classes. Our free classes are open to adults of all nationalities and faiths.

Questions: stlaurence.org/learn-english-ministry

Special thanks to our hard-working Summer of Service volunteers who helped pack over 1,300 bags of school supplies for the Project Smile back-to-school outreach at Bethel Ministry. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, Social Concerns donated over $1,000 in school supplies to this beautiful ministry which helps disadvantaged students in Fort Bend County.
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

AUG 21: 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 21, at the 6:30pm 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.

AUG 23-25: HEALING RETREAT FOR THOSE SUFFERING AFTER ABORTION: Experience God’s forgiveness and learn to forgive yourself. You are not alone and Jesus loves you very much. 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. Your information will kept confidential.

OCT 5: JEROME’S HOPE retreat for those seeking healing following miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss will be held on Saturday, October 5. Retreat cost is $25/person ($50/couple). Those interested should call the Office of Pro-Life Activities for more information and to register.

SHOE BOX PROJECT FOR SEAFARERS

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Western Deanery

The ACCW is requesting the help of the parish in collecting items to be placed in Christmas gift boxes for the seafarers calling on the Port of Houston this coming December. The gift boxes lift the seafarer’s spirit while they are away from their families during the Christmas holiday. Items needed are: medium size shoe boxes, band aids, kleenex, key chains, socks, combs, lotion, lip balm, paper and envelopes, stamps, nail clippers, address books, pencils and pens, deodorant, needle and thread, 2020 calendars, playing cards, Texas souvenirs, dental floss, Word Search and Sudoku books, postcards, pocket-sized notebooks, baseball caps (new), t-shirts, shaving cream, flashlight, soap, shampoo, gum and candy, popcorn, hot chocolate, disposable razors, knitted and crochet hats, Gold-Bond powder & cream, tooth brush and tooth paste, USB Flash Drives, cash to buy phone cards. Please mark your donation "seafarers” and drop in the SCM bin in the narthex or the parish or SCM office by Sunday, September 8.

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

"Surrender to God and He will do everything for you"

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:

There are over 40 hours available to be near God.

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

1. Aug 28 | What’s Happening To Me
2. Sept 4 | The Road to Recovery Finding Help
3. Sept 11 | Facing My Anger
4. Sept 18 | Facing My Depression
5. Sept 25 | Facing My Loneliness
7. Oct 9 | New Relationships
8. Oct 16 | Financial Survival
9. Oct 23 | Kid Care
10. Oct 30 | Single Sexuality
11. Nov 6 | Forgiveness
12. Nov 13 | Reconciliation
13. Nov 20 | Moving On, Growing Closer to God

SEPT 5: CANCER SUPPORT KICKOFF MEETING

The Cancer Support Group welcomes all cancer patients and survivors, their caregivers and friends to join them each first Thursday of the month to share stories, listen and learn from professionals, and find hope and strength through prayer. The first meeting after summer break will be Thursday, September 5, 10:00-11:30am in the St. Clare Room, Ave Maria Center. Dr. Janet Tu, an oncologist from MD Anderson Sugar Land, will be on hand to discuss the latest in cancer research and treatments and answer any questions about cancer. Contact Mariann Licato (281-778-6356) for details.

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

Discover the Road Less Traveled Fall 2019
A monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary’s Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Meeting dates are Aug 22, Sept 12, Oct 4, Nov 21 and Dec 19. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood. Time: 6:30-9:00 pm at St. Mary’s Seminary, Houston, TX. To register or for more information, visit: www.houstonvocations.com/gatherings/discover/

Samuel Group for Single Women
Samuel Group is a monthly discernment gathering for young women ages 19-30 who meet for six months to study, pray and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. Held on Tuesdays evenings, 6:00- 9:00pm.: Oct 8, Nov 5, Dec 10, Jan 21, Feb 18 and Mar 24 Location: St. Joseph Church, Parish Hall, Houston, TX. Program includes refreshments, talks, meditation, adoration, and confession will be available. Registration fee $30. To register, please use the link: https://cvent.me/ve4vy

Men’s Emmaus Dinner for young adult men with Cardinal DiNardo and priests of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Friday, Oct 4, 6:30–8:30pm, at St. Mary’s Seminary This is a night for single young adult men ages 18 to 40 who are open to discerning Diocesan Priesthood. For information call: 713-652-8239 or visit: www.houstonvocations.com

MINISTERIO HISPANO

AUG 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.
ADULT SINGLES GROUP

Tuesday, August 20, 11:30am
Lunch Bunch - this month at Fadi’s Mediterranean Grill on Highway 6 near Sugar Land.

Saturday & Sunday, August 24 – 25
Parade of Ministries/Ministry Fair. We need help from everyone to carry the ministry flag at all 6 masses and man a table after mass to try and recruit new members. Please reply to this email if you can help - we can’t do it without you!

Tuesday, August 27th - 7:00pm Planning meeting in the Trinity room at St. Laurence Parish Courtyard. Come join us to give your suggestions on what you would like to do!

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 or stlaurence.org/adultsingles

LEGION OF MARY

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

AUG 22: HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION, on the 4th Thursday of each month, in the Chapel of Divine Mercy.

AUG 24-25: Visit our table at the upcoming Ministry Fair and sign up to receive the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a 2 week stay at your home! Learn all about Fatima and the power of Prayer — especially the Rosary. You can also sign up for Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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.

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).

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.
“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
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 Ponder | 281-253-7088
Learn English Ministry  Wendy Moore | 713-208-5169
Learn Spanish Ministry  Adriana Gutierrez | 713-269-2851
Meals That Heal  Julienne Salverson | 530-306-1895
Medical Missionaries  Maria Jacobson | 713-582-8424
Respect Life  Janice Holley | 281-639-8833
Senior Rides & More  Annette Bisaiz | 281-980-1449
Social Concerns  Pennie DeGroot | 281-980-9812
Society 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 Hastedreit | 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  Lionel Martin | 281-277-3066
Parish School PTO  Jennifer Reyes | 817-845-7627
Play & Pray  Mary Phillips | 832-647-0642
Vacation Bible School  Joan Hastedreit | 281-265-5774
Vocations Committee  Nia Sepe | 281-980-9812
Weekday Children’s Prog.  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 Apostle 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 Ellankil | 832-282-3032
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

Annulments  Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
Bereavement Ministries:
  Grief Support Group  Sandy Barber | 832-451-9117
  Grieving Families  Agnes Fernandez | 281-933-3721
  H.O.P.E.  Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
Cancer Support  Bonita Bell | 281-468-8641
Caregivers Support Group:
  Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738
  Jane Jewell | 713-775-7717
  Janie Picou | 832-860-3398
DivorceCare  Julie Koeppen | 713-320-7498
Loving Seniors  Fe Vicerra | 713-248-1164
NAMI  Pat Sumner | 281-265-1554
Pastoral Care for Sick  Ambrose Graham | 713-865-3729
Spiritual Direction  Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
Unbound Prayer Ministry  Rita McCarthy | 561-699-5800

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adoration  Fran Magelssen | 281-224-6122
Altar Linen Care  Julie Rodriguez | 281-980-9812
Altar Servers  Win & Erin Vahlkamp | 713-614-4235
Art & Environment  Catherine Short | 713-628-3949
Extraordinary Ministers  Tom Ruck | 713-855-2399
Greeters  Kristin Holy | 281-799-8317
Liturigical Ministries  Mary Thompson | 281-980-9812
Music Ministry  Dr. Kevin Klotz | 281-980-9812
Ushers  Hal Mecher | 281-543-9876

EVANGELIZATION, STEWARDSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Discipleship Council  Julie Borque | 281-265-8353
Finance Council  Bob Ladd | 281-980-3246
Financial Peace University  Sunny Tom | 832-620-7417
Pastoral Council  Roger Peters | 713-857-8386
New Evangelization Ministry  Marta Alves | 713-569-3679
Re-membering Church  Deacon Tom Ruck | 713-855-2399

COMMUNITY & PARISH LIFE

African Catholic Comm  Esther Iredia | 832-661-2945
Bazaar  Mike Turner | 979-229-0991
Boy Scout Troop  Adam Deroche | 281-229-1590
Cub Scout Pack  Kevin White | 512-568-7630
Catholic Daughters  Pam White | 281-265-3070
Council of Catholic Women  Ginwy Kazmierczak | 713-305-9845
Family Ministry  Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Filipino Community  Fe Vicerria | 713-248-1164
Hispanic Ministry  Francisco Rojas-Ayala | 281-690-3374
Indian Subcontinent  Ralph Mendonca | 713-360-8093
Knights of Columbus  J.D. Gutierrez | 832-490-7574
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