SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:15am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:15pm, 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
Oct. 4 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
Oct. 5 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Oct 12 & 26 — 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) 989-1655

And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith”
- Luke 17:5
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Deacon: Charles Plant, DeaconCharles@outlook.com
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Religious Education Registrar: Ruba Kaiser, rkaiser@stlaurence.org
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Young Adult Coordinator: Lucia Jackson, ljackson@stlaurence.org
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WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-313-0329
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PARISH LEADERSHIP COUNCILS
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Pastoral Council: Roger Peters, rogerwpeters@me.com
Finance Council: Bob Ladd, robert.ladd@haynesboone.com
Discipleship Council: Shawn Kelly, shawn_kelly@oxy.com

OUR MISSION:
“We the people of St. Laurence Catholic Church are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do.”

PARISH OFFICE & COURTYARD
The parish office provides services including pastoral care, liturgical planning, business, communications, & administrative support, and social concerns & social justice support. The parish hall and meeting rooms are available through reservation by calling Nia Sepe at 281-980-9812.
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm; Friday 8:00am-6:00pm; and Saturday 8:30am-12:00noon.

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER
The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday through Thursday 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-4pm; Saturdays 8:30am-Noon (scheduled events only). The Weekday Children’s Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, WCP hours Monday-Friday are 8:00am-3:00pm.

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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
We are living in a world where the Governor of New York ordered the World Trade Center spire and other state landmarks to be lit up with pink lights to celebrate the passage of a bill legalizing abortion up until birth and allowing non-doctors to do abortions.

“… for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” 2 Tim 1:7

But while pro-abortion leaders have become more radical, the pro-life movement has not only persevered but is making progress. The general public is slowly becoming more and more pro-life. Doctors are deciding to no longer do abortions and other abortion workers are quitting their jobs. Videos of abortion procedures are changing minds. Conversations on college campuses are changing minds. Prayer volunteers outside abortion clinics help clients turn away.

“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Matt 16:24

Is there something Jesus is calling you to do to help build respect for life in our country, or in your neighborhood? Since the mainstream media fails to do it, it is up to us to proclaim the truth that needs to be made known. One way we can do that is with Life Chain. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers will be holding signs this month at Life Chains across the country, proclaiming that “Abortion Kills Children” and other messages. Women in crisis are also offered help with the sign “Pregnant? Need Help? 800-712-HELP”.

**This year our local Life Chain will be held Sunday, October 27, 2:00-3:30pm. Sign-up tables will be in the plaza after Masses next weekend.**

While Life Chain is a valuable event, it only happens once a year. Every day, women go to abortion clinics. Some may just be trying to learn about their options. Abortion clinics, however, only sell abortion. But prayer volunteers present outside the clinic have helped over 16,000 mothers choose life for their babies.

During this fall’s 40 Days for Life campaign (Sep 25 to Nov 2) Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer outside a building in Sharpstown where a doctor is performing abortions in his office three days a week. Prayer times are from 8:30am-2:30pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Please contact Marie McCoy at 281-610-3986 or Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org, or go to ChristianVoicesforLife.org/40-days-for-life for more details.

**Marie McCoy**  
St. Laurence Respect Life Coordinator

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**PRAYING THE NEWS | OCTOBER 6, 2019**

“…there is strife, and clamorous discord.”

**HABBAKUK 1:3**

O God, please watch over our nation as the impeachment inquiry proceeds. May truth and the best interests of our country be foremost in priority during this turbulent time. Protect us from those outside our country who would seek to do us harm and from irreparable divisions within. Let your will be done in word and deed. O Lord, may we all seek peace and calm in our hearts and in our government. **Jesus, we trust in you.†**
PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC Nicholas Ambroczik, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. 5 Debra Barnette, US Navy
CPL Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
LCpl Gordon Briggs, USMC
SPC Jordan Briggs, US Army
Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC
LTC. Jason Chacon, USMC
Lt Matthew Chesney, US Navy
Maj. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force
Maj. Patrick Coffman, USMC
Lt Colin Day, US Navy
CPT Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
SGT Nicholas Dockum, US Army
Maj. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
CPT Michael Eberhardt, US Army
CPT Stacey Eberhardt, US Army Reserve
Derek Farias, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
CPT Michelle Thibeau, US Army
CPT Will Thibeau, US Army
LCpl Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahneil Xavier George, US Army
SPC Philip Graham, US Army
LCpl Eric Gurnell, USMC
CPT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew 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 MclPartland, USMC
Major Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army
CAPT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryant Whiteley, US Army
PO3 Troy Yelverton, US Navy
2LT Copeland Zaubrecher, US Army
2LT Kazia Zaubrecher, US Army

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCT 5
5:00pm – Bill Weingart (D)

SUNDAY, OCT 6
7:15am – Kathryn A. Ortiz de Gonzalez (D)
9:00am – Luccenio Family (D)
11:00am – Bernard Stebenne (D)
12:45pm – Special Intention (l)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, OCT 7
7:30am – James Maning (D)
12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

TUESDAY, OCT 8
7:30am – John Orrell Family (l)
12:00pm – Lucy & Ernest Slevin (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCT 9
7:30am – The Pinto Lobo Family (l)
6:30pm – Joseph & Clara Dyer (D)

THURSDAY, OCT 10
7:30am – Tony Hernandez (D)
12:00pm – Taylor Preston (D)

FRIDAY, OCT 11
8:15am – Frances Nwosuocha (l)
12:00pm – Manuel Couto (D)

SATURDAY, OCT 12
8:30am – Anita Diaz (D)
5:00pm – Rev. Francis Le Van Ly (D)

SUNDAY, OCT 13
7:15am – Maria Sofia Pinto Lobo (D)
9:00am – Lisa Messina-Colten (D)
11:00am – Eduardo Ortiz (D)
12:45pm – Jesus Chao (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Isabella Flores, Adrian Zaldivar, Kristin Funderburg, Johnny Sanchez, Sonia Aguilar, Eli Rojas, Erika Ayala, Kristin Funderburg, Jessica Ayala, Angel Sanchez, Hope, Eva, Abigail, Michael, Damian, Arriola, Dewey Dillard, Jason Kelly & Family, Hector & Brenda Olivias, Saturnino Gutierrez, Sr., & Family, Marcos Gutierrez & Family, James Brotherton, Daniel Soldaia, Michael T. Wade, James Gentry, David, Nicholas, Time Ware & Family, Chris Garnett & Family, McMurt Family, Banda Family, Tommy Dooley, Denise Joslyn, Cheyenne Joslyn. Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (9/23/19).
**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**OCT 22-23: MARY MAGDALENE RETREAT AT CRC**
Experience Mary Magdalene’s life-transforming encounter with Christ in a conference offered over two days at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson. Insights from Ancient Magdala will be offered on Tuesday, October 22, 6:00-9:30pm, and Diving Deeper with Mary Magdalene will be the topic on Wednesday, October 23, 9:00am-3:00pm. Select from options to attend Tuesday only ($45 includes dinner), Wednesday only ($60 includes lunch), or both ($175 includes lodging). Catholic speaker, author and former Director of Magdala in the Holy Land, Jennifer Ristine, will lead both sessions. Find more info and register at retreatcentercrc.org/insights-from-ancient-magdala.

**OCT 13: SACRED HEART BAZAAR**
Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond to host a Turkey dinner and Bazaar, Sunday, October 13, 11am - 4pm. They will have food, raffle, live & silent auction, music, beer garden, game booths, crafts, children’s midway, and more. Come join in the fun and fellowship! More information: 281-342-3609, sacredhrt.com

**OCT 13: CELEBRATE OUR PRIESTS’ ANNIVERSARIES**
All are invited to a special celebration to honor all priests, sisters and brothers in the Archdiocese who are celebrating their Silver, Golden or Diamond Jubilee in 2019. Join Cardinal DiNardo for a Mass & Reception on Sunday, October 13, 4:00pm, at All Saints Church (215 E. 10th Street, Houston). All are welcome, no registration is needed. Three priests with special connections to St. Laurence are among those being honored: Our founding pastor Fr. Laurence Connelly (60 years), Fr. Vince Dulock CSB (50 years), and Fr. Trung Nguyen (25 years). For more information, please visit houstonvocations.com/jubilee-celebration.

**OCT 14: CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL TOURING EVENT**
Regina Caeli provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition for students in PreK through Grade 12, attending classes two days a week and homeschooling on the remaining days. Join them for an information session, tour and classroom observation on Monday, October 14, 9:30am, at 4640 Richmond Foster Road, in Richmond. Children are welcome. Please RSVP to Valerie at vragusa@rchybrid.org and find more info at rchybrid.org.

**OCT 11-12: NEW LIFE RETREAT FOR BLENDED FAMILIES**
A New Life Retreat will be offered at the Cameron Retreat Center (2403 Holcombe Blvd, Houston) on October 11-12, designed for couples who will be addressing the unique dynamics of creating a new blended or step-family. Ideal as part of formal marriage preparation or for divorced or widowed couples who are exploring Catholic marriage and seeking marriage education. The cost for the retreat is $125 per couple; materials, lodging and meals are included, beginning Friday night and ending Saturday evening. Register at archgh.cvent.com/NewLifeRetreat.

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**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**SEPT 29 COLLECTION** .......................................................... $47,559
Registered Households ........................................................ 7,760
Envelopes Used ................................................................. 624
Loose Checks ................................................................. 148

**2ND COLLECTION** Social Concerns .................................. $14,630

**ONLINE GIVING**

Monthly Offertory .......................................................... $211,319
Participants ................................................................. 1,114

**DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**

2019 Parish Goal .......................................................... $495,000
Total Amount Paid ........................................................ $357,168
2019 Total Amount Pledged ........................................... $387,761
Participants ................................................................. 812

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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

**WEDDING PREPARATION**

**Next Classes: November 11**
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: 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**

**BAPTISM**

**DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**

Please remember to donate to the DSF. Your generous support will benefit over 60 ministries that serve hundreds of thousands across the entire archdiocese, in a way we could never do as a single parish.

To date, our parish is $70,000 behind our goal of $495,000. At this time last year, we were at 82% of goal, compared to 70% this year. Your donation to IGNITE benefits future capital efforts, but your support of DSF directly impacts programming and ministries this year. Thank you for the many ways you support our local Church. Donate online at www.archgh.org/dsf.
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.

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COME DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN BE A SAINT WITH US TODAY!

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Join us for our Open House for Prospective Families!
Tour our campus and see what makes SLCS such a wonderful school!
Visit www.stlaurenceschool.com for more information!

RESERVE YOUR TEAM NOW!
A LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPOTS REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR OUR 23rd ANNUAL TUITION ASSISTANCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 23rd Annual Tuition Assistance Golf Tournament is set for Monday, October 28, at the Sugar Creek Country Club. Sponsorships are available and registration is open for this BIG event. Please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@stlaurence.org or 281-980-0500 to participate or for sponsorship opportunities.
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.

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**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

@ St. Laurence Young Adults
www.stlaurence.org/ya

Contact: Young Adult Coordinator
Lucia Jackson, ljackson@stlaurence.org

**OCT 8: LECTIO & VISIO DIVINA,**
**Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm**
St Laurence Ave Maria Parish Life Center, St. Joseph Rm.
Lectio & Visio Divina: Praying with Art & Scripture -
The Gospel of Luke

Using Ignatian prayer which uses imagination, along with Lectio (praying with Scripture) & Visio Divina (praying with art), we will encounter the Lord in a new way.

Do you know “about” Jesus, but still ask yourself whether you truly "know” Him? Then our Lectio & Visio Divina is for you!

**OCT 12: BLESSED IS SHE BRUNCH**
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
For any young adult woman in her 20s or 30s (single, dating, engaged, or married) is welcome. We will meet in the Ave Maria Center at 10am for a prayer experience and around 11am we will head to La Madeline’s to enjoy brunch. Email Flo Francis at francis.florence6@gmail.com for more information.

**FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS**
Jesus commands us to put others first and to treat one another with love, mercy and compassion.

**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**

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WIN THE HEARTS OF THEIR CHILDREN

The Parent Workshop on September 23 with Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart of Casting Nets Ministries provided many great points to parents on how to win the hearts of their children.

Listed below are ideas for parents to consider.

- Make your goal as a parent that your future grandchildren have a deep relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church and then instill the faith in your children so that happens.
- Don’t let your past sins limit the level of holiness you want your children to attain.
- If we want our children to get to heaven, we cannot rely on church, school, or peers to do this. Parents have the greatest influence in their children’s life whether they know it or not.
- Use your sufferings and sacrifices as a prayer for the conversion of your children.
- Teach your children to offer sacrifices for others.
- Help your children to see that chores are really opportunities to be good stewards of all that their family has been given.
- Teach your children that you are never too busy to pray every day. Model this for them through your own prayer life.
- Ask St. Monica’s intercession if your children are away from the faith and St. Ambrose’s intercession to put someone in their life that will lead them back to the faith.

All the talks given at Arise and the Parent Workshop available to listen to on CD in our Parish Library.

Save the date for our next Parent Workshop on February 17, at 6:30pm, with Anna Carter who will be sharing with us on how to talk to our children about the church’s teachings on LGBT issues.
October Recommendations: The Saints

TRUE REFORMERS: TERESA OF AVILA
SAINT FRANCIS

CHAPTER 10: MEETING JESUS IN OTHER PEOPLE
THE WITNESS TRILOGY: THE MESSENGERS

FATIMA: ESPERANZA PARA EL MUNDO
THE SAVING POWER OF DIVINE MERCY

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My name is Nancy Phan. I am from Vietnam, married and have a lovely 17 year old son. We live in Sugar Land and went to two or three different parishes, but somehow St. Laurence caught my eye. My mother was a member of the Legion of Mary for years in Vietnam, she inspired me. Watching my mother doing charity work, helping the poor, praying for the sick, bringing comfort to the unfortunate ones, I admired her and wanted to continue to follow in my mother’s footsteps. After my mother passed away, my desire for helping the elderly, the poor and the sick grew in me. Whenever and wherever I can, I will be there to help. Perhaps God is leading my path? I became a member of the Legion of Mary Ministry in 2017, and am a part of Loving Seniors, Adoration, and am a Eucharistic Minister. It gives me meaning of life by helping others, serving others in need and giving back to our community. We are all caught up in this world of worrying, anxiety, anger, bitterness and are searching for a way out. I found out the greatest freedom can come from God. “Love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8).

What’s involved: About 50 missionaries travel to Laredo, always on the 1st Saturday to 2nd Saturday of November, this year being November 2-9. The same number may also participate in our mission to the mountains of Costa Rica mid to late April, currently scheduled April 18-25, 2020. The missionary fee covers all travel, food, lodging, and travel insurance, but covers only 61% of the mission costs. A home team may support us in the paperwork involved, monetary donations, much needed prayers for safe travels and for our patients, and with breakfast preparation to sustain us during our travels.

What’s it like: Much planning is involved. More than 1,000 patients may be cared for. Many hearts are touched – both patients and missionaries. Many friendships are developed. Spirits are high. Gratitude is plentiful. God is good all the time! We leave the mission vowing to come back for the graces we receive and for that which we give.

The 25th annual St. Laurence Parish Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 19 (5:00pm-10:00pm) and Sunday, October 20 (10:00am-5:00pm). As always, there will be a delicious array of international foods, games and activities for all ages, rides, bingo, live music and a raffle drawing. Entrance is free, but you can buy food, activity and raffle tickets at the event.

**Volunteer**

It takes hundreds of people to make this bazaar happen and there are lots of ways to get involved. Sign up to work a shift at a booth, bake a cake for the Cake Walk, donate a plant for the Plant Booth—whatever you do, it will be appreciated! Click on the Sign Up genius link at stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar to see the complete list of opportunities and sign up.

**Buy raffle tickets**

This year, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2019 Audi A3. Raffle tickets are $5/each or $20/book of 5 tickets. Books of tickets are available for pickup on the plaza after Mass and at the parish office.

**Be a sponsor**

Sponsorships help to underwrite the cost of putting on the bazaar and our parish is so grateful for the generosity of individuals and businesses that help in this way. Want to be a sponsor? There are a variety of sponsor levels, starting at just $100. Get all the information at stlaurence.org/bazaar-sponsors.

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Food Booths
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Mexican
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Desserts
Cotton Candy
Sno-Cones
Nachos
Pizza
Margaritas
Beer & Wine
Soda & Water

Special Attractions
24’ Rockwall
Wrecking Ball
Ninja Challenge 60’ Obstacle Course
Big Top Playland
Catch-A-Wave Dual Lane Slide
Wacky 5-in-1
Bouncy Boxing
Hooley Ball Challenge
Skee Ball Challenge
Football Toss
Swing
Melt Down

Activity Booths
Cake Walk
Doll Booth
Sand Art
Confetti Eggs
Duck Pond
Frog Leap
Fish Pond
Bean Bag Toss
Darts
Plants
Ring Toss
Crazy Hair
Face Painting
Cuddly Critters
Sling

More Donations = Lots of fun prizes at the Bazaar!

CAKE WALK & DESSERT BOOTH
We need LOTS of cakes and desserts for these popular booths, so get baking and let the fun begin! Both homemade and store-bought cakes are accepted. If you donate homemade goodies (cakes, cupcakes, brownies, cookies) treat, please provide a list of ingredients. We can only accept treats that do NOT require refrigeration. Please deliver all cakes and desserts directly to the Ave Maria Center on Saturday, October 19 between 8am-12noon. Thank you!

PLANT BOOTH
Remember us your next trip to the nursery or home improvement store – we can use LOTS of plants of all kinds! Please drop off your donation to the Ave Maria Center on Saturday, October 19 between 8am-12noon.

DOLLS & TOYS
The Catholic Daughters sponsor the Doll & Toy Booth and are happy for donations of new or like-new dolls and toys. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office now.

More Info, Contact Bazaar Chairs
Mike Turner: 979-229-0991, turnermd2@gmail.com
Les Fuchs: 832-360-3104, Lfblaze@yahoo.com
OCTOBER: EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to revive her missionary awareness and commitment during the month of October. With the title “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World” we are called to celebrate and participate in this unique opportunity through prayer, witnessing, and fostering vocations. World Mission Sunday is celebrated on October 20, but the annual Archdiocesan Mass & Celebration will take place on Sunday, October 13, here at St. Laurence at the 11am Mass. Refreshments and an exhibit of local mission groups will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome! For more info, please visit archgh.org/missions.

TODAY: GET YOUR FAMILY’S FLU SHOTS

Support the Medical Mission and get your family’s flu shots! The clinic will be held in the Parish Hall from 8:00am to 1:00pm this Sunday, October 6. Flu shots will be given by volunteer pharmacists, doctors and nurses. Regular flu shots are $30 and the "over 65" vaccine is $60. Payment by cash or checks only (payable to MMDM). All proceeds support the upcoming Medical Mission to Laredo. NOTE: MMDM is accepting donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches for the Laredo mission. More info at stlaurence.org/medicalmissionaries or contact Maria Jacobson at mjjacobson1984@yahoo.com.

OCT 26: AFRICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RETREAT

All are invited to join the St. Laurence African Catholic Community for their first annual retreat on Saturday, October 26, 11:00am-4:30pm, in the parish hall. Fr. Kingsley Nwoko from St. Anthony of Padua in the Woodlands will facilitate the retreat day, which includes great talks on the theme “Anchor on the Rock,” music and lunch, followed by the Vigil Mass in the church. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. Registration before October 10 is required at stlaurence.org/african-catholic-community. Please contact JoJo Nwachukwu (832-496-3676) or Esther Iredia (832-661-2976) with questions.

OCT 29/30: CONSECRATION TO MARY

Consider Consecration to Our Blessed Mother as a way to enter more deeply into relationship with Jesus. Classes begin the last week of October, leading to Consecration on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Thursday, December 12. In 33 Days to Morning Glory, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC instructs how to prepare for Consecration, based on the wisdom of St. Louis De Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa, and Pope St. John Paul II. Choose your study group: Tuesday afternoon (1:00-2:30pm) beginning 10/29, or Thursday evening (7:00-8:30pm) starting 10/31. Purchase the book 33 Days to Morning Glory in advance. A $20 registration fee includes the accompanying workbook. Register at stlaurence.org/33-days-to-morning-glory and contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

OCT 12: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS at St. Laurence will take place on Saturday, October 12, on the Parish Hall lawn. The blessing will begin promptly at 9:30am with Fr. Jaison presiding. Don’t miss this opportunity to have your pet blessed! Your pet will receive a “blessed bandana”, a St. Francis medal and treat. Please bring a bag of Hill’s Science Diet (dog, puppy, cat or kitten formulas) or Fancy Feast cat food or any brand canned dog food to be donated to the City of Sugar Land Animal Center. St. Francis, pray for us!

OCT 19-20: PARISH BAZAAR

SIGNUP TO VOLUNTEER
RAFFLE TICKETS

ON THE PLAZA THIS WEEKEND
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PARISH BAZAAR, OCTOBER 19-20

OCTOBER IS MONTH OF ROSARY

Pope Francis invites “all the faithful of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day” during the Marian month of October.

ROSARY RALLY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
12:00 NOON
Corner of Sweetwater/Austin Pkwy in front of the Ave Maria Center
Join in this annual national event to pray the rosary for our country

ROSARY FOR THE PREBORN
OCTOBER 13
after the 11:00 Mass, Rosary Garden, Ave Maria Center

ROSARY IN CHURCH
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
Pray the Rosary before the 12:00pm Daily Mass in the Church

TODAY’S 2ND COLLECTION
COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES
**Social Concerns**

**CAKES WANTED!**

Social Concerns is once again sponsoring the Cake Walk at the Parish Bazaar on October 19 & 20. We will need LOTS of cakes and volunteers to run the Cake Walk. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com. Click on the search icon near the upper right corner of the page. Enter the following information in the “SEARCH BY THE SIGN UP CREATOR’S EMAIL”: socialconcerns@stlaurence.org. Enter the authentication code. Once in, sign up to bring a cake or work a 2-hour shift. Please read all instructions carefully. Adult volunteers must be Safe Haven (formerly VIRTUS) trained. Thanks so much for your help! Contact pdegroot@stlaurence.org if you have any questions.

**COSTUME DRIVE**

GOT COSTUMES?!? (We are collecting new & gently used non-scary Halloween costumes for a Fall Festival for the children at Bethel Ministries. Mark your donations “Bethel” and drop in the Social Concerns rolling bin in the church narthex or in the parish or SCM offices. We will be collecting costumes until October 27.

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**OCT 12: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

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, October 12th** 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.

A very special thank you to Jenny Nutzman who prepared a home-made meal for over 30 children who attend Tuesday Night Bible Study at Nery’s Promise in Richmond. The children had a great Taco Tuesday thanks to your generosity and kindness!

Nery’s Promise is a non-profit organization located in Richmond dedicated to sharing the love of Christ through the study and teaching of God’s word. Nery has been serving the very impoverished community of North Richmond for years, opening her home, her heart, and her finances to help those around her.

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**RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

**BROCHURE OF THE MONTH:**

**Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide**

There are many reasons to oppose the agenda of proponents of assisted suicide. Although most laws limit assisted suicide to patients expected to die within six months, no distinction is made between those who will die in six months with treatment, or those who would die in six months if normal treatment were removed. Pain is not the primary issue in these cases. The vast majority of patients requesting lethal drugs cite reasons such “less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable”, and “losing autonomy”. A major danger of these laws is that they put vulnerable persons at risk of abuse and coercion. Once the drugs leave the pharmacy, there is no tracking, no witnesses required at the time of death. Elder abuse is a major problem in this country. There is also no requirement to diagnose or treat depression that may be the reason for the desire to end life. This means that we are creating two classes of people: those with which we work hard to prevent suicide, and those we assist in committing suicide.

**OCT 12: MARCH OF THE SURVIVING YOUTH —LEGACY OF LOVE**

The young people who have survived abortion want to be the generation who ends it. Saturday Oct 12 – 8:00am to 11:30am at the Catholic Charismatic Center. First 450 attendees get free T-shirts! The day will include Mass, great music, speaker Matt Regitz, and a “Jericho March” at Planned Parenthood. Sponsored by the youth organization Catholic Organization of Life (COOL) and the Archdiocese Pro-Life Activities office. Youth and adult volunteers also needed. Contact: James Pinedo 281-912-4342

**LOVING EMBRACE**

Houston area Catholic Infertility and Miscarriage Support group. Monthly meeting, usually 2nd Monday of the month, “secret” Facebook group, someone to talk to. Email: InfertilitySupportHouston@gmail.com. No one wants to be in this club, but the struggle is easier with friends who get it.

**OCT 26: PREGNANCY CENTER CLIENT ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Saturday October 26, 9:00am to 2:00pm, at the center in Rosenberg. Learn how you can make a real difference in a woman’s life by helping her to choose life for her child. Contact Meggi at PRMC: 281-232-2375 or meggi@prmcfortbend.org

**OCT 13: ROSARY FOR THE PREBORN — NEXT WEEK**

After the 11:00am Mass. Join members of Respect Life and Knights of Columbus in the Rosary Garden outside the Ave Maria Center to pray that our preborn brothers and sisters will be spared from abortion and that mothers who are tempted or pressured to abort will find the support they need to choose life.

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**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"

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 30 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 an adorer on Sundays, noon to 1pm.**
**All Sundays or 2nd,3rd,5th Sundays of the month.**
There are over 30 hours available to be near God.

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**OCT 9: DIVORCECARE**

*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

- Oct 9 | New Relationships
- Oct 16 | Financial Survival
- Oct 23 | Kid Care
- Oct 30 | Single Sexuality
- Nov 6 | Forgiveness
- Nov 13 | Reconciliation
- Nov 20 | Moving On, Growing Closer to God

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**OCT 26: ST. LAURENCE BEREAVEMENT RETREAT**

All are invited to attend a Bereavement Retreat on Saturday, October 26, 9:00am-3:00pm, at the St. Laurence Ave Maria Center. This retreat is for all who are grieving the death of loved ones, recent or from the past. The retreat facilitator will be Dr. Tim Van Duivenydk, author of "The Unwanted Gift of Grief." Please bring a small photo or memento of your loved one to the retreat. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no charge, but registration in advance with Anne Marie Daniel (281-265-5774, adaniel@stlaurence.org) is requested.

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**VOCATIONS NEWS**

**MONDAY, OCT 7, 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.

**SAMUEL GROUP FOR SINGLE WOMEN**
**Tuesday, October 8, 6:00-9:00pm,**
St. Joseph Church Parish Hall in Houston
A discernment group for young women, ages 19-30, who will meet together once a month for six months in order to study, pray, and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. More info: houstonvocations.com

**ANDREW DINNERS 2019**
This year, Andrew Dinners for young men in High School will be held at various parish locations. The program includes an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with the Vocation Director, Fr. Richard McNeillie and other priests from the Archdiocese. Questions? Contact the Vocations office at 713-6528239 or vocations@archgh.org. More info and registration: www.houstonvocations.com/andrew-dinner

**Dates, Parish locations and times:**
- Oct. 26 at St. Martha Church, 6:00-9:00pm
- Nov. 7 at St. Theresa, Sugar Land, 6:30-8:30pm

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**NOV 16: HEALING MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

This workshop, led by Fr. Jorge Alvarado & Steve Kroeger, aims to lay a firm foundation for healing based upon the teachings and examples of Jesus in the Gospels. You will grow in your knowledge of the goodness of God and your identity as his beloved child. You will have the opportunity to encounter the Holy Spirit more powerfully and be better equipped to effectively minister healing in the name of Jesus Christ. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group invites all those interested in starting Healing Ministries, or are already members of Healing Ministries, or are called upon to pray for healing by laying on of hands. Free registration online at www.stlaurence. weshareonline.org/HealingMinistryWorkshop. Deadline for registration is Nov. 10, 2019. Only the first 250 registrants are accepted. WALK-IN NOT ALLOWED. Lunch provided. For questions, call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Marie Calo at 281-980-4711.
OCT 21 LITTLE FLOWERS & BLUE KNIGHTS

St. Laurence Little Flowers / Blue Knights Club for 1st-5th grade girls and boys meets one Monday a month from 4:45-5:45pm in the Ave Maria Center from September through May. Come to learn about virtues, saints, make crafts, and play games. Bring $15 to register at the Ave Maria Center front desk. For more information email sugarlandlittleflowers@gmail.com.

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.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24: Tour, Talk and Tea at the Fort Bend Master Gardeners.

OCT 17: LADIES GUILD MEETING - NEW DATE

Due to severe weather, Ladies Guild was unable to have their meeting in September. So please join them for their first official meeting Thursday, October 17, in the Parish Hall from 6:30-8:30pm. They will be doing one of their favorite service projects — making blankets to be donated to Angela House. Please bring new/gently used bras and new underwear for the Angela House. Bring a friend and a snack or appetizer to share. Door prizes will be awarded! Contact: Sharon Gonzales, sharongonzalez100@gmail.com.

BE A BUDDY

Ministry with Persons with Disabilities needs adults willing to help teens with social or learning differences. Buddy’s provide support to successfully include these teens in Edge or Life Teen. This opportunity is open on Wednesdays during EDGE, and on Sundays during Life Teen. Experience working with young people or exceptionalities is a plus, but not necessary. Volunteers will be provided with training and ongoing support. Can you be the person that will help? If you would like more information please contact cindymartin@stlaurence.org. To apply, please visit our website stlaurence.org/buddy-application.

HOPE - GRIEF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Thursday, October 24, 2019 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease) is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving also utilized by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Consider attending if you have lost a loved one due to a sudden, tragic death or from a long term illness, either recently or in the past. Led by a hospice-trained facilitator, the group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call or Kathy Heinemann at 281-468-0738.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

OCT 12 & 26: 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) 989-1655. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

WHO WE ARE

WE THE PEOPLE OF ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE CENTERED IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD IN ALL WE DO.

How we carry out our Mission

At St. Laurence Catholic Church, we respond to Jesus who calls us to love God and our neighbor. As a member of this faith community, I strive to:

LOVE by showing respect, mercy and compassion to all
CONNECT with others in a meaningful way
GROW closer to God through prayer, Sunday Mass and the Sacraments
LEARN about my Faith and share it with others

Filled with the Holy Spirit, I will be a grateful and supportive member of the Body of Christ.
This month, Pope Francis has invited the Church to celebrate an Extraordinary Missionary Month to mark the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV’s apostolic letter Maximum Illud on the activity of missionaries in the world. Its message about the centrality of mission to our lives as Christians and the life of the Church remains timely.

Mission is not about Church expansion; rather, it is about sharing in “God’s self-giving missionary life… it is about living and working as partners with God in the patient yet unwearied work of inviting and persuading women and men to enter into a relationship with their world, with one another and with Godself.”

Whether or not we are called to far-flung parts of the world, we are all called to step out into the unknown where we can encounter the needs of others and bring them the good news of Jesus Christ. Indeed, the Holy Father reminds us that as a Christian, “I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world” (Evangelii Gaudium, 273).

While responding to the call to be a missionary disciple is a lifelong endeavor, during this month, in particular, we are invited to celebrate and participate in the Church’s missionary activity through prayer, reflection on missionary witness and by fostering vocations. God is continually calling us, in whatever state of life we might be, to go beyond our comfort zone and encounter Him in those at the peripheries of our life and our community.

In this Extraordinary Missionary Month, I invite you to reflect on your own experiences of mission, to pray “that God may grant the missions His merciful aid” (MI, 32), and remember that “you will be performing a service eminently worthy of your love of the faith if you take pains to foster any signs of a missionary vocation that appear among your priests and seminarians” and anyone you know (MI, 34).

Deacon Arturo Monterrubio, former director of the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministry

ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD MISSION SUNDAY MASS
Sunday, October 13, 2019
11:00am – Mass & Reception
St. Laurence Catholic Church
INFO: 713-652-8231

### SACRAMENT PREPARATION

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