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
Nov 1 — In the Church
6:30pm - Mass, All Saints Day

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
Nov 2 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Oct 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
ANALOG DECODER RESULTS

**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.

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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.

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**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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**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.

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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
Dear Parishioners,

We are so excited to invite everyone to the 25th Anniversary of our Parish Bazaar. What an enjoyable way for families and friends to come together in faith, fellowship and celebration of all of the blessings we have received!

Our bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 5pm – 10pm and on Sunday, October 20, 10am – 5pm at the Ave Maria Parish Life Center. While the main focus of the bazaar is community building, we also raise funds for the parish. Part of that fund raising involves our raffle, which has become an exciting tradition of the bazaar. This year we are pleased to announce the following raffle prizes:

**1ST PRIZE – 2019 AUDI A3**

**2ND PRIZE – E-BIKE VALUES AT $2,500**

**3RD PRIZE - $1,500 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

**4TH PRIZE - $500 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Be sure to pick up your raffle tickets today or at the Bazaar next weekend for your chance to win one of these great prizes! Tickets are just $5 each or $20 for a book of 5.

Bring the whole family, bring your neighbors and spend the weekend at the St. Laurence Parish Bazaar! Sign up to work a shift at a booth and have even more fun!

It has been a great experience collaborating with our fellow Bazaar chairpersons, booth coordinators and hundreds of volunteers to present one of the best parish bazaars around!

See you next weekend,

Mike Turner & Les Fuchs — 2019 Bazaar Chairs

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**OCTOBER**

**SUNDAY**

13 (#1175 in your Gather Book)

First Reading 2 KGS 5:14-17

Second Reading 2 TM 2:8-13

Gospel 17:11-19

**MONDAY**

14

First Reading ROM 1:1-7

Gospel LK 11:29-32

**TUESDAY**

15

First Reading ROM 1:16-25

Gospel LK 11:37-41

**WEDNESDAY**

16

First Reading ROM 1:1-7

Gospel LK 11:29-32

**THURSDAY**

17

First Reading ROM 1:16-25

Gospel LK 11:37-41

**FRIDAY**

18

First Reading 2 TM 4:10-17B

Gospel LK 10:1-9

**SATURDAY**

19

First Reading ROM 4:13, 16-18

Gospel LK 12:8-12

**SUNDAY**

20 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading EX 17:8-13

Second Reading 2 TM 3:14-4:2

Gospel LK 18:1-8

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**PRAYING THE NEWS | OCTOBER 13, 2019**

“Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands: break into song; sing praise.”

**PSALM 98:4**

O Lord, we pray for all participating in the Amazon synod. May the Holy Spirit guide them in understanding and decisions so that our brothers and sisters living in the region can live fully and joyfully in faith and sacrament. Grant that hearts and minds will cooperate in hope and with courage to protect your creation in the Amazon and all the earth. **Holy Spirit, we trust in you. Amen.†**
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

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Isabella Flores, Adrian Baldivar, Jessica Ayala, Kristin Funderburg, Elizabeth Rojas, Erika Ayala, Cole & Kristina Flores, David, Dawn, Hope, Eva, Abigail, Michael, Damion, Arriola Family, Florentino Oneyda Vaquez & Family, James Gentry, Michael Wade & Family, Tommy Dooley, Deanne Dooley, Chelsea George, Tim & Family, Johnnie, Krista, Laurie, Tarin, Nicholas, Erica, Heather, Patricia Wyatt, Kenneth Taylor, Laura Jeffrey Arrington, Estillo Banda & Family, McNutt Family. Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (9/30/19).

PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC Nicholas Lambroczek, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. S 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
LT. Jason Chacon, USMC
Lt Matthew Chenesey, US Navy
Maj. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force
Maj. Patricia 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 Thibear, US Army
CPT Will Thibear, US Army
LCpl Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahnell 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
Amm Joseph Marcellus, USAF
TSGT David March, Texas Air National Guard Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
Major Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army
CAPT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whitley, US Army
P03 Troy Yelverton, US Navy
2LT Copeland Zaubrecher, US Army
2LT Kazia Zaubrecher, US Army

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCT 12
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

MONDAY, OCT 14
7:30am – Patricia Roasa Family (I)
12:00pm – Bill Martin Family (I)

TUESDAY, OCT 15
7:30am – Kurian Family (I)
12:00pm – Gary Swoboda (I)

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16
7:30am – Kurian Family (I)
6:30pm – Kevin Hinguillo (D)

THURSDAY, OCT 17
7:30am – Kurian Family (I)
12:00pm – Bianca Rodriguez (I)

FRIDAY, OCT 18
8:15am – Letecia Motter (D)
12:00pm – Joseph & Clara Dyer (D)

SATURDAY, OCT 19
8:30am – Aaron Fox (I)
5:00pm – Romeo & Margie Calo (I)

SUNDAY, OCT 20
7:15am – Aida Rosario (I)
9:00am – Francesco Ambrosio (D)
11:00am – Rosalie & Joseph Guarisco, Sr. (D)
12:45pm – Luis Haget (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners
**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**OCT 18-20: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM AT STHS**
St. Thomas High School is proud to present their fall production of William Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* next weekend, Friday-Sunday, October 18-20. The student play includes St. Laurence parishioners and will be presented at 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday, with a 2:00pm matinee on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased on campus at the door of Cemo Auditorium, 4500 Memorial Drive. For more info, please call 713-864-6348.

**OCT 19: UNHOLY GHOSTS**
Please join the Dominican Sisters of Houston for a conversation with Joel Edward Goza, author of *America’s Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics*. Saturday, October 19, 12:30pm. The program begins at 1:00pm in the Dominican Center for Spirituality meeting Room in Houston. There is a book signing before and after the program - it is free and open to the public. To assure seating, please RSVP to Ceil Roeger, OP at croeger@domhou.org or 713-440-3714.

**OCT 22-23: MARY MAGDALENE RETREAT AT CRC**
Who is Mary Magdalene? Don’t miss these 2 great events at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson and find out. You choose: Day Retreat or Overnight Retreat. Tuesday, October 22, 6-9:30pm, come hear about “Insights from Ancient Magdala”. Wednesday, October 23, 9am-3pm learn even more with “Diving Deeper with Mary Magdalene”. LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER. These 2 events will be presented by Jennifer Ristine – Catholic speaker, author, former Director of Magdala in the Holy Land, and Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi. Register online at retreatcentercrc.org.

**NOV 3: INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY (IWA) OPEN HOUSE**
IWA provides an academically rigorous and supportive environment where students are encouraged to explore their emerging talents and interests in and out of the classroom. We invite you to come see what sets us apart from 1:30 - 4:30pm at 609 Crawford St. Please register at www.incarnatword.org/admissions

**NOV 10: SJ23 HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**
All prospective high school students are invited to attend the St. John XXIII Open House on Sunday, November 10, 1:00-3:00pm, to learn about their distinctive college preparatory curriculum, tour the 35-acre campus, and visit with faculty & administration, plus current students and their parents. Come and see for yourself! The campus is located at 1800 W. Grand Parkway North, in Katy. For more information, visit sj23lions.org, call 281-693-1000, or email admissions@sj23lions.org.

**PLAY & PRAY**
Childcare is provided in a safe, loving, and Catholic environment to young children while their parents/guardians attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance with Elizabeth Hernandez, at stlaurence.org/play-pray or ehernandez@stlaurence.org

**WEDDING PREPARATION**
*Next Class: 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: Nov 9 & Jan 4*
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**
Gianna Angelina Ortiz, Sophia Vecinal Parel, Ramon Sebastian Quiambao, Julian Matias Somoza, Alexander Thomas Werner

**FUNERAL**
Margaret Volk, mother of Michelle Gilbert

**FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING**
Thank you for all the gracious gifts that you provided to our parish so far this year. Your prayers, support, and monetary gifts allow St. Laurence Catholic Church to spread the Gospel and share God’s message of love and peace with others. This fall, we prayerfully ask that you consider using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process the offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. To enroll in online giving, visit faith.direct/TX46.

Whatever method you use to support our parish financially, thank you! It is never too late to start giving and no gift is too small.
**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](http://stlaurence.org/confirmation) for information or contact Daniel Glaze, dglaze@stlaurence.org.
OCT 13: LEGACY — NEW MEETING NIGHT
Legacy is St Laurence’s program for current high school upperclassmen who have already been Confirmed. Life Teen invites you to Legacy during Life Night today. Legacy has moved from Tuesdays to two Sundays per month during Life Nights. It is a more in depth level of formation to equip Confirmed upperclassmen to be missionary disciples. Again, ALL confirmed Juniors and Seniors are invited.
In the Guardian Angels Hall from 6:30-8:15pm. Additional Fall semester dates are 11/3 and 11/10.

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

OCTOBER
16 OPEN GYM NIGHT // SCHOOL GYM
23 EDGE NIGHT
25 EDGE SOCIAL // 7-9PM // LASER TAG
30 EDGE NIGHT

NOVEMBER
06 EDGE NIGHT
13 EDGE NIGHT
15 EDGE SOCIAL // 7-9PM // YOUTH HALL
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 GROUP
@ St. Laurence Young Adults
www.stlaurence.org/ya
Contact: Young Adult Coordinator
Lucia Jackson, ljackson@stlaurence.org

OCT 13: LECTIO & VISIO DIVINA,
Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm
St Laurence Ave Maria Parish Life Center, St. Anne 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 26: BLESSED IS SHE BRUNCH
10am -12noon, 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, Youth Hall. Email Flo Francis at
francis.florence6@gmail.com for more information.

FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS
Take the whole family to the Bazaar next week!
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays, 9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall A
Oct 15: Galatians 4  “No Longer a Slave, but a Son”. For more information: ewbanksix@gmail.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU
Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00am, St Francis Hall
The new program Vision of Man Fully Alive enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com or stlaurence.org/tmy.

CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30am, Guardian Angel Hall
Come together with other men as they grow in their faith journey. Contact: Jim Kij, jimkij@comcast.net.

On the Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun
A Reflection from Sister Lucia on the Holiness of the Family

“Hence, in the Message of Fatima, God calls on us to turn our eyes to the Holy Family of Nazareth, into which He chose to be born, and to grow in grace and stature, in order to present to us a model to imitate, as our footsteps tread the path of our pilgrimage to Heaven.” Little wonder Lucia told Cardinal Carlo Caffarra “the decisive confrontation between the Kingdom of God and Satan will take place over marriage and the family.”

-Excerpt taken from “Fatima’s October 13 Apparition: More Than Meets the Eye”, Joseph Pronechen, National Catholic Register

Cardinal John Henry Newman Canonized Today
By Courtney Grogan, Catholic News Agency
Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and his writings are considered among some of the most important Church writings in recent centuries.

Ordained a Catholic priest in 1847, he was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, although he was not a bishop. Newman’s conversion to the Catholic faith was controversial in England, and resulted in him losing many friends, including his own sister who never spoke to him again.

The British cardinal founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England, and was particularly dedicated to education, founding two schools for boys. He died in Birmingham in 1890 at the age of 89. In October, Cardinal Newman will become Britain’s first new saint since the canonization of St. John Ogilvie in 1976. At Newman’s beatification Mass in Birmingham, England in Sept. 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Newman’s “insights into the relationship between faith and reason, into the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society, and into the need for a broadly-based and wide-ranging approach to education were not only of profound importance for Victorian England, but continue today to inspire and enlighten many all over the world.”

“What better goal could teachers of religion set themselves than Blessed John Henry’s famous appeal for an intelligent, well-instructed laity: “I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it,” Pope Benedict said.

The first miracle attributed to Newman’s intercession involved the complete and inexplicable healing of a deacon from a disabling spinal condition.

His second miracle concerned the healing of a pregnant American woman. The woman prayed for the intercession of Cardinal Newman at the time of a life-threatening diagnosis, and her doctors have been unable to explain how or why she was able to suddenly recover.

“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons,” Blessed John Henry Newman wrote.

“He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments,” he said.

“Therefore, I will trust Him... If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him... He does nothing in vain... He may take away my friends. He may throw me away my friends. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.”

PG 8 | ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
You’re Invited!

Help us IGNITE our Faith and our Mission

The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign, IGNITE, is a wonderful opportunity for us all to support the Cardinal in his efforts to meet the many significant areas of need that are necessary to continue to spread the Word of God.

It has been six years since we last ran a campaign in our parish and the monies raised allowed us to build our beautiful Ave Maria Parish Life Center. Our parish still holds a debt of about $2.2 million from our initial cost of $15.9 million. By achieving our IGNITE goal of $4.9 million, our parish will be able to reduce our debt by an additional $44,943 per month. This will allow us to completely pay off our debt two years early (early 2021)!

This reduction of debt will most directly benefit St. Laurence’s many outreach ministries to help those less fortunate, and enhance our parish community, worship, faith formation and ministries.

Everyone one of our registered parishioners will receive an invitation to attend any one of our campaign receptions. Receptions are your opportunity to learn firsthand about the exciting future for our community and ask specific questions, all while gathering with your fellow parish families. Get a sneak peak of our campaign—Watch our IGNITE Trailer!

Visit stlaurence.org/IGNITE or open your iPhone’s camera app and focus on the QR code. Safari will prompt you to open the video.

As we continue to spread the word about this campaign, please join Fr. Drew at any one of the receptions hosted by our parish.

Monday, October 14, 7:00pm
Wednesday, October 16, noon

RSVP to one of our receptions: Call the parish office 281-980-9812 or Email: Paige Van Wormer, ignite@stlaurence.org

www.archgh.org/ignite
Tammy Luster is in charge of People Power for the Parish Bazaar. She’s one of those people who brightens any group or project that she’s associated with, from SLCS PTO to Pastoral Council to VBS and ACTS. She says, “I remember when Ron and I moved here nine years ago, feeling like St. Laurence was such a large parish, but I knew that in order for it to feel like ‘home’ to me, I needed to get involved! I volunteered at Weekday Children’s Program, then while the AMC was under construction, I hosted the G.I.F.T. book club at my house. I’ve continued to lead a Small Christian Community out of my home since 2013, I’m co-leading a small group for Tuesday Morning Bible Study and I serve on the Small Christian Community advisory board. We are called to be Christ to one another and it has been so fulfilling to serve others. Along the way, I have created great friendships and now this big parish has turned into one big family for me. My family loves our wonderful priests, the opportunities for faith formation and education, and our daughters are growing up learning the importance of parish involvement. They help out as greeters at Sunday Mass, donate through Social Concerns, and our oldest recently became an Altar Server.”

Living as Disciples

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: ANNULMENTS

In fidelity to Jesus’ teaching, the Church believes that marriage is a lifelong bond (see Matt 19:1-10); therefore, unless one’s spouse has died, the Church requires the divorced Catholic to obtain a declaration of nullity before marrying someone else. The tribunal process seeks to determine if something essential was missing at the moment of consent, that is, the time of the wedding.

If so, the Church can declare that a valid marriage was never actually brought about on the wedding day (USCCB). This process is strictly for spiritual and ecclesiastical purposes and has no effect on civil law. If you were married and divorced and desire to marry someone else, we can assist you at St. Laurence, first by determining the type of annulment petition you need to file and guiding you through the annulment process with the Tribunal. For more information please contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-4774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

Information is available at the Hospitality Desk after Mass today.

STEWARDS AMONG US

TAMMY LUSTER

As we close the #SeasonOfCreation today, we entrust the #AmazonSynod to St. Francis of Assisi.

— Pope Francis
September 30, 2019

Ask Paula

Q.
Can I still volunteer at the Bazaar next week?

A.
Yes! We always need more volunteers even on the day of the bazaar you can still volunteer. It takes hundreds of you guys to make the bazaar work. If you want to work a shift at one of the activity booths, or taking tickets and helping little ones its only 2 hours of your time, easy right. Go on the signup genius at stlaurence.org/games-booths and you can find where your help is needed. Also on the day of bazaar stop by the volunteer tent and ask where they can use you. If volunteering isn’t your thing (like me) bake something for the popular cake walk or dessert booth. You can also donate plants for the plant booth or new dolls and toys for the doll booth. See you there!

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for 21 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
The 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.

Win this 2019 Audi A3
THE 25TH ANNUAL
ST. LAURENCE PARISH BAZAAR
Saturday, October 19 (5:00pm-10:00pm)
Sunday, October 20 (10:00am-5:00pm)
stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar

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

REMINDER
THERE ARE NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN THE AVE MARIA CENTER, THURS 10/17 AND FRIDAY 10/18, DUE TO BAZAAR SETUP.
We have upgraded our WeConnect Parish Phone App to version 3.0. If you have the prior St. Laurence Parish App installed it will no longer work — please delete it and download and install the new version. The WeConnect Parish App is available on Google’s Play Store and the Apple App Store (see text to download above). Or go to stlaurence.org/catholic-apps to click the WeConnect Parish App download links.

ST. LAURENCE UPGRADES PARISH APP TO VERSION 3.0

ST. LAURENCE UPGRADES PARISH APP TO VERSION 3.0

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.

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.

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ON THE PLAZA THIS WEEKEND

BAZAAR
RAFFLE TICKETS,
REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER

LIFE CHAIN
REGISTRATION
SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

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

KC INFO NIGHT
OCT 23, PARISH HALL, 7:00pm
All men of the parish are invited to attend an INFORMATION NIGHT to learn how the Knights of Columbus can enrich your Catholic life.

SLCS POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER
$15 EACH RED, WHITE, PINK
Order thru Oct 25
CONTACT: Marisa Vela, mvela@stlaurence.org, 281-980-0500

PG 13 | ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (Western Deanery) would like to thank St. Laurence, Holy Rosary, St. Michael’s and Holy Family parishes for their generosity in supporting our Seafarer shoebox project. Your generous contributions will help make this season special for those seafarers who are away from their families during the holidays. We were able to fill 194 boxes with t-shirts, hats, socks, toiletries, games, snacks and more.

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.

The cold season is approaching. Help us warm the hearts and hands of Refugee Resettlement families by donating your GENTLY used adult or children’s winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Please bring your donations to the SCM office this week or drop them in the SCM bin in the narthex.
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

LIFE CHAIN OCT 27:
Life Chain is a national event to proclaim the truth about abortion to the general public. The media talks about “choice”; Life Chain proclaims that “Abortion Kills Children”. The media talks about “reproductive rights”; Life Chain informs that “Abortion Hurts Women”. Every year, women who are tempted by abortion see a Life Chain and choose life. Join us on Hwy 6, Sunday Oct 27, 2:00 - 3:30pm, to pray and be a witness for respect for life. Just a couple of hours of your time can make a real difference in our community! Come to tables in the plaza THIS weekend for more information and sign up to participate!

ROSARY FOR THE PREBORN: TODAY, 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. In bad weather, we pray inside in the oratory.

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

HOPE AFTER ABORTION: Women and men often suffer silently with guilt and shame after abortion. But healing ministries like Rachel's Vineyard offer hope and healing. Call Julie Fritsch at the Pro-Life office of the archdiocese for information: 713 741 8728. There is also a helpful green booklet in the St. Laurence library called “After Abortion.”

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.

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 to 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 almost 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** the wee hours of the night between 12am and 5am. Please call or check the website for days. There are almost 30 hours available to be near God.

**OCT 16: 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 jmpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

- 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

**VOCATIONS NEWS**

**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

**MAKE A MEAL FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Did you know that each Sunday a different family from our parish makes dinner for Fr. Drew, Fr. Jaison and Fr. Truong Son? It’s a very busy day for them, with no time to prepare or go out for a meal, so this is our chance to treat them to a home-cooked dinner – main course, sides and dessert – delivered directly to the rectory on Sunday morning! The signup calendar for 2020 just opened up, so pick a weekend and make them your signature favorite family dinner. Go to stlaurence.org/our-priests-and-deacons and click on the signup link or call coordinator Vivienne St. John at 832-605-7918.

**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 Duivendyk, 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.

**ADULT SINGLES GROUP**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 11:30am**
Lunch Bunch - this month at Rouxpur Sugar Land Town Square. We will meet at 11:30am to try and beat the noon rush. If you’re available, come give it a try!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 6:00pm**
Carrabba's Italian in Sugar Land. Diana B has volunteered to host this event, so let's enjoy some yummy Italian food and socialize!

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: stlaurencesingles@gmail.com or stlaurence.org/adultssingles
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.

BUDDIES NEEDED

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.

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

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.

HOPE - GRIEF MINISTRY PROGRAM

A new session begins, Thurs, Oct 24, 6:30pm – 8:30pm 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 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.
BEREAVEMENT RETREAT at ST LAURENCE

Journey to Healing

Saturday, October 26, 2019
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
St Laurence Ave Maria Center

Retreat Facilitator: Dr. Tim Van Duivendyk, Author of “The Unwanted Gift of Grief”

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Register by Monday, October 21

Contact: Anne Marie Daniel 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org

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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 God self.”

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

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