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
Feb 7 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rotary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
Feb 1 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Jan 11 & 25 — 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

THE EPHANY OF THE LORD
They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on
entering the house they saw the child with Mary
his mother. They prostrated themselves and did
him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a
PARISH OFFICE
3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-9812
Pastor: Fr. Drew Wood
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jaison Thomas, MSFS, jaisonthomas@stlaurence.org
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Deacon: Don Burns, don@donburns.com
Deacon: Dennis Henderson, dhenderson@stlaurence.org
Deacon: Charles Plant, DeaconCharles@outlook.com
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Parish Life/Communications: Sharon Ehrenkranz, sehrenkranz@stlaurence.org

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281-980-0500
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WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-313-0329
Director: Becky Wilkinson, bwilkinson@stlaurence.org
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PARISH LEADERSHIP COUNCILS
281-980-9812
Pastoral Council: Nick Noe, nick.noee@outlook.com
Finance Council: Bob Ladd, robert.ladd@haynesboone.com
Discipleship Council: Julie Borque, borquej@yahoo.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 preschool aged children. During the school year, WCP hours Monday-Friday are 8:00am-3:00pm.

PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL
St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 720 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8. Office Hours: Monday-Friday are 8:00am-4:00pm.

Adjacent to the school is the Chapel of the Divine Mercy which offers Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and serves as the site for smaller liturgies.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
Announcements must be submitted via email at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication. Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator rmartinez@stlaurence.org
PRAYING THE NEWS | JANUARY 5, 2020

The USCCB has a powerful and simple prayer that helps set the stage for the coming year, recognizing God’s providential hand in all things, past, present and future.

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.
R/. Amen.

Good News Reflection

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Pray: I want to discover You, Jesus, my Savior, in the simple and wonderful things of every day. I want to announce Your greatness to the simple of heart. Amen.

Where did the faith of the Magi come from?

The Season of Christmas includes the celebration of the arrival of the magi from the East. Let’s consider the humble adoration of the magi for the Christ child. The magi were Gentiles, and the Greek word “magi” meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as “astrologers”, their visit to the manger does not validate astrology.

Because they were not Jews, their determination to meet the Jewish savior says much about what the word “epiphany” means. The magi are good examples of believing in the importance of Jesus even without understanding what it would mean to them personally or to the rest of the world.

They worshiped Jesus as a King-Messiah before they knew how he would become king or how his kingship would save the world from evil. As scientific scholars, they had studied religious writings from beyond the scope of their own culture. Then, they acted on faith in response to the Spirit of God who activated them, and it changed their lives.

Only the Spirit of God can move someone to have faith, because faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12). The word “epiphany” means discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Epiphanies are gifts from God as he collaborates with our desire for new growth.

We can imagine how the magi felt when they experienced an epiphany in the presence of the Christ child. Although they did not understand how this baby from a poor family could become king, they remembered him for the rest of their lives and listened for news from the land of Israel about Jesus. We know that they heard about his crucifixion and learned what his followers were teaching about it, for they became Christians — their relics have been venerated since very early times.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
What sign from God, like the star that the magi followed, are you waiting to see? What signs is God already showing you? These are evidence that he is working in your life. What epiphany — new understanding — is Jesus giving you about what God is doing in your life?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
God has given you faith to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. How do you act on this faith? And how do these actions evangelize non-believers?

In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC Nicholas Ambroicik, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. S Debra Barnett, US Navy
CPL Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
LCpl Gordon Briggs, USMC
SPC Jordan Briggs, US Army
Maj. Michael Carrolli, USMC
LTC. Jason Caohon, 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 Jahnell Xavier George, US Army
SFC Philip Graham, US Army
LCpl Eric Gurnell, US Army
CPT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
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 Ramrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
Sgtt 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
PO3 Troy Yelverton, US Navy
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, US Army
2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, US Army

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JAN 4
5:00pm – Frances Grant Bridges (D)

SUNDAY, JAN 5
7:15am – Veronica Revelt (D)
9:00am – William Jordan (D)
11:00am – Ed Sabrulsua (D)
12:45pm – May L. Toy (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, JAN 6
7:30am – Dorothy Macdonald (D)
12:00pm – Omana Simon (I)

TUESDAY, JAN 7
7:30am – Patricia Smith (D)
12:00pm – Doris DeMatteis (D)

WEDNESDAY, JAN 8
7:30am – For Souls in Purgatory (D)
6:30pm – Frances Nwosuocha (I)

THURSDAY, JAN 9
7:30am – For Souls in Purgatory (D)
12:00pm – David Soliva (D)

FRIDAY, JAN 10
8:15am – Maximiliano Luna Roque (D)
12:00pm – Shirley Parkan (D)

SATURDAY, JAN 11
8:30am – Victoria Crescini (D)
5:00pm – Billie Cretini (D)

SUNDAY, JAN 12
7:15am – Lawrence Revelt (D)
9:00am – Flowers Family (I)
11:00am – Ed Sabrulsua (D)
12:45pm – Orlando Quirch (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, Sonia Aguilar, Kristin Funderburg, Erika Foster, Jessica Forbes, Eli Rojas, Johnny Sanchez, Cole & Kristina Flores, Alyssa Smith, Michael McNutt & Family, Emilio Banda & Family, Hope, Eva, Damian, Arriola, Pablo Banda & Family, Florentino Oneya & Family, Patricia Wade, Wyazio Taylor K., Michael T. Wade & Family, James Gentry, Timothy Wade, Johnnie, Nicholas, Krista, Erica, Laurie, Heather, Tarin, Timothy W. Ware & Family, Lanay Hebert & Family, Chris Garett & Family, Ms Broadus, Brotherthon Family, , Saturnino Gutierrez Sr. & Family, Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCA program and all the people of Jester 3. (12/9/19).

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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

JAN 9: BOUNDLESS COMPASSION COURSE AT CENACLE
Boundless Compassion is a 4-week series offered by the Cenacle Sisters beginning January 9. Based on the compelling work of Joyce Rupp, it will include the topics of Compassion as a Way of Life, Self-Compassion, The River of Suffering, and Becoming a Compassionate Presence, through prayer, presentation, music, reflection and sharing. The course will be held on four Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm, at 12211 Memorial Drive, in Houston (in the education building of Memorial Drive Lutheran Church). Get more info and register at cenaclesisters.org/houston/programs-and-retreats

JAN 16: CAFÉ CATHOLICA LITE
The next Café Catholica Lite will be on Thursday, January 16, at St. Clare of Assisi (3131 El Dorado Blvd, Houston) from 7:00-9:00 p.m., with an optional prayer hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Fr. Luke Millette, with topic “Spiritual AND Religious: Staying Connected to Christ and his Church.” All young adults are invited to Café Catholica Lite for a talk, followed by time in prayer and fellowship. For more information, contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica or yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778. Save the dates for upcoming Café Lite talks: March 12 at Our Mother of Mercy, Houston; May 28 at Christ the Redeemer, Houston.

JAN 19: MLK MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
The Annual Archdiocesan MLK Mass of Remembrance honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place on Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, in downtown Houston. All are welcome to attend. More information at: www.archgh.org/media/13382/ca112219mlk.pdf

AUG 3-13: EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. SANTY
Join Fr. Santy Kurian on an 11-day pilgrimage, August 3-13, 2020, to Switzerland, Austria and Germany, including the famous Oberammergau Passion Play. The cost is $4,090 per person which includes round trip air transportation from Houston, first class hotels, double occupancy, 2 meals/day, daily Mass, tickets to attend the Passion Play, airport taxes, fuel surcharges, and tips to guides and drivers. Only a few spots remain! Visit inspirationaltoursinc.com and contact Inspirational Tours to get more info and a brochure at 713-961-2785, nicole@inspirationaltoursinc.com.

FEB 1: PRIEST TALENT SHOW & FUNDRAISER
See the hidden talents of our priests revealed at the annual Priest Talent Show, a fundraiser for Regina Caeli, on Saturday, February 1, 6:30pm, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Katy. In addition to great entertainment, there is dinner and auctions with guest emcee, Tim Staples from Catholic Answers. Regina Caeli is a fundraiser for Regina Caeli, on Saturday, February 1, 6:30pm, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Katy.

FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING
We are thankful for all the generous monetary gifts that you provide to our parish Offertory and special collections. If you are not already doing so, we encourage you to consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. This is much easier and convenient for you and makes the accounting more accurate and efficient for us. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect/TX460

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: January 27 & March 9
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: February 8 & March 21
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. As an alternative, the 1st Saturday is offered in January, April, July and October. To schedule a Baptism or register for the required parent preparation class, please contact Barb Roy at broy@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 x5371.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS
BAPTISMS
Ian Gael Boagni, Cali Anne Cahill, Theodore Ignacio Fantaguzzi, Marguerite Ines Fantaguzzi, Alanna Marie Hansel, Carys Mary-Elisabeth Olmstead, Emmett Wes Conanan Refunjo

WEDDINGS
Olivia Collado & Jesse Rabadan

FUNERAL
Carolyn Hastreiter, mother-in-law of Joan Hastreiter

Medardo Manuel Martinez, father of Lourdes Montes
ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES
Come Discover how you can #BeASaint with us!
Saturday, January 25, 2020, 3:00pm

Celebrating nearly 30 years of excellence, St. Laurence Catholic School is committed to challenging and engaging academics, quality athletics and arts programs, a strong faith foundation.

We serve students from Pre-K through 8th grade, with 97% of students being accepted into their first choice high school. Our students gave more than 4,950 hours serving their community last year and they excel as servant leaders who strive to make a difference.

RSVP: https://stlaurenceschool.org/open-house

JOIN THE SAINTS FAMILY!
The SLCS Before and After School Care (BASC) program is looking for college students and adults who enjoy working with children and are interested in working before and after school hours for the 2019-2020 school year. BASC staff supervises students during homework and playtime. If you are interested in applying for a position, please email your resume to Betsy Brown at bbrown@stlaurence.org and apply at www.choosecatholicschool.org/employment-opportunities

St. Laurence School is also looking for part-time coaches to begin in January 2020 for our middle school sports program. We need softball and track coaches for spring seasons. There is also an opening for cheerleading coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Please email bbrown@stlaurence.org if you are interested in coaching.
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

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YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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JAN 15: WOMEN’S GROUP
Beginning January 15, 7-9pm at the Ave Maria Center. This group is open to all women 18 to 39 years old. They will gather for fellowship, have discussion in both small and large groups and grow together while doing a study at home before each meeting.

For further information please visit the website. To RSVP and reserve space and study materials email Lucia Jackson, ljackson@stlaurence.org.

JANUARY 2020
12 LIFE NIGHT
19 NO LIFE NIGHT (WKND RETREAT)
26 LIFE NIGHT & CONFIRMATION LIFE NIGHT

The AMAZING WKND Retreat is January 17-20, 2020 and all current high school teens are invited to join us for an unforgettable weekend of community, prayer, the outdoors, ropes, free time, games, sports, Mass, Adoration, Confession, and more. Maggie Craig is the wonderful retreat leader and Fr. James Claver, SCJ is coming also. It’s a weekend you won’t want to miss! Register online at https://stlaurence.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/TheWKND2020

HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN PROGRAM
For more information online, stlaurence.org/lifeteen
Follow us on Instagram @stlaurencelt

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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

JANUARY 2020
08 NO EDGE // Christmas Break
15 EDGE NIGHT
22 EDGE NIGHT
24 EDGE SOCIAL // 7-9PM // YOUTH HALL
29 EDGE NIGHT

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JANUARY 23: HOLY HOUR/HAPPY HOUR
Join the Men’s Group after work in Houston at 7pm for a Holy Hour at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston). A Happy Hour will follow nearby.

FEB 8: MARRIED COUPLES VALENTINE’S DAY SOCIAL
Save the Date: Saturday, Feb 8, at the Ave Maria Center, join other married couples for a night of fun. If needed, childcare will be available so you can socialize kid free! Please see website for more details and a link to the childcare sign up.

A main course and soft drinks will be provided but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Don’t miss out on this night out with other couples in the parish.
We are ready to go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith

SCOTT HAHN EVENT AT ST. LAURENCE IS 3 WEEKS AWAY!

We are excited to welcome renowned speaker and author Dr. Scott Hahn on January 25 from 9-12. This is a sold out event and no one will be admitted without a ticket. Dr. Hahn’s talk recordings will be posted on our website for two weeks following the event to allow those who were not able to be there to listen to them. Here are a few important things to remember for this event:

- If you purchased tickets online for this event, you should have received a ticket for each purchase by email. You must print each ticket out and each person must present a ticket to enter event. If you did not receive a ticket by email, please contact St. Paul Center at office@stpaulcenter.com or 740-264-9535 to have them resend the ticket.
- 8:30am Mass will be moved to 8:00am, on this day and the church will be completely cleared after Mass to admit those with tickets starting around 8:35am.
- You may begin to line up in the courtyard area, along the two covered sidewalks, at 8 a.m. outside the Narthex doors.
- Parking will be available in the main parish lot, the Ave Maria Center lot, and the Fort Bend ISD Administration Annex lot to accommodate the large crowd.
- The bookstore will be open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Parish Hall where many of Dr. Hahn’s materials will be available for purchase.

If you have other question please contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurence.org

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**ECHO**
Mondays, starting Jan 6, 7-9 pm Guardian Angel Hall
Semester 2, “The Sacraments: Faith Celebrated” and “Prayer: The Faith Prayed”. A free course to receive and pass on the echo of our ancient truths to others. Register at stlaurence.org/echo

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
Mondays, starting Jan 6, 7:30-9:00 pm, or Tuesdays, starting Jan 7, 6:15-7:15 am, St Francis Rm.
Monday evenings will study “The Letters of St James” from Ignatius Study Bible. Tuesday mornings examine the readings for the next Sunday’s Mass. Contact: Steve Ewbank at ewbanksix@gmail.com

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**
Tuesdays, starting Jan 7, 9:00 –11:45 am, Marian Hall
“Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance” continues with lesson “Ephesians 4: A Life Worth Your Calling”. Contact: Kay Quenan at kquenan@me.com

**CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS**
Thursdays, starting Jan 2 10:00-11:30 am, Corpus Christi Room, or Mondays starting Jan 6, 6:30-8:00pm, Room 201
Fr. Michael Gaitley brings together several spiritual traditions and blends them in the pattern of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Cost: $20.00 Register at stlaurence.org/heartofjesus

**THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY**
Thursdays, starting Jan 9, 1-2:00pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30pm, AMC Room 205
FORMED: Lectio Peter with Dr. Tim Gray. Dr. Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is informative and relevant to our lives. Cost: $10.00 To register and pay go to stlaurence.org/biblestudies. For more info: Julie Evett at jevett@comcast.net

**ESTUDIOS BIBLICOS-PRIMAVERA 2020**
Jueves, Enero 16, 10 am-12 pm, Marian Hall
Continuaremos nuestros estudios con los evangelios de Luca y de Juan. Llamar a Veronica Reinoso, 832-231-6988
“And what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well.” -2 Timothy 2:2

The Sacraments: The Faith Celebrated and Prayer: The Faith Prayed

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

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

Mondays, starting Jan 6, 2020
7:00-9:00 pm
Guardian Angel Hall

Registration is required at stlaurence.org/echo

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

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

Ave Maria Parish Life Center | 3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land TX 77479
Each week we feature the stories of “stewards among us” here at St. Laurence. A steward is someone who looks after someone else’s property. A steward doesn’t have ownership, but has great responsibility. All we have, including our possessions, relationships, talents, experiences, health – even life itself and our very next breath – all belongs to God. We are stewards of all God has given us. A good Christian steward receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, and returns them with increase to the Lord. Because our God is all-loving and all-giving, we are continuously being invited (and challenged) to receive, cherish, share and return-with-increase the fruits of God’s generosity. Therefore, stewardship is a lifelong responsibility, a way of life. You recognize this in the way fellow parishioners live their lives – these are the true stewards among us – those who live with gratitude, open and responsive to God’s abundant gifts. Send us their names!

In 1882, a young priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, founded the Knights of Columbus. The primary mission was to strengthen religious faith and provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner. Today, the KCs have more than 15,900 councils and 1.9 million members in over a dozen countries. The core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism play a major role in the formation of Catholic men who find strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: to be defenders of our country, our families and our faith.

At St. Laurence, the Reverend John T. Weyer Council #11343 was chartered on May 1, 1994. Founded with 101 men from the parish, the council is now over 400 members, each committed to serve and support our clergy and parish community. Fundraising efforts through brisket, turkey, chicken and sausage sales, calendar raffles, and the Lenten Fish Fry, benefit multiple charities, including Seminarians, Catholic education, Fort Bend Seniors, Impact-A-Hero, Parks Youth Ranch, Boy Scouts of America, Habitat for Humanity, Child Advocates of Fort Bend County, Catholic Charities and the Laredo Medical Mission.

Member meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, in the parish hall. Meetings are preceded by praying the Rosary at 6:15pm, and followed by fellowship and a “home cooked” meal. The Knights welcome all Catholic men who are at least 18 years old.

Please visit stlaurence.org/kc11343 to learn more or stop by the Hospitality Desk after Mass today.

May Mary, Mother of God, protect and accompany us during this new year and bring the peace of her Son into our hearts and the world.

— Pope Francis
January 1, 2019
TweetDeck

Okay, it’s a bunch of parishioner volunteers who help ALL year! (Too many to list, but you know who you are.) The ministry is called Art & Environment and it’s headed up by Catherine Short. The church looks great, right? Fr. John Weyer, the pastor before Fr. Drew, LOVED Christmas and he would be so happy to know that his large nativity set is still being displayed in a place of honor in the church. After Christmas is over (I mean really over after Life Teen Mass next Sunday), all the volunteers come back to take everything down. What a job! We also have volunteers who come and water all the plants. I don’t think you guys realize how much work is involved, just saying. If you want to join this ministry, Catherine’s phone number is on page 19. Or call me!

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for 22 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
Abby Johnson was a Planned Parenthood clinic director. But what she saw — and what she learned from her superiors — changed her and brought her out to the other side of the fence.

“A true story of love, hope and redemption “ National Review

”…creatively tells a personal and painful true story.” A. F.

“This movie forced us to see something we were completely unaware of…” J. S.

“…not judgmental at all” “…points to hope and healing.” V. M.

“Be prepared to challenge what you have been told…” D. F.

“…take your teens and young adults.” D. C.

“Please do not believe the mainstream media’s hypercritical reviews…” E. C.

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

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**RSVP at stlaurence.org/unplanned**

*Call Marie McCoy at 281-265-7749 or email mariemccoyprc@gmail.com for more information.*
Financial Peace University returns to St. Laurence for a new 9-week session starting January 6. This class by Dave Ramsey is based on Christian stewardship principles and has helped millions of people manage their personal finances. The class is held Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, in Room 200 at the Ave Maria Center. Learn how to save an emergency fund, get out of debt, save for retirement/college, pay off the house, build wealth, and give generously through Dave’s 7 Baby Steps. Go to stlaurence.org/financial-peace-university for details and to register now or to give the $129 class as a gift. Contact Sunny Tom with questions at 832-620-7417.

JAN 6: FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY BEGINS
JAN 18: KC’S HOST FREE THROW COMPETITION

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JAN 22: GIVE THANKS FOR HUMAN LIFE WITH MASS & MOVIE

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FEB 8: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER RETRAINING

Archdiocesan guidelines suggest that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion be retrained and recommissioned in their parish every 3 years. Retraining for existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, February 8, 8:30am-11:30am, at the Ave Maria Center. All those currently serving the parish in this role are expected to attend this special session, which will be led by Fr. Drew, Deacon Dennis Henderson and Deacon Tom Ruck. The session is free and a light breakfast will be served. Please go to www.stlaurence.org/emhc-retraining, no later than Monday, February 3, to register for the Retraining event. Questions? Please contact Rosemary Mascarenhas at rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org.

FEB 29: RAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT CONFERENCE

The Divine Mercy Ministry invites everyone to Rays of Enlightenment at the Ave Maria Center on Saturday, February 29, 9:00am to 4:00pm. This annual conference includes dynamic speakers, Praise & Worship music, prayer ministry, Mass, Confessions and Adoration. The theme is “Jesus –The Image of the Invisible God” featuring Monica Ashour, author, national speaker and founder of TOBET. She holds two Masters degrees from University of Dallas in Theological Studies and Humanities. Monica has given talks at the International Symposium in Rome, and Fr. Christopher Plant, Pastor of St. Bartholomew, will be giving a talk on Divine Mercy and the Sacramental Life of the Church. There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is required due to limited seating. Register now at stlaurence.org/rays-of-enlightenment

KC’S SUPER BOWL SMOKED BRISKETS & PORK BUTTS

JAN 11 & 12 AND JAN 18 & 19 SELLING AFTER ALL MASSES

$80 for a delicious full untrimmed smoked brisket (12-14 pounds before cooking)

$45 for a delicious half (1/2) untrimmed smoked brisket (6-7 pounds before cooking)

$35 for a deliciously smoked pork butt (7-9 pounds before cooking)

Or order online through Jan 22 — while supplies last

stlaurence.org/kc-store

PICK-UP SUNDAY FEB 2

8:30am - 11:30am

KC’S FREE THROW CONTEST REGISTRATION

PRE-REGISTRATION ON THE PLAZA NEXT WEEKEND

stlaurence.org/free-throw-comp

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY MASS & MOVIE

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22, 6:30PM

stlaurence.org/unplanned

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Thank you for your generosity in donating to the Christmas Flower Fund! See the list of the names of your loved ones in whose honor and memory these donations were made.

stlaurence.org/christmasflower-donations

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA MASS & NOVENA

JAN 7 — IN THE CHURCH

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30pm - Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm - Mass (followed by Novena to St. Anthony of Padua)
The USCCB has declared January “Poverty Awareness Month.”

Poverty is not a catch phrase — it’s a serious reality that many are living. Over 40 million people live below the poverty line in the United States. Our faith invites us to respond to the needs of those most need. "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). (USCCB)

Approximately 8% of seniors (over 6,000) in Fort Bend County live below the poverty line.

Because of your generosity, the Social Concerns Ministry is able to help make a difference in the lives of seniors living in poverty in Fort Bend County and surrounding areas in many ways. In addition to monthly monetary support for the Mamie George Community Center, we help feed seniors by donating non-perishable food items weekly to Trini’s Market. We provide gifts for the Gracious Gifts Gift Shop to enable the seniors to buy a nice gift for their loved ones. We support the Creative Aging and the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren programs. In addition, we provide Birthday Boxes, Christmas gifts, and treats for holiday gatherings. We also help brighten the lives of the seniors at the Sugar Land Health Care Center. We provide volunteers to call bingo and purchase birthday gifts and cake for the monthly birthday parties. Gifts are given to each resident for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Christmas. We also help seniors with emergencies such as rental or utility assistance, medical equipment and supplies.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

VOLUNTEER AT TRINI’S MARKET AT MGCC

Volunteers are needed to work in the food pantry at Mamie George Community Center of Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-4pm.

Volunteers will need to fill out an application online, attend an orientation, and pass a background check before they can begin volunteering. For more information, please contact Dottie Bateman at dbateman@catholiccharities.org.

Volunteer applications are available online at: https://catholiccharities.org/what-you-can-do/volunteer/fortbend
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.

**WHAT WE NEED**

**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**

**RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

**BROCHURE OF THE MONTH - Religious Liberty and Catholics.**
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**JAN 25: RALLY FOR LIFE**
The Texas Rally for Life will be held Saturday January 25, 2020, in Austin. Hear inspiring speakers and be a part of a big pro-life crowd! Be home by about 7 pm. St. Laurence Knights of Columbus will sponsor a bus at a cost of only $10! Participants will attend Mass with Cardinal DiNardo at St. Bartholomew church in Katy, and stop at Buc-ee’s to buy lunch. See the St. Laurence web site for more details and links for the sign-up and to donate to help cover the cost. Please register early! Seating is limited and other parishes are invited to join us.

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**HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease)** is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving. This series is also utilized by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and is led by a hospice-trained facilitator. The group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm and the next series begins on January 9. Please 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. REGISTER: Kathy Heinemann, 281-468-0738

**MINISTRY NEWS**

**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 35 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 Mondays 12am to 1am.**

**Please call or check the website for days.**

**There are almost 35 hours available to be near God**

**Adoration will be paused for Christmas break from Friday, Dec 20, 4pm until Tuesday, Jan 7, 8am after Mass.**

**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.

**Monday, Jan. 6, 11am-1pm, Ave Maria Center**

Float Into the New Year, root beer floats provided, bring your own brown bag lunch.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP**

Please join us on Mondays from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, at the Ave Maria Center, Oratory of the Rosary, as we gather to praise and worship God. We pray the Rosary, worship God through music and reflect on God’s Word and spiritual writings. Starting January 6, 2020, we will be reflecting on the writings of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, The World’s First Love, Mary, Mother of God. We also pray with each other and intercede for the needs of our church, our community, families, and all who are in need of prayer. If you have questions regarding this ministry contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**In the Divine Mercy Chapel**

The Vocations Committee invites all to attend this special hour of adoration for vocations each month, praying before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the protection of all our priests. Every first Monday of the month, 7:00-8:00pm. In the Divine Mercy Chapel

Come once or come each first Monday of the month! Prayers read aloud, recitation of the rosary, and time for quiet reflection. ALL ARE WELCOME. Questions: Email Vocations Coordinator, Nia Sepe at nsepe@stlaurence.org

**VOCATIONS NEWS**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA MINISTRY**

For those with a special devotion to St. Anthony of Padua, this ministry gathers each Tuesday evening at 6:45pm in the chapel to pray the Novena and to celebrate Mass. **(On the first Tuesday of every month, the celebration is offered in the church.)** CONTACTS: Joseph Ellankil & Christopher Dayanad | stanthonynovena@gmail.com

**WALKING THROUGH GRIEF**

Receive tools, information and compassionate support from the people in the Grief Support Ministry. Everyone grieves in their own way and in their own time. Whether your loss is recent or in the past you are encouraged to come. This support group meets weekly throughout the year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the St. Clare Room. There is no cost, no registration and no prerequisites to join. All are welcome and participants may attend as necessary or as schedules allow. No one should grieve alone. For information, please contact Sandy Barber at 832-451-9117 and help2grieve@hotmail.com.
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.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRAYER**

**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Knights of Columbus is celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family in 2020. Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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**ST. LAURENCE ADULT SINGLES MINISTRY**

The St. Laurence Singles Ministry serves adults of all ages who are widowed, divorced, separated or never married. We gather together in spiritual and social activities in a safe and friendly environment to develop friendships and have fun! We also occasionally do service projects to help our Parish. For questions or more info email: st.laurencesingles@gmail.com or stlaurence.org/adultsingles

**JAN 8: BOOK GROUP, 6:00PM**
The book group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Cafe Goo Goo Yen, on Williams Trace near Lexington. Email slsbookandlunch@yahoo.com to find out what book they will discuss. Please read and be ready to discuss the book of the month. Let’s use our brains and have a lively discussion!

**JAN 28: LUNCH BUNCH, 11:30AM**
The lunch bunch meets for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Email slsbookandlunch@yahoo.com to see which local restaurant they are meeting at this month.

**FEB 2: MASS AND BRUNCH, 9:00 AM**
Join Adult Singles on the first Sunday of every month for the 9:00am Mass at St. Laurence Church. They sit in the elevated seats by the choir. After Mass, they will go to brunch at a nearby restaurant. Email St.LaurenceSingles@gmail.com to see which restaurant we are meeting at this month.

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**JAN 9: CANCER SUPPORT MINISTRY MEETING**

The St. Laurence Cancer Support Ministry will kick off 2020 with a meeting on Thursday, January 9, 10:00-11:30am, in the St. Clare Room at the Ave Maria Center. Jane Jewell, artist, spiritual director and parishioner, will speak on the topic of Visual Journaling. All cancer patients and survivors, their caregivers and friends are invited to join the Cancer Support Ministry. For more information, please contact Mariann Licato at 281-778-6356.
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SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Tuesday AM Bible Study
That Man is You
Small Christian Community
St. Anthony of Padua

Rosamar Martinez | 361-701-0367
Bridget Nwaokobia | 216-212-8329
Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939
Lay Apostle Prayer
Margie Calo | 281-980-4711
Divine Mercy (PM)
Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660
Contemplative Prayer

Weekday Children’s Prog.
Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
Vacation Bible School
Elizabeth Hernandez | 281-265-5774
Mary Phillippi | 832-647-0642
Parish School PTO
Jennifer Reyes | 817-845-7627
Parish School (SLCS)
Susan Mulé | 281-265-5774
Parish Library

Vacation Bible School
Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
Vocations Committee
Nia Sepe | 281-980-9812
Weekday Children's Prog.
Becky Wilkinson | 281-313-0329

PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES
Challenge Club for Girls
Maria Garcia Leano | 979-549-2683
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Patrick King | 713-444-6014
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Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660
Divine Mercy (AM)
Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360
Divine Mercy (PM)
Suzan Bryan | 713-816-5859
Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Margie Calo | 281-980-4711
Lay Apostle Prayer
Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939
Legion of Mary
Bridget Nwoakobia | 216-212-8329
Rosamar Martinez | 361-701-0367
Men Called to Be Saints
Jim Kj | 281-253-4800
Men’s Bible Studies
Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873
St. Anthony of Padua
Joseph Elankil | 832-282-3032
Small Christian Community
Genoveva Duque | 281-980-1014
That Man is You
Roger Peters | 713-857-8386
Tuesday AM Bible Study
Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939

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Annuities
Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
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Grieving Families
Agnes Fernandes | 281-933-3721
H.O.P.E.
Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
Cancer Support
Bonita Bell | 281-468-6814
Caregivers Support Group
Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738
DivorceCare
Jane Jewell | 713-775-7172
Loving Seniors
Janie Picou | 832-860-3398
Fe Vicerra | 713-248-1164
Pat Summer | 281-265-1554
Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
Rita McCarthy | 561-699-5800
Pastoral Care for Sick
Spiritual Direction
Unbound Prayer Ministry

St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church? In *Lectio: Peter* Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective that is informative and relevant.

Join us to watch the series and discover how God can bring out our best, too.

**Time:** 1 p.m. or 7:15 p.m.

**Place:** 1 p.m. in St. Anne Room and 7:15 p.m. in Room 205 (both in Ave Maria Center)

**Dates:** Thursdays starting January 9

**Contact:** Julie Evett at jevett@comcast.net

**Cost:** $10

For more information and to register go to stlaurence.org/biblestudies

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