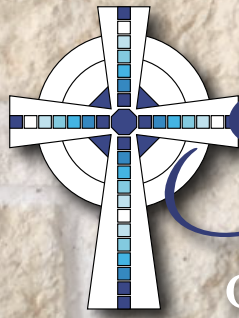


JULY 17, 2022 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Lawrence

CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Abraham and the Three Angels, painting by Gérard de Laresse

“ONE OF THEM SAID, "I WILL SURELY RETURN TO YOU ABOUT THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, AND SARAH WILL THEN HAVE A SON."...

GN 18:10



PARISH OFFICE

3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479

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281-313-0329

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281-980-9812

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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 facilities are available through reservation by contacting Nia Sepe, Facilities Scheduler, at nsepe@stlaurence.org or 281-980-9812.

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm; Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm; Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Do you have a change of address? Please email Ida Buckle, ibuckle@stlaurence.org

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.

Office hours: 8am-9pm Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm Friday, and 8am-1pm Saturday, closed on Sunday.

The Weekday Children's Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, **WCP** office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 3:00pm.

PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL

St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 685 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8.

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Lord appeared to Abraham.
(Genesis 18:1)*

Isn't it mysterious? Genesis 18:1 tells us that "the Lord appeared to Abraham." But then, Abraham sees "three men" (18:2). The visitors are later identified as angels, but one seems to be the Lord himself (18:20-22). It's hard to know exactly what Abraham saw and at what point he realized that he was in the presence of almighty God.



Gaspare Diziani da Belluno (1689-1767) - Abraham and the Three Angels, c. 1735-1740

Here's another mystery: this same Lord will be with everyone gathered at every Mass today. We will hear his voice in the readings and see him in the unlikely appearance of bread and wine. So let's take a look at how Abraham responded to God's presence to see how we can respond today.

First, Abraham gave God his full attention. He stopped what he was doing and "ran" to meet God (Genesis 18:2). As Mass begins, you can imitate Abraham as you try to put aside distractions and be attentive to the Lord.

Next, he bowed down. While this might have been a traditional greeting, it also showed that Abraham recognized his visitors' dignity. Imagine yourself bowing low as you pray the Gloria and praise God in the responsorial psalm.

Then, Abraham offered to God the best he had—fine flour and a choice steer. When the gifts are brought to the altar, you can offer your life to the Lord. Give him your love and fidelity.

Finally, Abraham waited on his guests. That's something you can do after Holy Communion, as you pray quietly in adoration. Enjoy your time with the Lord and listen to him.

So when you come to Mass, remember Abraham. Let the mysterious, surprising presence of God fill you with reverence and generosity. Offer him your attention, your worship, the best of who you are. As you do, you'll come to see him more and more clearly. Just like Abraham.

"Lord, you reveal yourself to me in mystery. Help me to respond to you wholeheartedly!"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JULY

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1139

17

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I Gn 18:1-10a
Reading II Col 1:24-28
Gospel Lk 10:38-42

MONDAY

18

Reading I MI 6:1-4, 6-8
Gospel MT 12:38-42

TUESDAY

19

Reading I MI 7:14-15, 18-20
Gospel MT 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

20

Reading I Jer 1:1, 4-10
Gospel Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY

21

Reading I JER 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Gospel MT 13:10-17

FRIDAY

22

Reading I Sgs 3:1-4b
Gospel Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

SATURDAY

23

Reading I Jer 7:1-11
Gospel Mt 13:24-30

SUNDAY

24

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I Gn 18:20-32
Reading II Col 2:12-14
Gospel Lk 11:1-13

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DAILY MASSES IN THE CHURCH

Monday*, Tuesday, Thursday 7:30am, 12:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am, 6:30pm
Friday 8:15am, 12:00pm
Saturday 8:00am

*Monday, 7:30am, Mass in the Chapel of Divine Mercy

Reconciliation following 7:30am Masses, Wednesday 5:30-6:20pm
and Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm

Healing Mass: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm
First Friday Mass: August 5, 7:00pm, in the chapel

SUNDAY MASSES IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:00am, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 11:00am,
Sunday 1:00pm, Sunday 5:00pm

A recording of the Sunday Mass is available
ONLINE, Saturdays, 7:00pm at stlaurence.org

MISA EN ESPAÑOL, Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45pm. En la Capilla

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for these members of our parish family and all our loved ones listed in the Book of the Sick.

Jan Casey, Jack Boudreau, Ricardo Garcia, Juliana Johnson, Mariela Molina, Alice Powers, Donna Giblin, Jack Boudreau, Bobby Castillo, Cody Martin, Fr. Roy Oggero

This column in the Sunday bulletin is a place that parishioners may ask for intercessory prayer in their time of sickness. To add your name, please call the parish office during business hours (281-980-9812). The sick person must be a parishioner of St. Laurence and the request must come directly from the person (or a close family member, such as spouse or parent). Your name will appear on the list for 4 weeks. If struggling with a longer term illness, please call back and your name will be added for another 4 week period.

Not a parishioner?

Ask for the name to be added to the Book of the Sick. Anyone in need of prayers for healing may have their name written in the Book of the Sick.

PRAYING THE NEWS

JULY 17, 2022

“...you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.”

LUKE 10:41-42

O dear Lord — yes, we are worried about many things, not the least the intense heat and drought which have stricken our state, our country and many places around the world. It’s a reminder of the illusion of control and of our total dependence on you. Please help us still our hearts and minds, listen deeply to you, and love others as you love us.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen. ✠

SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for our Troops and especially for the following parishioners currently serving in the military:

- CW3 Brett Aderhold, *US Army, AV*
- SPC Nicholas Ambrocik, *US Army*
- PVT Michael Baird, *US Army*
- SA Matthew Baird, *US Navy*
- P.O. 5 Debra Barnette, *US Navy*
- CPL Trevor Bello, *USMC*
- Lt Aaron Blades, *US Navy*
- PFC John Blair, *US Army*
- LCpl Gordon Briggs, *USMC*
- SPC Jordan Briggs, *US Army*
- Maj. Michael Carroll, *USMC*
- MSgt. Jason Chacon, *USMC*
- Lt Matthew Chesney, *US Navy*
- LTC Christopher Coffman, *US Air Force*
- Maj. Patrick Coffman, *USMC*
- CPT Andrew DeSplinter, *US Army*
- SGT Nicholas Dockum, *US Army*
- Maj. Brandon Driscoll, *USMC*
- Derek Farias, *US Navy*
- Destini Gaytan, *USMC*
- SPEC Nathan J. Hoelker, *US Army*
- CPT Matthew Fenelon, *USMC*
- LCpl Aaron Fox, *USMC*
- PVT Jahneil Xavier George, *US Army*
- MSG Philip Graham, *US Army*
- LCpl Eric Gurnell, *USMC*
- CPT Spencer Henry, *US Army*
- PVT Liam Hill, *US Army*
- Daniel Hines, *US Navy*
- EM4 James Locus, *US Navy*
- SSG Philip Loera, *US Army*
- PFC John Lundgren, *US Army*
- CPT Anthony Marich, *US Army*
- Amn Joseph Marcellus, *USAF*
- TSGT David March, *Texas Air National Guard*
- CPT. Brendan McPartland, *USMC*
- Major Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
- SPC Michael Nester, *US Army*
- 1LT Anthony Patrick, *USMC*
- CB, Richard Pinard, *US Navy*
- LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, *USMC*
- SGT Santiago Ramirez, *US Army*
- CPT Taylor Rammrath, *US Army*
- GySgt. Barbara L. Rangel, *USMC*
- LCPL Ty Ripoll, *USMC*
- CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, *US Navy*
- Maj. Michael Thesing, *USMC*
- 1LT Kevin Wheeler, *US Navy*
- SGT Bryce Whitley, *US Navy*
- PO2 Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*
- 2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, *US Army*
- 2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, *US Army*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUL 16

8:00am – Mateo Paquio (I)
5:00pm – Denise Marnie (D)

SUNDAY, JUL 17

7:00am – David Alban, Sr. (D)
9:00am – Martino Ch au-Thanh-Long (D)
11:00am – Isabel & Alexandria Barreto (I)
1:00pm – Tessy Benjamin (I)
5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

MONDAY, JUL 18

7:30am – Emiliano & Nancy Sinang (D)
12:00pm – John & Josie Elvey (D)

TUESDAY, JUL 19

7:30am – Jim Curdie (I)
12:00pm – Carmeline Cangelosi (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUL 20

7:30am – Louis Yelich (D)
6:30pm – Georgina Martinez (D)

THURSDAY, JUL 21

7:30am – Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm – Dolores Cabanero (D)

FRIDAY, JUL 22

8:15am – Thomas Joseph (D)
12:00pm – Joseph Gross (D)

SATURDAY, JUL 23

8:00am – Danilo Santos (D)
5:00pm – Elva Sierra (D)

SUNDAY, JUL 24

7:00am – Raymond Tanking (D)
9:00am – Dennis Jonas (D)
11:00am – Madison Finger (D)
1:00pm – James Christopher Parisi (D)
5:00pm – Parishioners of St. Laurence

(D) Death, (I) Intention, (A) Anniversary

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Shawn Kelly, Keenan Annicchiarico, Roger Boneno, Brother Collin Mary Brown, Frater Giovanni (Billy Dodd), Frater Dominic (Adrian Annicchiarico), Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sr. Maria Christi of the Holy Spirit (Leah Burrhus), Sr. Margaret Uche, Patrick Kinnick, Brandon Bain, Beau Guedry, Br. Levi Pro (Cameron Cashiola), Basil Housewright.

DIVE INTO THE STORY OF HOW
CHRIST ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM IN

Matthew

A 24-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
JEFF CAVINS



Dates – Times – Location

Tuesdays, Sept 13, 2022-Apr 11, 2023
9:30-11:45 AM
Ave Maria Parish Life Center
Marian Hall A & B

Cost – Registration

\$37.95
For more information and to register
stlaurence.org/tmbs

For More Information

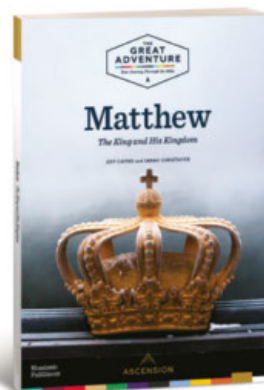
Contact Kay Quenan at
kquenan@me.com

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth. Through references to the Old Testament promises of God to his people and the messages God sent them through the prophets, *Matthew* provides the key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan.

Jeff Cavins explains how Jesus is challenging and empowering us to achieve a new level of holiness and how, to live it, we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church.

“Once you start learning, he makes you hunger for more. Jeff pulls everything you need to know out of the Bible, and it all starts to make sense like it never did before.”

—Margaret T.



Visit ascensionpress.com to learn more!



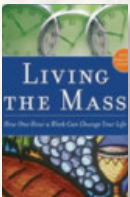
FAMILY LIFE

It is incumbent upon husbands and wives, mothers and dads, and single parents to spend time in prayer, discernment, and dialogue about the kind of family they will be. Family and home does not automatically happen.

Fr. Drew Wood

stlaurence.org/family

FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS



When listening to a homily, we don't wait to be entertained but to be changed.

- *Living the Mass* (pg. 54)



JUST FOR TEENS

Fun & meaningful activities

at St. Laurence

MIDDLE SCHOOL (EDGE)

stlaurence.org/edge

HIGH SCHOOL (LIFE TEEN)

stlaurence.org/lifeteen



STORY TIME

Enjoy a story and a craft

10am each Tuesday

In the Parish Library

For children ages 4-8

stlaurence.org/story-time



PRE-K OPENINGS

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Educating mind, heart & spirit

Contact Suzanne Byrne, Admissions
sbyrne@stlaurence.org, 281-980-0500

AUG 1: FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

The deadline to register for Faith Formation is August 1, just a few days away. Elementary classes do fill up quickly and the number of classes offered is limited to the number of volunteer catechists available to help. Teaching or assisting in CCE classes or as a small group leader in Youth Ministry is a wonderful way to get involved in the lives of your child and the life of this big parish! No experience is necessary, training & materials are provided, and you'll be a visible model of service for your children. stlaurence.org/registration

PRE-SCHOOL CLUBHOUSE 10:14



Inspired by Mark 10:14 (let the little children come to me), Clubhouse 10:14 is for three- and four-year-olds and their parents. It is offered as a one-hour class starting 10:14am, each 3rd Sunday, September-May at the Ave Maria Center. Designed for the preschooler along with one or both parents, Clubhouse 10:14 is a fun and age-appropriate introduction to the Catholic Faith, which provides parents ideas and activities for continuing the learning at home. stlaurence.org/clubhouse-10-14

SEND DAD ON A RETREAT

There are just a few spots remaining for the upcoming Men's ACTS Retreat on August 18-21. It's open to all men 21-and-older, given by parishioners for parishioners. An ACTS Retreat is a great opportunity for men in the parish to grow in friendship and discipleship, so encourage the men in your family to sign up today! The theme is for this retreat is "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News" (Mark 16:15). INFO/REGISTER: stlaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat

St. Laurence Family Gather Night
Friday, July 22 6:30-8 pm Ave Maria Center

Make a
Splash
for the
Lord!

Join other St. Laurence families for an evening of summer fun and faith. Main course and drinks are provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Optional Family Rosary at 8pm.

RSVP by July 20 at stlaurence.org/family-events



PARISH LIFE

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL



The Divine Mercy Chapel is open to the parish and community for adoration. Jesus awaits you everyday from 5:00am to 9:00pm. The chapel is open to only scheduled adorers during the night.

Two adorers are required at all times. We are seeking a second committed adorer for more than 20 available hours.

Urgent Need: A 2nd adorer is needed 1am to 2am for everyday except Tuesday. We pray you will feel called to this hour.

Please check online: stlaurence.org/adoration. Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-224-6122 to sign up.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next Class: July 30, 2022

Preparation classes are offered 10 times a year. Class registration is available at stlaurence.org/baptism or contact Barb Roy at broy@stlaurence.org / 281-265-5774 x5371. Group Baptisms are celebrated at our parish three times each month.

WEDDING PREPARATION

Next Wedding Info Session: July 25, 2022

Please email Betty Holub, bholub@stlaurence.org for registration information. The standard preparation time for weddings is 6-9 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMS:

Oliver Agbasoga, Charlotte Atwell, Emma Callahan, Liam Clark, Noah Dzedzic, Lane Galvan, Ethan Lampman, Elizabeth Manuel, Jacey Ubay-Ubay

WEDDING:

Tonia Philip & Mebil Tomy

IN REQUIEM

Belinda Marie Lundholm, wife of Michael Lundholm

Carlos Roberto Espinel, husband of Cecilia Espinel

FORMING INTENTIONAL FAMILIES

BE INTENTIONAL

about the kind of family you choose to be.

St. Laurence Forming Intentional Families Booklets available online and in the church



In English and en Español
stlaurence.org/family

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.

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:

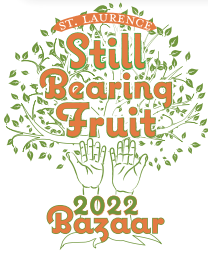
LOVE by showing respect, mercy and compassion to all
CONNECT with others in a meaningful way

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.

OCT 15-16: PARISH BAZAAR



The Parish Bazaar is coming back this fall with all the fun rides, activities, entertainment and awesome food you've come to expect. St. Laurence is the place to be the weekend of October 15-16, 2022. It takes lots of volunteers to make the bazaar a success and there are jobs of all sizes for people of all ages. Consider sponsoring the bazaar with a donation or signing up to help in some way. Please contact Bazaar Chair Sandy Basler to help at bazaar@stlaurence.org. stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar

JUL 28: BROS & BRISKET EVENT FOR MEN

Bros & Brisket is a special event offered each summer for the men of the parish. All men ages 16-and-up are invited to gather for a delicious BBQ meal prepared by the Knights of Columbus and enjoy fellowship with other guys and a great talk by Larry Freeney on "Reclaiming Alignment: Boundaries, Emotional Literacy and Manhood." It's Thursday, July 28, 6:30-9:00pm, in Marian Hall. Registration fee is just \$15, due July 25. INFO/REGISTER: stlaurence.org/brosandbrisket

TODAY: MMDM MISSION APPEAL

The Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy, founded by St. Laurence parishioners over 20 years ago, has brought medical and spiritual healing to over 30,000 people in Mexico, Laredo and Costa Rica, and soon to the Philippines. These dedicated medical professionals take time away from their work and families and pay their own way to serve on missions. Their fees, however, only cover about 60% of total mission expenses. Your contribution to today's second collection will financially support the upcoming international MMDM missions. Thank you for your generosity. mmofdm.org

REGISTER FOR ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Young members of the parish, Grade 5 and older, who have made their First Eucharist and have a strong desire to serve at Mass, are invited to the special privilege of becoming an Altar Server at St. Laurence. Registration for the training opens August 1. Please note the following required training dates/times before registering your child:

- Orientation: Thursday, Aug 18, 7:00-8:30pm
- Training (Option 1): Monday, Aug 22, 6:00-8:30pm
- Training (Option 2): Monday, Aug 29, 6:00-8:30pm
- Training Masses: Weekend Masses starting September 10-11
- Training (All Servers): Monday, November 7, 6:00-8:30pm

Contact coordinators Win and Erinn Vahlkamp at altarservers@stlaurence.org with questions. stlaurence.org/altar-servers

JUL 27: MEET THE AUTHOR NIGHT

After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID, we are pleased to bring back Meet the Authors Night on Wednesday, July 27, 6:30-8:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center! Sponsored by our Parish Library, this event brings local authors to our parish for a relaxed evening of conversation, books, refreshments and a chance to purchase books and get authors' inscriptions. No cost to attend and no RSVP necessary. Just come for a fun night at St. Laurence! stlaurence.org/special-events



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE TODAY ON THE PLAZA

Take a tag to purchase new school shoes for a Fort Bend child in need
stlaurence.org/scm-shoe-drive

RCIA INQUIRY

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Contact Justin Frato
jfrato@stlaurence.org, 281-265-5774

SPECIAL DEVOTION PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

Thursday, July 21, 9:00pm
Devotional prayers until 1:00am
Chapel of Divine Mercy
All are welcome

GRIEVING FAMILIES

Support group for those coping with sudden or tragic death of a loved one

Thursday, July 21, 1:00-2:30pm
St. Francis Room, AMC
stlaurence.org/grieving-families

PARISH NEEDS A TRUCK

Got a used truck to donate or sell?

Contact Tony Oltremari
toltremari@stlaurence.org,
281-980-9812



FAREWELL, FR. SANTY!

Celebrating the 11am Mass
Sunday, July 31

Farewell Mass at St. Laurence
before returning to India
St. Laurence Parochial Vicar 2007-2014

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

JULY 10 COLLECTION 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time...\$39,782
Envelopes Used 343
Loose Checks..... 127

2ND COLLECTION\$12,294
St. Vincent De Paul Annual Black Bag Collection

JULY 3 COLLECTION 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.... \$39,885
Envelopes Used 352
Loose Checks..... 132

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory June 2022 \$239,868
Participants..... 1,455

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2022

2022 Parish Goal.....\$490,000
Parish Paid (Activity thru 7/11/2022)..... \$341,845
Participants 690

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

JULY 17, 2022
MEDICAL MISSIONARIES OF DIVINE MERCY



SIGN-UP TODAY AT FAITH DIRECT

Simple & convenient online giving
faith.direct/TX460
1-866-507-8757

Making plans for summer vacations? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday Mass, eGiving lets you continue to support St. Laurence Catholic Church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or even make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. Your gifts provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/TX460, or text "Enroll" to (Text-to-Give Number).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. May God keep you safe on your travels!



KEEP INFORMED

Over 12,000 people are signed up to get St. Laurence Parish Flocknotes. It's the best way to stay up-to-the-minute on parish news. Sign up at stlaurence.org/parish-communications

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

JUL 18: CAFÉ CATHOLICA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Café Catholica Summer Series is open to young adults (ages 18-39) featuring dynamic speakers at the Catholic Charismatic Center on four Mondays: July 11 (Fr. Dat Hoang), July 18 (Meg Hunter-Kilmer), July 25 (Cardinal DiNardo), and August 1 (Edward Herrera). Each night includes Confession at 5:15pm, Mass at 6:15pm, dinner at 7:15pm, and the talk at 8:15pm. This year's theme is "Real Presence." INFO: archgh.org/cafecatholica

JUL 25: HOW TO BE A CHEERFUL GIVER

The Archdiocese will offer their 2nd annual Stewardship Speaker Series Tuesday, July 26, 6-8pm, in Nold Auditorium on the campus of St. Mary's Seminary. Fr. T.J. Dolce, pastor of St. Martha in Kingwood, will speak on "How to Be a Cheerful Giver." Enjoy refreshments, a great talk and time for Q&A. Open to clergy, ministry leaders and anyone interested in growing as Catholic Christian stewards. Register by July 24: tinyurl.com/stewardship22

JUL 30: CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF ACTS RETREATS

Have you been on an ACTS Retreat? Celebrate their 35th anniversary with your ACTS brothers and sisters on Saturday, July 30, at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. The event will begin with Mass at 4:30pm, Fr. Ron Rolheiser presiding, then move to the Whitley Theological Center for the dinner & fundraiser, with buffet dinner, refreshments and dancing. Tickets are \$25 each. INFO/REGISTER: actsmissions.org

AUG 19-21: POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for women seeking post-abortion healing will be offered in Houston the weekend of August 19-21. Rachel's Vineyard is a Catholic, Scripture-based retreat that combines prayer, reflection, counseling and sacramental Reconciliation. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. To register or for more information, please contact Julie Fritsch at 713-741-8728, 713-440-3443 or jkfritsch@archgh.org.

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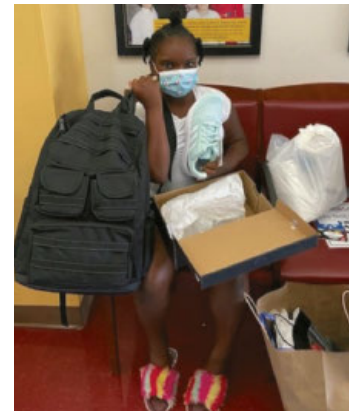
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"PIERCED BY SORROW, RELEASED INTO JOY": Sep 24, 2022, 8:30 – 5 pm. A Jerome's Hope healing retreat for couples who have experienced stillbirth, miscarriage or early infant loss. \$35/person or \$60/couple. For more information or to register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activiites at 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org.

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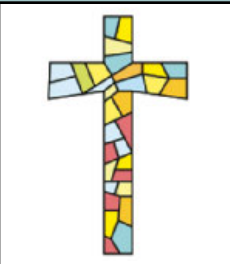
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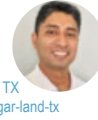
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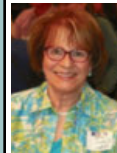
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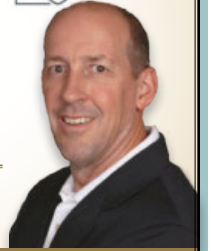
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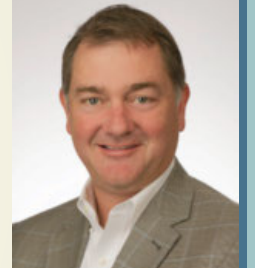


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