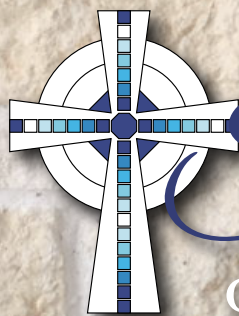


JULY 24, 2022 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*St. Lawrence*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

LORD,  
I CALLED  
AND YOU

*answered me.*

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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

# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Father . . . (Luke 11:2)*

Imagine the insider's view that Jesus' disciples must have had. They lived with him; they ate and drank with him. They saw his countless everyday interactions, most of which weren't recorded in Scripture. But today's Gospel gives us one that did.



Luke tells us that Jesus was praying, as he often did. The disciples must have observed him because they asked, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). In response, Jesus gave them more than a set of words or a format or technique. He gave them an example and an invitation: to have a share in his own loving relationship with his Father.

How amazing that Jesus teaches the disciples to call God "Father" (Luke 11:2)! What a privilege to speak so directly and familiarly to God! The Hebrew Scriptures had referred to God as the father of the people of Israel or father of the king (Deuteronomy 32:6; 2 Samuel 7:14). But here, Jesus invites his disciples to call almighty God their own Father. Jesus likely used the word *Abba*, a word that expresses the bond of a child with his father. Isn't that amazing? Jesus gives them his own status as children of God and tells them to pray with the same childlike trust that he has (Luke 10:21).

Of course, this boldness didn't come naturally to the disciples—and it doesn't come naturally to us. So Jesus gives all of us an insider's view of the kind of Father we have. He is more merciful and generous than the best human father (Luke 6:36; 11:13). He is attentive to our needs and always ready to hear and answer our prayers (12:30; 11:10). He will not give us a scorpion when we ask for an egg (11:12). He is rich in kindness and forgiveness (23:34). How awesome that he welcomes us as his children!

Jesus wants to give you the courage to pray, "Father." So at Mass today, pray the Lord's Prayer with gratitude and awe that God is your loving Father.

*"Father! Thank you for making me your child."*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### JULY

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1142

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

MONDAY

25

Reading I 2 COR 4:7-15  
Gospel MT 20:20-28

TUESDAY

26

Reading I JER 14:17-22  
Gospel MT 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

27

Reading I Jer 15:10, 16-21  
Gospel Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

28

Reading I JER 18:1-6  
Gospel MT 13:47-53

FRIDAY

29

Reading I Jer 26:1-9  
Gospel Jn 11:19-27

SATURDAY

30

Reading I JER 26:11-16, 24  
Gospel Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY

31

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Reading I Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23  
Reading II Col 3:1-5, 9-11  
Gospel Lk 12:13-21

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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](http://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 24, 2022

*"See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes!"*

**GENESIS 18:27**

O God, O Creator of all that is, we thank you for our bodies, minds and souls! The gorgeous new pictures from the Webb telescope show us how vast and amazing the universe is, and how truly tiny and insignificant we are within it. Yet, you graciously give us the ability to see, explore, learn, and, most importantly, to come to you in prayer and experience your love for us.

**We praise you Lord! 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 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

**MONDAY, JUL 25**

7:30am – Isabelle Christel (D)  
12:00pm – Stany Soares (D)

**TUESDAY, JUL 26**

7:30am – Bichson Nguyen (D)  
12:00pm – Julie Rolsen (D)

**WEDNESDAY, JUL 27**

7:30am – Stephen Krueger (D)  
6:30pm – Lauriana Ortiz (D)

**THURSDAY, JUL 28**

7:30am – Erwin Teltschik (D)  
12:00pm – Ted & Marie Duenwald (D)

**FRIDAY, JUL 29**

8:15am – Pablo Crescini (D)  
12:00pm – William & Philomina Soares (D)

**SATURDAY, JUL 30**

8:00am – Flora Igyo (I)  
5:00pm – Genoveva Avilan Cruz (D)

**SUNDAY, JUL 31**

7:00am – Fr. Leo Kertz (D)  
9:00am – John Michael Moore (D)  
11:00am – Martha LaRue (D)  
1:00pm – Kevin McGinnis (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.

# Bro's & Brisket 4



WE'RE ON A MISSION FROM GOD



## LARRY FRENEY, LPC

Larry serves as a Team Leader, Lead Parish Counselor, and Associate Director of Education and Assessments at Rejoice Counseling Apostolate. He and his family are parishioners at St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church in Houston.

## RECLAIMING ALIGNMENT:

### BOUNDARIES, EMOTIONAL LITERACY AND MANHOOD

In this presentation, Larry Freney will discuss how and where we as Catholic men receive our understanding of boundaries and how we use these boundaries as a foundation for our manhood. We will cover such topics as: boundaries, biblical manhood, emotional literacy, self-care, and tactical empathy. This talk will help us and our Catholic brothers re-evaluate our alignment to God and take the necessary, and practical, steps to reconcile that relationship.



Enjoy a delicious BBQ meal prepared by the Knights of Columbus, fellowship with other men, and an inspirational talk from Larry Freney.

**JULY 28, 6:30-9 PM**  
**MARIAN HALL, AMC**

Open to men ages 16 and up  
\$15/person

For more info and to register go to  
[stlaurence.org/brosandbrisket](http://stlaurence.org/brosandbrisket)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 25**



**A NIGHT FOR MEN TO FEED BODY AND SOUL**



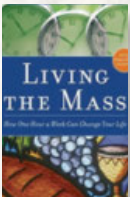
# FAMILY LIFE

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](http://stlaurence.org/family)

## FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS



We become living homilies as we leave the church: messages of good news that overcome the bad news.

- *Living the Mass* (pg. 55)



## CATECHIST SHOWCASE

**Next Sunday, July 31**

**After 9am and 11am Masses**

Corpus Christi Room

Learn about being a Catechist

Refreshments served

[stlaurence.org/catechist-showcase](http://stlaurence.org/catechist-showcase)



## CLUBHOUSE 10:14

**REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 1**

*Sunday faith formation for*

*3- and 4-year-olds and their parents*

3rd Sunday each month (September-May)

[stlaurence.org/clubhouse-10-14](http://stlaurence.org/clubhouse-10-14)

## 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](http://stlaurence.org/registration)

## WHY I'M A CATECHIST

When my son Dominic was around 3 years old, I began feeling a nudge from God to be more involved in his faith formation. When he started Kindergarten, I knew I wanted him to attend CCE in-person to continue that spiritual growth, but also to meet other children his age who shared the same beliefs. The nudge I felt became a push, and it was God telling me I should sign up to be a catechist and teach CCE. I knew I would be in good hands, both from the spiritual journey God planned for me, but also because of the preparation, tools and resources that are provided to the catechists. I was blessed to be partnered with a kind, loving, generous and faith-filled co-catechist, who also helped me learn and grow in my own faith.

Sharing this experience with Dominic has strengthened our bond. It's been such a beautiful way for me to see him grow. As a working parent, I don't get to spend a lot of time with him during the week, but CCE was quality time well spent with him and the other children. The joy and the knowledge, given and received during the CCE year, was amazing. It truly is one of the most rewarding things you can do.

*Kate Arno, Kindergarten Catechist 2021-2022*



# COME OUT AND MEET LOCAL AUTHORS!



Join us for light refreshments in the Ave Maria Center's Marian Hall for a special evening! Come out to meet local authors and have a chance to interact, ask questions and purchase signed books. We have a nice variety of authors and a wide range of genre! There are books for all ages from young children through adults. Come out and support your Parish Library and the wonderful local authors in our community!



## JULY 27

6:30PM – 8:30PM

You Won't Want to Miss this!  
Our **BIGGEST EVENT** of the Year!  
Enjoy light refreshments!  
Families welcome!  
Visit a **VARIETY** of local authors!

**ST. LAURENCE PARISH LIBRARY**  
Ave Maria Center  
3103 Sweetwater Blvd.  
Sugar Land, TX 77479  
281-265-5774



**[stlaurence.org/parish-library](http://stlaurence.org/parish-library)**



# 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](http://stlaurence.org/adoration). Contact Fran Magelssen at [adoration@stlaurence.org](mailto:adoration@stlaurence.org) or 281-224-6122 to sign up.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT – ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are young people at our parish who serve in a very important role at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Servers carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the Altar, carry the incense and censer, present the bread, wine, and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the priest, and assist the priest celebrant and deacon as necessary.

In order to participate in this ministry, prospective Altar Servers must be members of the parish, in Grade 5+ and have received their First Eucharist. These young people are generally more mature than their peers, regularly participate at Mass and are familiar with the appropriate responses at Mass. If your child has expressed an interest in serving the parish in this way, consider registering for Altar Server Training, opening August 1. Attendance at all training sessions is required. Please contact coordinators Win & Erinn Vahlkamp at [altarservers@stlaurence.org](mailto:altarservers@stlaurence.org) or visit [stlaurence.org/altar-servers](http://stlaurence.org/altar-servers) for more details.

**Please visit with today's Altar Servers and their families at the Hospitality Desk after Mass!**

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Next Class: July 30, 2022**

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

## WEDDING PREPARATION

**Next Wedding Info Session: September 26, 2022**

Please email Betty Holub, [bholub@stlaurence.org](mailto: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

### WEDDING:

Annelise Luyckx & Cesar Trivino, Jr

### IN REQUIEM

Achamma Pannaparayil, wife of Kurian Pannaparayil

Alicia Valdivia, mother of Andrea Whitt

Victor Dugan



## 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.



## BECOMING CATHOLIC: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

If you or a loved one are not yet Catholic (or are Catholic but have not completed your Sacraments of Initiation), consider beginning the RCIA process. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an opportunity to learn the truths of the Catholic Faith, experience the beauty of liturgical life, and connect with others who have already made this journey or who are fellow sojourners. Classes are held on Sundays beginning in September, leading to initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter. Contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774, [jfrato@stlaurence.org](mailto:jfrato@stlaurence.org) for details. [stlaurence.org/rcia](http://stlaurence.org/rcia)

## SEP 13: TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This year, the Tuesday Morning Bible Study will dive into the 24-part bible study *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*. Rich with Old Testament references to the promises of God to his people and His messages sent through the prophets, this study provides the key to understanding Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan. TMBS meets Tuesdays 9:30-11:45am at the Ave Maria Center, beginning September 13. Register and purchase the study materials in advance: [stlaurence.org/tmbs](http://stlaurence.org/tmbs)

## IMPACT OF YOUR DSF DOLLARS

Thank you for supporting over 60 archdiocesan ministries with your donation to the Diocesan Services Fund. Read the 2021 Diocesan Services Fund Impact Report on the Archdiocesan website and consider how your family will support the 2022 DSF. Our parish goal is \$490,000, and thanks to contributions by 690 families, we are now at 70% of goal. Please donate and make a difference: [archgh.org/dsf](http://archgh.org/dsf)

## 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](mailto:altarservers@stlaurence.org) with questions. [stlaurence.org/altar-servers](http://stlaurence.org/altar-servers)

## APPLY NOW: SHOP 'TIL U DROP VENDORS

Shop 'Til U Drop, the annual holiday market put on as a fundraiser by the St. Laurence Ladies Guild, will make its return this fall with hundreds of unique gifts, home décor and food items for sale. STUD will be held at the Ave Maria Center from 1pm-8pm on Thursday, November 17, so save the date! A few vendor spots are still available. APPLY: Carol Giardina at [sllg.shop@gmail.com](mailto:sllg.shop@gmail.com).

**DUE TODAY!**  
**SHOE DRIVE DONATIONS**  
Helping Fort Bend children in need  
[stlaurence.org/scm-shoe-drive](http://stlaurence.org/scm-shoe-drive)

**ON THE PLAZA**  
**ST. JOHN FISHER RAFFLE**  
\$2/each or \$10/book of 6  
Great prizes: \$5000 Visa gift card,  
58" smart tv and more!  
[stjohnfisher.info](http://stjohnfisher.info)

**MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**  
**AUGUST 18-21**  
Weekend retreat for men 21+  
Few spots still remain!  
[stlaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat](http://stlaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat)

**PARISH BAZAAR**  
**OCTOBER 15-16, 2022**  
Sponsorships available  
Lots of ways to volunteer  
[stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar](http://stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar)

**SAVE-THE-DATE**  
**HEART OF WORSHIP**  
Saturday, February 11, 2023  
Featuring Fr. Leo Patalinghug  
[stlaurence.org/how](http://stlaurence.org/how)

**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 17 COLLECTION** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.. \$33,362

Envelopes Used ..... 343

Loose Checks..... 99

**2ND COLLECTION** .....\$17,304

*Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy Collection*

### ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory June 2022 ..... \$239,868

Participants..... 1,455

### DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2022

**2022 Parish Goal**.....\$490,000

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### JUL 30: BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR CATHOLIC RADIO

KSHJ AM1430 invites you to become a KSHJ Radio Ambassador. This purpose of this volunteer position is to help spread the word about Houston's Catholic radio to people and parishes across the archdiocese. Learn what's involved at an information session on Saturday, July 30, 11am, in the KSHJ Conference Room (11511 Katy Freeway, Suite 301, Houston, 77079). It will last 90 minutes and lunch will be served. No need to RSVP. INFO: [gronline.com/en/houstonambassadors](http://gronline.com/en/houstonambassadors)

### VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has a Victims Assistance Coordinator. Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel is encouraged to call Ms. Diane Vines at 713-654-5799. Please keep in your daily prayers the healing of victims of abuse and all who suffer in any way.

### SEP 8: CATHOLIC CHARITIES MISSION OF LOVE GALA

The 9th annual Mission of Love Gala benefiting Catholic Charities in Fort Bend County will be held Thursday, September 8, at Safari Texas Ranch. This year's honoree is Fr. Dat Hoang, pastor of St. Faustina. All proceeds are used to provide Catholic Charities' life-saving services to vulnerable families and seniors in Fort Bend County. Save the date, make a donation, be a sponsor and plan to attend this fun gala. Individual tickets are \$175. INFO: [catholiccharities.org/MissionofLove](http://catholiccharities.org/MissionofLove)

### 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](http://tinyurl.com/stewardship22)



### 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](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org).



# SOCIAL CONCERNS

## Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

JULY 24–30, 2022

### Called to the Joy of Love

Raising awareness and supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage is the purpose of National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. This educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) celebrates God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general title for ethical, natural, safe, and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife's signs of fertility and infertility. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, NFP methods "respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (CCC, no. 2370) The Catholic Church invites all the faithful to embrace God's plan for married love.

Learn more about these beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at [usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching](https://usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching). To get information on classes offered at St. Laurence and locally, please visit [stlaurence.org/natural-family-planning](https://stlaurence.org/natural-family-planning).

### SHOES ARE DUE TODAY!

Thank you, St. Laurence, for your overwhelming support of our Back to School Shoe Drive. All shoe tags were taken and 700 children will be receiving new shoes in a few weeks. All shoe donations are due TODAY!



### BLACK BAG DONATION TODAY

This Sunday's black bag collection will be used for our People in Crisis fund which is currently averaging more than \$10,000 in financial assistance to individuals who come to Social Concerns for help. Because of your generous donations, we were able to assist 41 families in crisis with rent/mortgage payments, utilities, counseling, medical/cancer costs, burial, and food and gas cards in June. We and those we serve are so thankful for your generous support!

### HOPE BAG HELPERS!

With the desire to make a difference in the lives of others this summer, Aiden, Brianna, Hudson, and Paul learned how to help the homeless by giving them food, hope, and love in the form of a Hope Bag. Each Hope Bag contains water, protein, a snack, a hygiene kit, an antiseptic kit, a t-shirt, a pair of socks, and a caring hand-written note. The Hope Bags are distributed to the homeless by parishioners.



## RESPECT LIFE

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** of Children Lost Before Birth. Whether you have had a miscarriage recently or many years ago, or if you are mourning a child lost to abortion, join us for this special Mass on Wednesday, **August 17** at the 6:30 pm Mass. The little one you have lost will be honored and remembered through special readings and intercessions. This Mass is also for you as the parents to celebrate this gift of life through the prayers of the Church. There will be a flower and prayer card given to all the mothers at the end of Mass.

**HEALING RETREAT** for those suffering after abortion: Experience God's forgiveness and learn to forgive yourself. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats will be offered in English on **August 19-21, 2022**, and in Spanish on **September 23-25, 2022**. For more information or to register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8729 or [jkfritsch@archgh.org](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org). For Spanish use 713-440-3443 or [zgonzalez@archgh.org](mailto:zgonzalez@archgh.org).

**"PIERCED BY SORROW, RELEASED INTO JOY"**: September 24, 2022, 8:30 am – 5:00 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 Activities at 713-741-8729 or [jkfritsch@archgh.org](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org).

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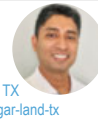
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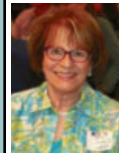
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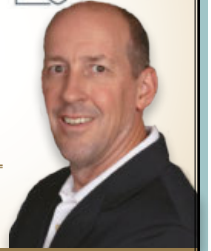
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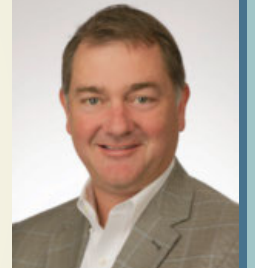


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