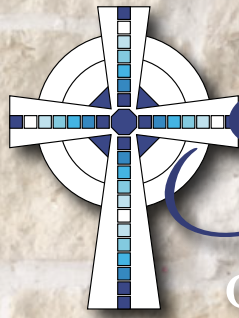


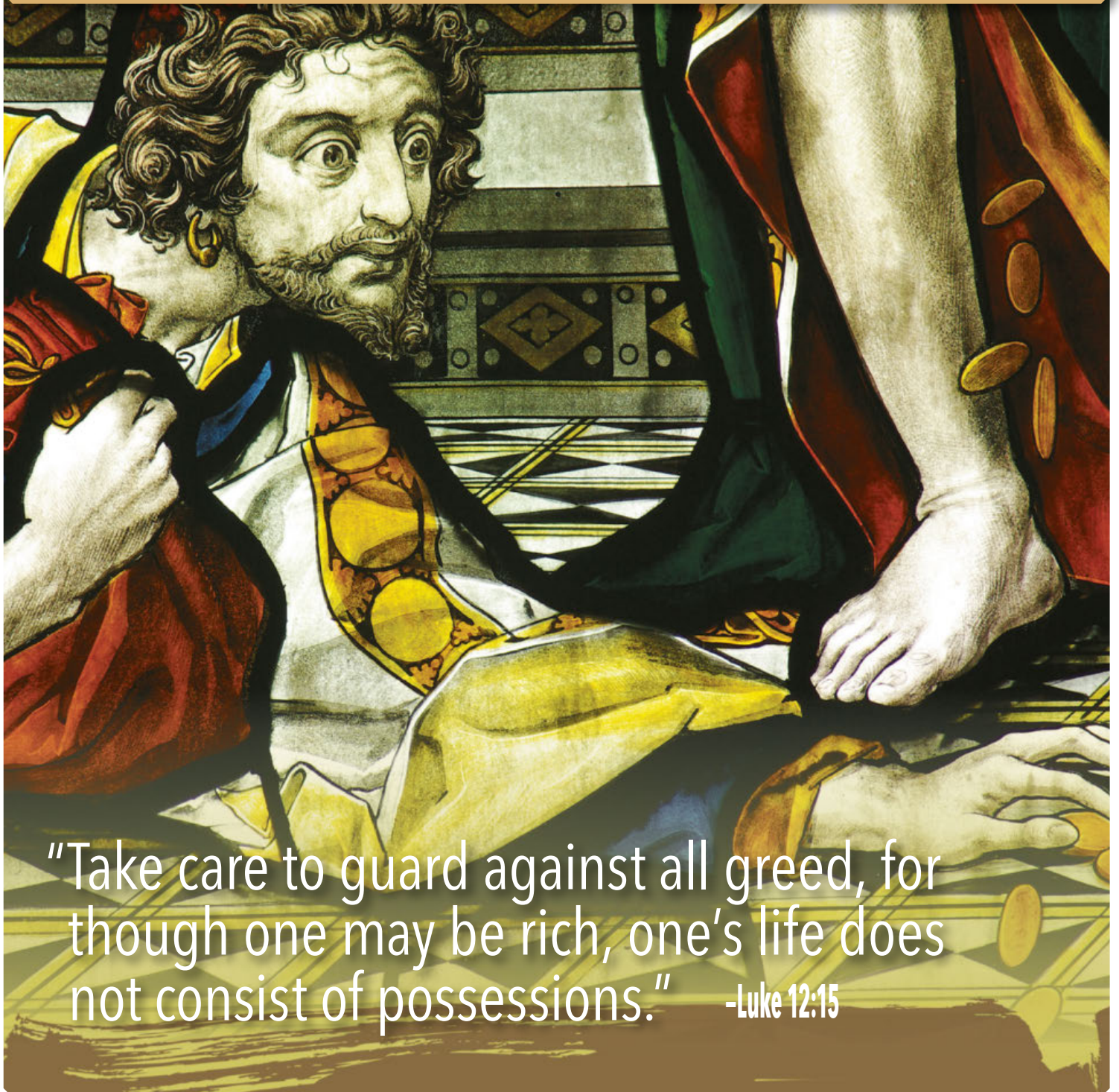
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St. Lawrence

CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." -Luke 12:15

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

PARISH OFFICE

3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-9812

Pastor: Fr. Drew Wood

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Registrar: Suzanne Byrne, sbyrne@stlaurence.org

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281-313-0329

Director: Ban Haller, jhaller@stlaurence.org

Registrar: Christine Novia, cnovia@stlaurence.org

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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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who appointed me as your judge? (Luke 12:14)

Who wouldn't want to have Jesus on their side in a property dispute? Think of it: the Son of God himself advocating for you to receive as much as possible. Your opponent wouldn't stand a chance!

But then again, judging by today's Gospel, Jesus may be the exact person you don't want to consult. At least not if you're trying to maximize your takeaway. Remember, this is the One who said, "Blessed are you who are poor," and who told a wealthy man to sell all his possessions and give the money to the needy (Luke 6:20; 18:18-23). You might prefer that he stay out of the whole thing. It's just as well anyway, since Jesus didn't seem too interested in engaging in the argument between these two brothers!

Jesus may have seemed disinterested in this man's complaint, but that doesn't mean he didn't care about this fellow. Jesus loved him and his brother just as deeply as he loved Peter or John or anyone else. What he cared about was whether this man would show that same love to his own brother. He cared about whether he would learn to be detached from his possessions so that he could discover the even greater treasure of sharing in his love. That's why he warned the man against greed; he could see that it was motivating him far more than love was.

Jesus ended his parable by urging his hearers to become "rich in what matters to God" (Luke 12:21). And what matters to God is not how much or how little we possess, but how much or how little we are possessed by our possessions. What matters to God is the degree to which we are free to dedicate our money, our time, and our abilities to loving and caring for one another.

Jesus isn't against wealth or possessions. He just values them less than he values our love—and our ability to love one another. That's what truly matters to him.

"Jesus, help me to become rich in what matters to you."



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JULY / AUGUST

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

GATHER BOOK #1145

MONDAY

1

Reading I JER 28:1-17
Gospel MT 14:13-21

TUESDAY

2

Reading I JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Gospel MT 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY

3

Reading I JER 31:1-7
Gospel MT 15:21-28

THURSDAY

4

Reading I Jer 31:31-34
Gospel Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY

5

Reading I NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
Gospel MT 16:24-28

SATURDAY

6

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Reading I Jer 26:11-16, 24
Reading II 2 Pt 1:16-19
Gospel Lk 9:28b-36

SUNDAY

7

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Wis 18:6-9
Reading II Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel Lk 12:32-48

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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, 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 31, 2022

“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

LUKE 12:21

O Lord, help us see clearly and humbly what we treasure and how it measures up to what you value most – raising up the poor and the powerless. As the Pope’s visit to Canada reminds us, even your Church has failed them at times. May we take inventory of the gifts you give in material and influence, and choose to use them justly and generously.

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 30

- 8:00am – Flora Igoy (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

MONDAY, AUG 1

- 7:30am – Francis Bede (D)
- 12:00pm – Jane & Sylvia Solorzano (D)

TUESDAY, AUG 2

- 7:30am – Clara Posluszny (D)
- 12:00pm – Phero Tran Quoc Hung (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 3

- 7:30am – Francis D’Souza (I)
- 6:30pm – Juliana Vega (I)

THURSDAY, AUG 4

- 7:30am – Obdulio & Ines Escorcia (D)
- 12:00pm – Gallo Altamirano (D)

FRIDAY, AUG 5

- 8:15am – Victor Krejci (D)
- 12:00pm – Gioan Baotixita Hoang Phuc (D)

SATURDAY, AUG 6

- 8:00am – Puthen Purayi Family (D)
- 5:00pm – Frank & Carmen Reina (D)

SUNDAY, AUG 7

- 7:00am – Tran Doan (D)
- 9:00am – John & Josie Elvey (D)
- 11:00am – Clara & Pete Nowak (D)
- 1:00pm – Elvira Barretto (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.

Men's ACTS Retreat
August 18-21, 2022

*"Go out to all the world and
tell the Good News"*

—MARK 16:15

All registrations are online at stlaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat

ACTS will give you the opportunity to meet men who share your desire to walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus. Together we will discover new ways to live with the Holy Spirit, become true Christian men and live richer more meaningful lives.

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, renew yourself spiritually, offer new meaning to your prayer life and Sunday liturgy, and most of all, build lasting relationships with other Christian men.

**If you have any questions, please contact Glen Guidry
832-465-7437, guidryglen@gmail.com before registration.**



Artwork: "Go forth into all the world and preach the gospel to all creatures" 1915, by Eugène Burnand



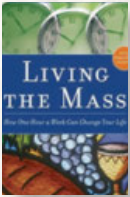
FAMILY LIFE

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



To pray the words of the creed at Mass is to proclaim a relationship.

- *Living the Mass* (pg. 60)



TODAY, July 31

After 9am and 11am Masses

Corpus Christi Room

Learn about being a Catechist

Refreshments served

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

AUG 1: FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

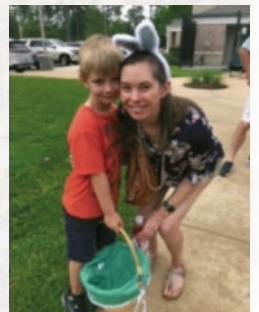
Tomorrow, August 1, is the final day to register for Faith Formation for the 2022-2023 program year. Elementary classes do fill up quickly and the number of classes offered is limited to the number of volunteer catechists available to help. Teaching or assisting in CCE classes or as a small group leader 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

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.

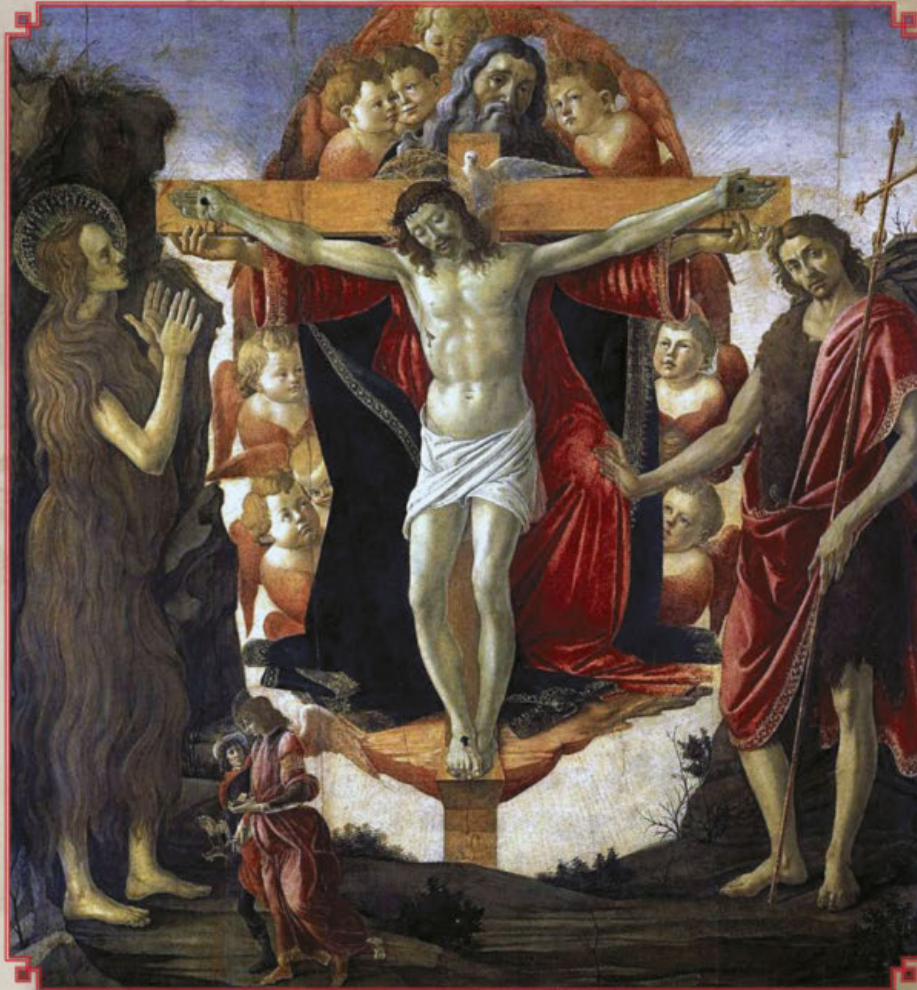
Sharing this experience with Dominic has strengthened our bond. It's been such a beautiful way for me to see him grow. As a working parent, I don't get to spend a lot of time with him during the week, but CCE was quality time well spent with him and the other children. The joy and the knowledge, given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



Didache Parish Series:

The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation



MONDAYS STARTING AUGUST 29, 2022, 7:00-9:00 PM, GUARDIAN ANGEL HALL

Taught live by our team of presenters: Marta Alves, Bob Bethancourt, Deacon Tim Cullen, Charles Johnson, Justin Frato, Win Vahlkamp

REGISTER AND PURCHASE TEXTBOOK AT [STLAURENCE.ORG/DIDACHE](https://stlaurence.org/didache)

This second book of the Didache (DID-uh-kay) Parish Series takes an in-depth look at the mystery of the Blessed Trinity as revealed in Sacred Scripture. Analyzing the Divine Life of God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-it presents a detailed look at the Person of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of Divine Revelation, the role of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life, and how we can know the Father through the Son. It also examines the Christian vocation and how God invites us to be in communion with him.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MARY VISSER AT [MVISSER@STLAURENCE.ORG](mailto:mvisser@stlaurence.org)



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: September 10, 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: September 26, 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

IN REQUIEM

Bob Talamini, husband of Mary Talamini

Carole Chevalier, mother of Chris Chevalier

Lori Dickson, daughter of Kevin & Kathy Dickson

Omar Hernandez, father of Emilio Hernandez

Vivian Sepe, mother of Damon Sepe

John D'Oliver, husband of Barbara D'Oliver

Lesette Dimaandal, wife of Greg Dimaandal

Pam McDonald, sister of Rick Rawls

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION CATECHIST

A Catechist shares the gift of faith. They come from all walks of life and all ages, ordinary people who volunteer a few hours of their time to share our Catholic faith, values, and traditions with elementary age children. As Pope Francis says, "Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and are able to revive it in others." Is God calling you to be a Catechist? If you love children and have a desire to help them develop a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, consider serving the parish in this way.

It takes over 100 volunteers to form the faith of children in Kindergarten thru Grade 5 at St. Laurence. Classes are held each week, September thru May, on Tuesdays (6:00-7:15pm) and Wednesdays (5:15-6:30pm). Please consider offering the gift of your time as a Catechist or Assistant, or as a substitute, hallway monitor or special needs buddy. Parents, grandparents, godparents and others interested in serving this way are encouraged to apply. High school youth are also welcome!

Stop by the Hospitality Desk after Mass for more information. After the 9am and 11am Masses, a Catechist Showcase with refreshments and a chance to visit with current Catechists will be held in the Corpus Christi Room. All are welcome!

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.

AUG 17: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE OF CHILDREN LOST BEFORE BIRTH

Whether you have had a miscarriage recently or many years ago, or mourning a child lost to abortion, the annual Mass of Remembrance of Children Lost Before Birth will be held in the church at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 17. The little one you have lost will be honored and remembered through special readings and intercessions. A flower and prayer card will be given to all mothers at the end of Mass. All are welcome.

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

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

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 for details. stlaurence.org/rcia

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.



SR. MARGARET UCHE, OP PERPETUAL PROFESSION OF VOWS

Dominican Sisters of Peace

Today, Sunday, July 31

In Great Bend, Kansas

Congratulate and pray

for our parishioner

Mailing Address:

201 S. Millwood, Wichita, KS 67213



HELPING OUR PAIN EASE 7-WEEK BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Led by hospice-trained facilitators

Begins September 1

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm

REGISTER NOW

stlaurence.org/hope-helping-our-pain-ease



MEN'S ACTS RETREAT AUGUST 18-21

Weekend retreat for men 21+

Few spots still remain!

stlaurence.org/mens-acts-retreat



PARISH BAZAAR OCTOBER 15-16, 2022

Sponsorships available

Lots of ways to volunteer

stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar



SAVE-THE-DATE HEART OF WORSHIP

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Featuring Fr. Leo Patalinghug

stlaurence.org/how

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

JULY 24 COLLECTION 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.. \$34,201
Envelopes Used 340
Loose Checks..... 118

2ND COLLECTION\$12,430
Social Concerns Ministry

ONLINE GIVING

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

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2022

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

Parish Paid (Activity thru 7/25/2022)\$349,732
Participants 698

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

AUGUST 14, 2022

INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION



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!



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AUG 8: ST. DOMINIC OPEN HOUSE

St. Dominic Village, located at 2401 Holcombe Blvd in Houston, is an archdiocesan ministry offering continuing care to the elderly. Plan to attend their annual St. Dominic Feast Day Celebration on Monday, August 8. Open house and facility tours begin at 3pm and Mass is at 4pm in Warren Chapel with Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS. Dinner will follow in the St. Dominic Village Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public. INFO: stdominicvillage.org/feast-day

AUG 2023: WORLD YOUTH DAY IN LISBON

The next World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage! World Youth Day is an incredible opportunity to deepen your faith and immerse yourself in the true universality of the Church by interacting with young Catholics from all over the world. Register now and take a full year to make payments toward the trip. Contact the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry (713-741-8778, yacm@archgh.org) with questions. INFO/REGISTER: archgh.org/wyd2023

UKRAINE: HOW TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging continued prayer and humanitarian assistance for the people of Ukraine. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working with Caritas Ukraine across Ukraine and in bordering countries to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support, and more. There is continued and ongoing suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. Your donation to CRS will help to meet both ongoing needs as long as the need exists. INFO/DONATE: crs.org

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

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS



DONATIONS ARE DUE NOW!

If you haven't dropped off your shoes, it's not too late! Please bring them to the parish or

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SUMMER OF SERVICE - SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Our volunteers had a great time helping to prepare and pack lunches at Lunches of Love for children in need in the Richmond/Rosenberg area. Thank you so much for helping to make a difference in the lives of hungry children.



Did you Know? Lunches of Love provides a free, nutritious sack lunch to over 4,000 children a day during extended school holidays and weekends. They are committed to helping end childhood hunger in Fort Bend County. LOL is 100% volunteer-based and driven and has several volunteer opportunities including bag decorating, food prep, lunch packing, and delivery. For more information, visit their website at lunchesoflove.net



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Volunteer drivers are our biggest need! Without our volunteers, our senior citizens would not get groceries or to their doctors. Please contact us for information on how you can help your community benefit from this vital service. SeniorRidesandMore.org or call 713-772-8181.

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 **Sep 23-25, 2022**. For more information or to register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org. For Spanish use 713-440-3443 or zgonzalez@archgh.org.

"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 Activities at 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org.

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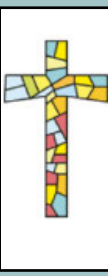
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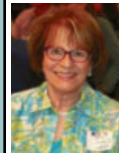
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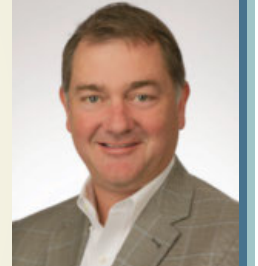


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