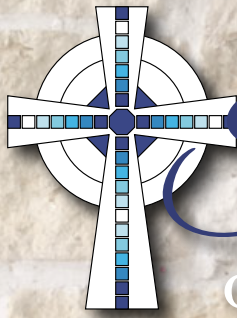


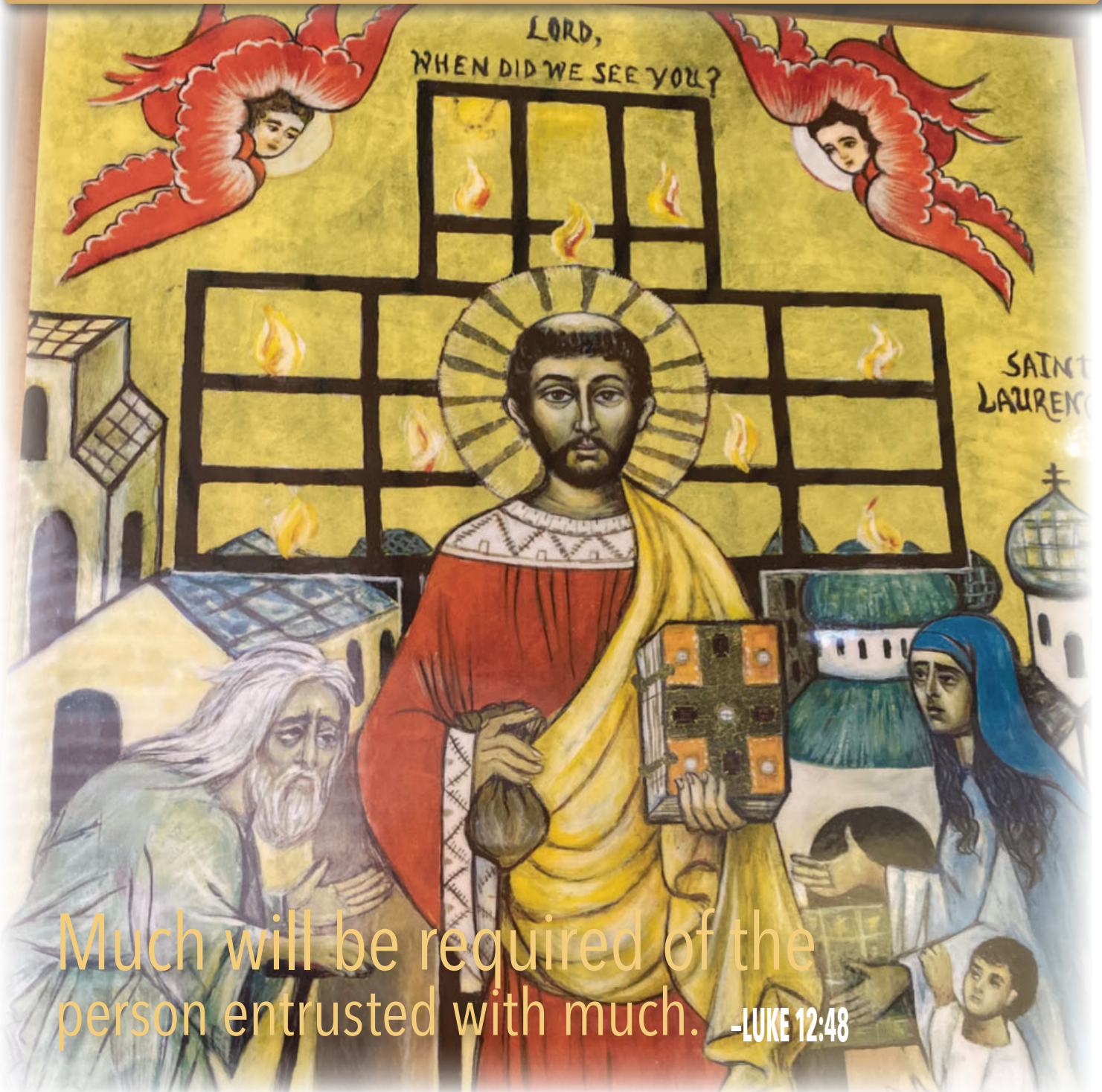
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St. Lawrence

CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Much will be required of the person entrusted with much. -LUKE 12:48



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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
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much.
-Luke 12:48

What if someone entrusted you with a million dollars and told you to use it to open a food bank? Would you keep it for yourself and use it to buy a fancy car or to travel to an exotic place? No, you would get to work figuring out how to use the money wisely so that you could feed the poor and hungry.

Now, it's unlikely that someone would hand you a million dollars, but God has entrusted you with something infinitely more valuable. It's the gift of faith! And he doesn't want you to keep it all for yourself. As Jesus said in today's Gospel, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). So what are you going to do with this precious gift? Let's take a look at this reading for some ideas.

First, we need to put our faith into action. In Jesus' parable of the good steward, the vigilant servants await their master's return and are ready to open the door "immediately" when he arrives (Luke 12:36). Jesus wants us to be prepared for his Second Coming. But he also wants us to be vigilant as we await his coming into our hearts in this life. We need to stay faithful to prayer, always listening for his voice and ready to do what he is asking of us.

Second, we need to be ready to share our gift of faith. We know that God wants us to help people come to know how much he loves them. Yet as we go about our daily lives, it's easy to get sidetracked and distracted by the things of this world. Then, like those servants in the parable, we risk missing opportunities to share our faith when they arise.

Yes, much has been entrusted with us—more than we can ever imagine. Today and every day, let's ask for the grace to also do what is required of us. May we always be like those vigilant servants who faithfully await their master's return!

"Lord, thank you for entrusting me with the gift of faith."



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1148

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY

8

Reading I EZ 1:2-5, 24-28c
Gospel Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY

9

Reading I EZ 2:8—3:4
Gospel MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY *Feast of Saint Laurence, Deacon and Martyr*

10

Reading I 2 COR 9:6-10
Gospel JN 12:24-26

THURSDAY

11

Reading I EZ 12:1-12
Gospel MT 18:21—19:1

FRIDAY

12

Reading I EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63
Gospel MT 19:3-12

SATURDAY

13

Reading I Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32
Reading II Mt 19:13-15

SUNDAY

14

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Reading II Heb 12:1-4
Gospel Lk 12:49-53

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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: September 2, 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
AUGUST 7, 2022

"...be like servants who await their master's return...ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

LUKE 12:36

Dear Lord, the news opens our eyes and ears to the world. It can prompt fear and sadness, as well as wonder and connection. You are there in all of it, knocking at the doors of our hearts. May we welcome you into our lives and all they contain. We bring to you the events in our day – large and small - for your guidance, strength, peace and hope.

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 Army*
- PO2 Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*
- 2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, *US Army*
- 2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, *US Army*

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, AUG 8

- 7:30am – Pete & Clara Nowak (D)
- 12:00pm – Georgina Martinez (D)

TUESDAY, AUG 9

- 7:30am – Moses Eshiet (D)
- 12:00pm – Lynsdon Gonsalves (I)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 10

- 7:30am – Anthony Yuen (D)
- 6:30pm – Alfredo & Cecilia Rojas (D)

THURSDAY, AUG 11

- 7:30am – Joe Howlett (D)
- 12:00pm – Valentin & Margarita Torres (D)

FRIDAY, AUG 12

- 8:15am – Oli & Nila Milanco (I)
- 12:00pm – Louis Yelich (D)

SATURDAY, AUG 13

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

SUNDAY, AUG 14

- 7:00am – Sonny Brasseaux (D)
- 9:00am – Richard Parsons (D)
- 11:00am – Crisjo Jaimon (I)
- 1:00pm – Benny Rodriguez (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.

What We Believe

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

EXPLORE THE **AMAZING RICHES** OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH



The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

DATES | TIMES | LOCATION

Thursdays, Sept. 15-Nov. 17, 1-2:30 p.m.

Ave Maria Parish Life Center

Rm. 200-202

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Register at stlaurence.org/believe

Contact: Carole Kanusky at ckanusky@aol.com

Visit ascensionpress.com for more details.





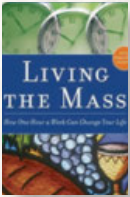
FAMILY LIFE

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

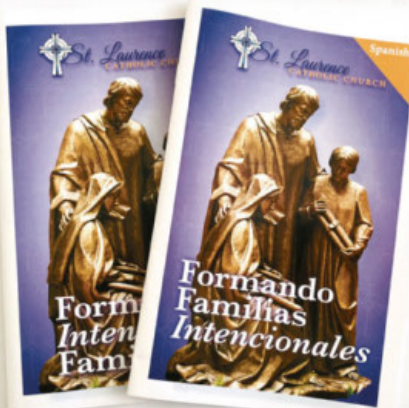
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FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS



Living the Mass means to live with a radical trust each and every day of our lives.

- *Living the Mass* (pg. 62)



FORMING INTENTIONAL FAMILIES

Available in English and Spanish at the Hospitality Desk and online stlaurence.org/family



CLUBHOUSE 10:14

Sunday faith formation for 3- and 4-year-olds and their parents
3rd Sunday each month (September-May)
stlaurence.org/clubhouse-10-14

FAITH FORMATION FOR TEENS

It's not too late to register your teen for faith formation. Registration is still being accepted for EDGE (middle school) and LIFE TEEN (high school). Edge meets September thru May, on Wednesdays 7:00-8:15pm, for a dynamic teaching, small group discussion and lots of fun and friendship. Contact Cindy Martin, cindymartin@stlaurence.org. Life Teen is for high school students, meeting Sundays 6:15-8:15pm, immediately following Mass. These Life Nights are built around small groups that are grade-specific, offering a place to be known and loved through every experience, question, doubt and prayer of high school. Contact Mike Cleary, mcleary@stlaurence.org. REGISTER: stlaurence.org/registration

SHARE THE FAITH

Have you been considering a way to get involved at St. Laurence? Be an Elementary Catechist or Small Group Faith Sharer in Youth Ministry. It takes hundreds of volunteers to make these large programs work. No experience is necessary. All it takes is a heart for young people. Training & materials are provided. Whether you have children in the program or not, this is a great way to be of service. Please call the Faith Formation department at 281-265-5774 to help. INFO: stlaurence.org/registration

AUG 20: BE A CUB SCOUT

Boys and girls in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to join St. Laurence Cub Scout Pack 1828. The Pack will host a movie night and ice cream social in the parish hall on Saturday, August 20, at 6:00pm, immediately following Mass. This event is for families of returning scouts and new scouts, with time for parents to get information and register. For details, please contact Cubmaster Brian Henritze at brianhenritze@gmail.com. INFO/REGISTER: stlaurence.org/cub-scouts



“Proclaiming and bearing witness to the faith is not the work of the few; it also concerns me, you, each one of us!”

—The Joy of Discipleship, Pope Francis. Thank you to the people who heard & answered this rallying cry. *Is God asking you to join them?*

St. Laurence Catechists & Core Teams 2021-2022

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Shannon Bandish-Nash
Wade Barranco
Sandy Basler
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Maria Garcia
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Sofia Corredor

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Zach Short
Emily Sicking
Sofia Silva
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Vivienne St. John
Cara Turner

Please call the Faith Formation Department at 281-265-5774 or email the following coordinators to help in the 2022-2023 program year. ELEMENTARY CCE Joan Hastreiter jhastreiter@stlaurence.org | EDGE (Middle School) Cindy Martin cindymartin@stlaurence.org | LIFE-TEEN (High School) Mike Cleary mcleary@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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: RCIA

BECOMING CATHOLIC: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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. The process is open to those age seven and older. Classes are held on Sundays beginning September 11th, leading to initiation into the Catholic Church on Palm Sunday or Easter. There will be two Inquiry Sessions coming up on Sunday, August 21st and 28th after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Corpus Christi Room off the courtyard of the church. This is a chance to learn more about the process and meet others on the team and who are also inquiring about becoming Catholic. Contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774, jfrato@stlaurence.org for details or go to stlaurence.org/rcia



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

WEDDING:

Chidera Okonkwo & Andrew Moore

Molly Kaitlin Weiner & Stephen W. Harmon

IN REQUIEM

Christopher Galindo-Hernandez, brother of Freddy Galindo, Jr.



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 10: KC BRISKETS FOR LABOR DAY

It's time for the Knights of Columbus "locally famous" smoked briskets and pork butts sale! Place your order early and plan to pickup Labor Day Weekend, the morning of Sunday, September 4. Online orders will be accepted August 10-25, while supplies last. Also, look for the KCs on the plaza taking orders after Masses the weekends of Aug 13-14 and Aug 20-21. Purchase a perfectly and fully smoked whole or half brisket, or treat yourself to a smoked pork butt. All proceeds benefit the many charities of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your support! ORDER: stlaurence.org/kc-store

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.

AUG 27-28: SEE YOU AT THE MINISTRY FAIR



If the Eucharist is the heart of our faith, then it's through our ministries that we experience the pulse of parish life. Come be a part of this great parish by joining a ministry or group that interests you or matches your unique talents. After a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the annual Ministry Fair returns the weekend of August 27-28, following all six Masses in the parish hall. It's a super convenient way to see at once the wide array of ministries and groups that make up St. Laurence, speak directly with representatives and get to know your fellow parishioners. Try this: Make it your goal this year to find one new thing that interests you and sign up. We've been waiting for you! stlaurence.org/ministry-fair



SEP 1: H.O.P.E. GRIEF SERIES BEGINS

HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease) is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving. Consider attending if you have lost a loved one due to a sudden, tragic death or from a long term illness, either recently or in the past. Led by a hospice-trained facilitator, the group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. Class size is limited, so register early. Please contact Kathy Heinemann at 281-468-0738.

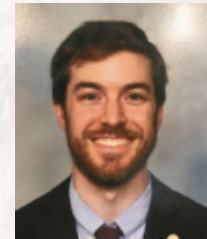
SEP 13: TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

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 Envelopes Used 340
 Loose Checks..... 118

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Monthly Offertory June 2022 \$239,868
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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

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



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– Steve Pondell, St. Laurence Habitat for Humanity Coordinator

RESPECT LIFE

BROCHURE OF THE MONTH: *Raising Chaste Children in a Pornographic World*

One of the more difficult jobs of a parent is to educate their children on sexuality. Children will be well exposed to our broken culture's messages about sexuality, so it is vital for parents to teach children about authentic love and chastity. This brochure clearly outlines five steps that parents can take to raise chaste children. These include teaching children the beauty and sacredness of the body and sexuality, and that we are made for a lasting love relationship in marriage. Parents are cautioned to be aware of the widespread availability of pornography, and the fact that many children are exposed to it at young ages. Since the internet can be accessed by a variety of electronic devices, the strongly suggested rule for parents is "If I am not willing to monitor it, I will not provide it." Parents also need to be concerned about online sexual interactions, such as "sexting" and online predators. Children need to be prepared so that they are not easy targets.

See stlaurence.org/brochure-of-the-month for a link to the full article.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE OF CHILDREN LOST BEFORE BIRTH:

Whether you have had a miscarriage recently or many years ago, join us for this special Mass on Wednesday, August 17th at the 6:30 pm Mass. The little one you have lost will be honored and remembered through special readings and intercessions. There will also 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. Your information will be kept confidential.

"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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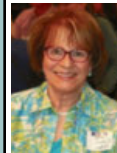
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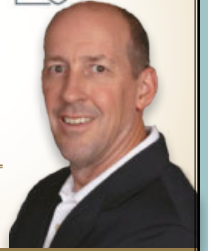
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