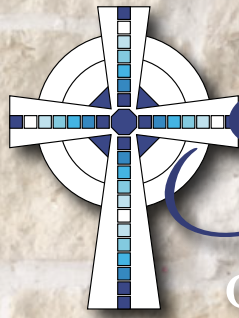


AUGUST 14, 2022 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Lawrence
CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:

"I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!" **-LUKE 12:49**

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

PARISH OFFICE

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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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! (Luke 12:49)

Jesus' words about setting the earth on fire can be confusing—even frightening. It might remind us of a forest fire that consumes everything in its path. It's true that fire in Scripture often symbolizes the purifying presence and judgment of God. But fire also represents the Holy Spirit, particularly in the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts.

In Luke, John the Baptist prophesies that the Messiah will come to "baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (3:16). And Jesus does just that. Just before his ascension, he tells his disciples, "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you" and "You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5). He then fulfills that promise on Pentecost when the Spirit comes upon them like "tongues as of fire" (Acts 2:3).

Jesus longed with all his heart for the Holy Spirit to fill his disciples—and the whole earth! He couldn't wait to see the fire of the Spirit blazing forth and bringing light to every dark corner of the world. This was why he came; it was the goal of his entire mission. It's why he would endure the "baptism" of his passion and death (Luke 12:50).

Jesus' heart burns with love for us, and he wants his Spirit to fill us with that love. Like fire, the Spirit changes everything he touches. His fire will warm our hearts so they burn with love for him and the people around us. His fire will purify our hearts so we will want to live holy lives that please the Lord. And his fire will enflame our hearts with a passion to tell everyone about the love of Jesus.

Jesus wants that transforming power to blaze in each of us until it fills the whole earth. So together let's pray,

"Come, Holy Spirit! Set my heart on fire."



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1151

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

MONDAY

15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading I RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB
Reading II 1 COR 15:20-27
Gospel LK 1:39-56

TUESDAY

16

Reading I
Gospel

EZ 28:1-10
MT 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

17

Reading I
Gospel

EZ 34:1-11
MT 20:1-16

THURSDAY

18

Reading I
Gospel

EZ 36:23-28
MT 22:1-14

FRIDAY

19

Reading I
Gospel

EZ 37:1-14
MT 22:34-40

SATURDAY

20

Memorial, St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Reading I EZ 43:1-7AB
Reading II MT 23:1-12

SUNDAY

21

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Is 66:18-21
Reading II Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel Lk 13:22-30

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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, 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.

POPE FRANCIS
AUGUST 18, 2019



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In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals to us His most ardent desire: to bring to the earth the fire of the Father's love: the fire that saves, that changes the world, starting from the change of each one's heart. #Angelus

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, 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

MONDAY, AUG 15

- 7:30am - Mary Puebla (D)
- 12:00pm - Teodorico Bentulan, Jr. (D)

TUESDAY, AUG 16

- 7:30am - Jim Curdie (I)
- 12:00pm - Gerry Jimenez (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 17

- 7:30am - Clara & Richard Dullea (D)
- 6:30pm - Jacob Joseph (D)

THURSDAY, AUG 18

- 7:30am - Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00pm - Faustina & Sylvester Pinto (D)

FRIDAY, AUG 19

- 8:15am - Fernando Rojas (D)
- 12:00pm - Richard & Jodi Jablonski (D)

SATURDAY, AUG 20

- 8:00am - Chacko Joseph (D)
- 5:00pm - Elias de Luis (D)

SUNDAY, AUG 21

- 7:00am - Maricela Svoboda (I)
- 9:00am - Katie Coppedge (I)
- 11:00am - Brenda Burke (I)
- 1:00pm - Vivian Rodriguez (I)
- 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 (nSJ) Br. Levi Pro (Cameron Cashiola), Basil Housewright.

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Want to know Jesus & His Church?

You Call Me by Name.

We can become
who we are meant to be
with the support of
a community called Church.

RCIA is for those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith tradition, those interested in joining the Catholic Church, and Catholics who were baptized but have not celebrated all of their Sacraments. Please come to one of the following sessions to get your questions answered.

Inquiry Sessions: Sundays, August 21 & 28
10:15-11:15 am in the Corpus Christi Room

Contact Justin Frato, 281-265-5774 / jfrato@stlaurence.org
More info: stlaurence.org/rcia



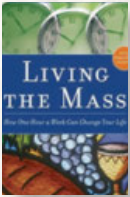
FAMILY LIFE

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

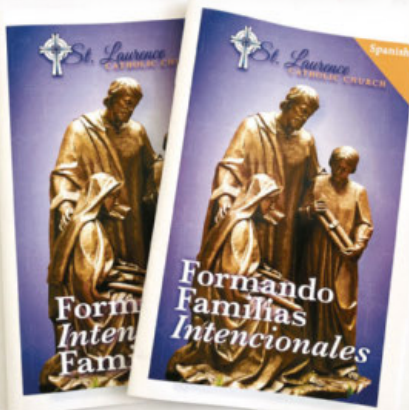
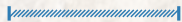
stlaurence.org/family

FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS



Through all [our fear], God invites us to return to him and to place our trust in him.

- *Living the Mass* (pg. 63)



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

REGISTER YOUR TEEN

Life Teen for high school students and Edge for middle schoolers begins in just a few weeks! New students are always welcome to join throughout the year, however we ask that you register your son or daughter by August 19, in order for them to be assigned to an awesome small group in advance. Edge meets weekly, September thru May, on Wednesdays 7:00-8:15pm. Contact Cindy Martin, cindymartin@stlaurence.org with questions. Life Teen is for high school students, meeting Sundays 6:15-8:15pm, immediately following Mass. Contact Mike Cleary, mcleary@stlaurence.org for details. 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

CUB SCOUT MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 6PM-8PM

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



Spiritual Adoption Program



Each August, we offer parishioners an opportunity to “spiritually adopt” a baby in danger of being aborted. This is a powerful and beautiful way to promote a culture of life in a world in which abortion continues to remain legal in many states in our country and in other countries across the globe.

There is a child, known only to God, who has just been conceived. This child is in danger of losing his or her life. His mom may be under great pressure from circumstances, parents, boyfriend or husband. Pray for life. Pray for the life of this baby who has not yet been born. Pray for the parents of this child, that their hearts are open to the miracle of life.

Will you spiritually adopt this child and pray every day for nine months? Pray that his or her life will be spared and that the mother of this child will find the support she needs to choose life and plan for a safe and happy home for her child.

Prayer is powerful! Praying for a specific child may help you be more faithful in your own prayer. Prayer cards are available at the Hospitality Desk and at the exits of the church, with the short prayer printed below. You are encouraged to name the baby you adopt.

Each month, from September to May, on the 4th Sunday of the month, a picture and description of the child’s development will be included in the bulletin and on the Respect Life Spiritual Adoption page of the St. Laurence website. In May, we will celebrate the birth of your spiritually adopted child with a baby shower to benefit needy mothers and their children.

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
I love you very much. I
beg you to spare the life
of (name), the unborn
baby that I have
spiritually adopted who is
in danger of abortion."

THIS MONTH: Conception

The mother's egg and the father's sperm have united to form a new, unique human being, made in the image of God. This child, although only a single cell, is already male or female, with all the genetic information to direct his or her development. Hair color and family resemblance have already been determined! God has a plan for this child, a mission for him or her to carry out to build his kingdom. He or she will be a gift to family, friends, to all the world. Will he be a doctor, to bring healing and comfort? Will she be a wonderful teacher to help children develop their potential? Will he or she be a loving and devoted spouse and parent to his/her own children? Only God knows what He has planned for this child – but first he or she must survive to be born!



PARISH LIFE

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL



The Divine Mercy Chapel is open to the parish and community for adoration. Jesus awaits you every day 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 13 available hours.

Urgent Need: *A second committed adorer is needed 1am to 2am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays. 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: CANCER SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Cancer Support Ministry meets monthly, September through June, to provide support to cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers. Guest speakers provide information on various topics to help the journey through treatment and the many options available to improve life after treatment. Studies have shown that being a member of a support group helps you wherever you are on your journey, so please consider joining us every month or whenever you are able.

We typically meet the first Thursday each month, 10:00-11:30am, in the St. Clare Meeting Room at the Ave Maria Center. If you are not able to attend in person, you may join us virtually. At each meeting, we provide prayers and support by listening and sharing. At some meetings, we feature virtual presentations from experts at local hospitals and from the community. Additionally, we may attend Mass together, provide outreach through Social Concerns projects, and enjoy lunch together. Connect with others who have been there or are going through the same thing and not feel isolated. We're here for you. CONTACT: Mariann Licato, 281-778-6356, mgoogol@aol.com

Plan to join us at our meeting September 8, and meet with Cancer Support Group members after Mass today to learn more!

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

BAPTISMS:

David Alban III, Jax Anaya, Aiden Castorena Agudelo, Liam Castorena Agudelo, Gaavyan Dmello, Aiden Dodd, Isla Lubrano, Santiago Martinez-Osornio, Maggie McPartland, April Rosas-Amador, Sebastian Trinh

WEDDING:

Betsy Benny & James Kunnacherry, 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.

TODAY: PURCHASE A BRISKET 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 through August 25, while supplies last, or order from the KCs on the plaza after Masses the weekends of Aug 13-14 and Aug 20-21. Purchase a perfectly and fully smoked whole brisket (\$100), half brisket (\$55), or smoked pork butt (\$55) for the holiday. 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 keepsake prayer card will be offered to families and a flower 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 15: LEARN TO PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The Liturgy of Hours is an ancient prayer of the Church prayed by all Catholic clergy every day. Learn this structured way of praying Scripture to enhance your own prayer life. Deacon Tom will teach a class on four Thursday evenings (7-9pm) beginning September 15, at the Ave Maria Center. You may wish to purchase the Four Volume Liturgy of the Hours or the one volume Christian Prayer in advance or after the first class (available at Mary Regina). REGISTER: stlaurence.org/loth

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15

Since this holy day falls on a Monday, the obligation has been removed
Usual Monday Masses at
7:30am and 12:00pm

CONGRATULATIONS BEAU GUEDRY, S.J.



*Profession of Perpetual Vows
of Poverty, Chastity & Obedience*
Saturday, August 13, 2022
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

BE AN ALTAR SERVER

Training begins August 18
Open to Grade 5 and older
*View schedule and
register in advance*
stlaurence.org/altar-servers

GET SLCS SPIRIT

POSITIONS AVAILABLE
St. Laurence Catholic School
*Girls Volleyball Coach
Basketball Coach
Before and After School Staff
Substitute Teachers*
stlaurenceschool.org/employment

PARISH BAZAAR

OCTOBER 15-16, 2022
SAT 5-10pm and SUN 10am-5pm
Food, games, rides, BINGO, raffle
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

AUGUST 7 COLLECTION 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time \$40,999

Envelopes Used 384
Loose Checks 125

JULY 31 COLLECTION 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.. \$36,568

Envelopes Used 343
Loose Checks 120

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory July 2022.....\$263,671
Participants..... 1,451

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2022

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

Parish Paid (Activity thru 8/8/2022) \$360,470
Participants 709

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

AUGUST 14, 2022, INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION



SIGN-UP TODAY AT FAITH DIRECT

Simple & convenient online giving
faith.direct/TX460
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Summer is almost over! Ministries and activities are starting up in full swing in our busy parish. Have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support St. Laurence Catholic Church and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

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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

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 17 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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- Sunday Coupon inserts for COUPONS FOR A CAUSE and TROPOONS program. Inserts can be dropped off at the SCM and parish office or the coupon basket located behind the Hospitality Desk in the church narthex
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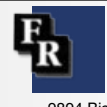

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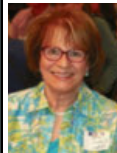
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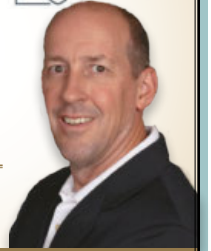
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