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# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

8:30am



# Welcome to St. Laurence

Worshipping God in the Anglican Tradition Since 1951

## Visitors

If you're new with us, we're so glad you're here! Please fill out a visitor card and let us know a little bit about you and if we can provide you with any information about us. Just drop the card in the collection plate or hand it to an usher. If our service is a little different than what you are used to, we encourage you to participate without any concern for doing things "the right way." We sit, stand and kneel a lot but you can follow along in this bulletin. We want you to feel comfortable and welcome here.

## Children

Your children are welcomed and loved here. We have many families with children of all ages so your kids will make friends quickly. If you prefer that they stay with you in Church, please do so. The voices of small children are always welcome!

We offer both a nursery and Children's Chapel. Our nursery is in the Parish Hall, the building to the north of the Church. Children 5 and under are welcome during the service and Sunday School time. Children's Chapel is a worship service just for kids age 8 and younger. Children start in the big Church with their parents and then when called, follow the cross to a service just for them in the Parish Hall. They will re-join their families in time for Holy Communion.

## Who We Are

We are a Christ-centered, liturgical Church, in the catholic tradition of Anglicanism. We are in the Diocese of Ft. Worth, serving under Bishop Ryan Reed, in the Anglican Church in North America. Want to learn more? Check out our website at [saintlaurencechurch.org](http://saintlaurencechurch.org).

## For Those With Disabilities

Hearing assistant devices are available in the Church Narthex. If you or a loved one need any accommodations that we can make for you to be able to participate in our worship service, please let us know at [office@saintlaurencechurch.org](mailto:office@saintlaurencechurch.org).

## How to Plug In

If you'd like to plug into the many ministry and fellowship activities available at St. Laurence, you may scan the QR codes to:

- Sign up to receive our emails



- Learn more about ministry and fellowship groups



## Preparation for Worship

We encourage all to have a time of prayer and preparation before the service begins. Chatting with friends is best saved for after the service. Consider this prayer before the service begins:

*Guide and direct us, O Lord, always and everywhere with your holy light, that we may discern with clear vision your presence among us, and partake with worthy intention of your divine mysteries. We ask this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.*

## Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Prelude on "Amazing Grace"  
Frederick Swann

*Regina Coeli* (Stand)

Entrance

Hymn 410

## The Liturgy Of The Word

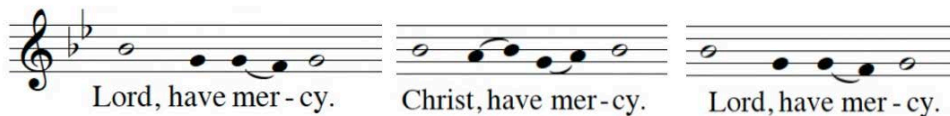
### The Acclamation

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 123

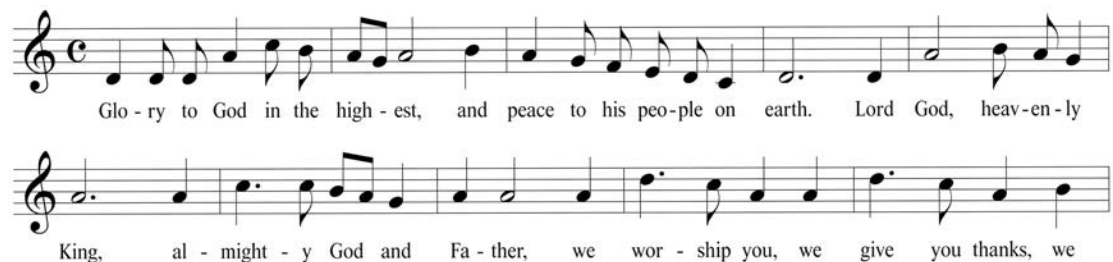
Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Kyrie



Gloria



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praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are — seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our pray'r, — re - ceive, — re - ceive our  
pray'r. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### Collect for Easter

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Chapel Procession

**First Reading (Sit)****Acts 8:26-40**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:**        Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 66:1-8**

- 1       Be joyful in God, all you / lands; \*  
sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be / glorious.
- 2       Say to God, "How wonderful are your / works; \*  
through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower be- / fore you.
- 3       For all the world shall / worship you, \*  
sing to you, and praise your / Name."
- 4       O come and see the works of / God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all / people.

- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on / foot; \*  
therefore in him let us re- / joice.
- 6 He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the / nations; \*  
let not the rebellious exalt them- / selves.
- 7 Bless our God, you / peoples, \*  
and make the voice of his praise to be / heard,
- 8 Who holds our soul in / life, \*  
and does not allow our feet to / slip.

## Second Reading

I John 3:11-24

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence (Stand)

Hymn 379

Alleluia

## The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells

with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Homily (Sit)

Bishop Ryan Reed

### The Nicene Creed (Stand)

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 126

**Celebrant and People:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 128

*The Reader will now read the prayers. After each prayer is the following response:*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

**The Confession (Kneel)**

2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 129

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Deacon and People:** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Peace (Stand)**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

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## The Liturgy Of The Altar

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Offertory

*If Ye Love Me*

Philip Wilby

St. Laurence Schola Cantorum

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another Comforter, That he may abide with you for ever;  
Even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know him,  
for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



**The Great Thanksgiving****2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 132**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Sanctus*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

**Prayer of Consecration (Kneel)****2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 132**

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:** Christ has died.  
 Christ is risen.  
 Christ will come again.

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Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

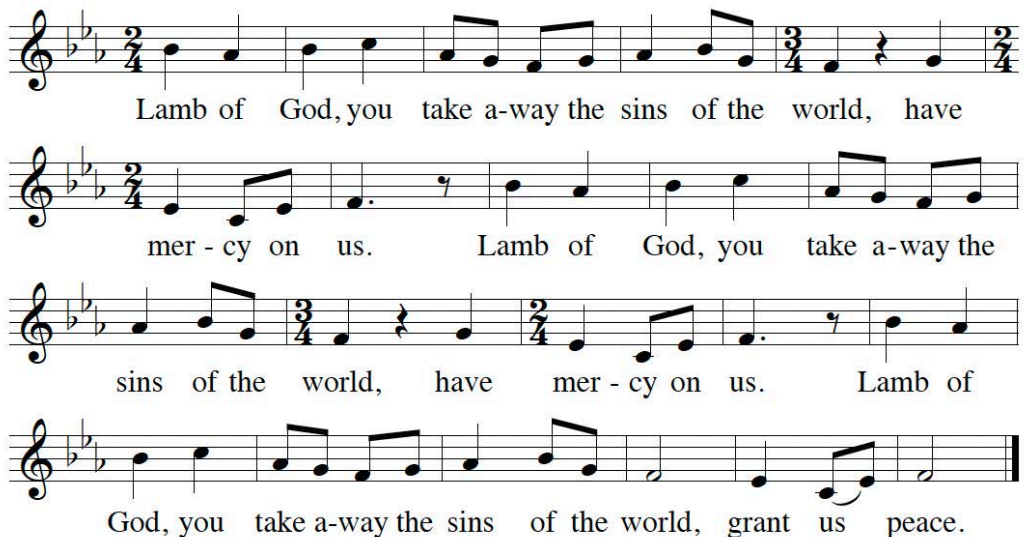
**Celebrant and People:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread 2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 135

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Agnus Dei*



Musical score for Agnus Dei, featuring a single melodic line in G minor (one flat) and 2/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace." The music includes various note values, rests, and a repeat sign at the end.

Communion

*Angels, Roll the Rock Away*  
Healey Willan  
Canterbury Choir

*Angels, roll the rock away; Death, yield up thy mighty prey;  
See, the Savior leaves the tomb, Glowing with immortal bloom.  
Saints on earth, lift up your eyes, Now to glory see him rise  
In long triumph through the sky Up to waiting worlds high.  
Heav'n unfolds its portals wide; Mighty Conqueror, through them ride,  
King of Glory, mount Thy throne, For the Kingdom is Thine own.*

Ave verum

Edward Elgar

Canterbury Choir and St. Laurence Schola Cantorum

*Ave verum Corpus, natum De Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum  
In cruce pro homine:  
Cuius latus perforatum  
Unda fluxit et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
In mortis examine.  
O clemens, O pie,  
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.*

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
whose pierced side  
flowed with water and blood:  
May it be for us a foretaste  
in the trial of death.  
O gentle, O merciful,  
O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.*

Hymn 304

### Post Communion Prayer (Kneel) 2019 Book of Common Prayer, pg. 137

**Celebrant and People:** Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### Pontifical Blessing

**Bishop:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**People:** The maker of heaven and earth.

**Bishop:** Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

**People:** From this time forth for evermore.

**Bishop:** The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

### Dismissal

**Deacon:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*As the Bishop processes out, he blesses the congregation.*

*It is customary to kneel and make the sign of the cross as he passes by.*

Procession Out

Postlude

Hymn 450

Toccata on "Amazing Grace"

Christopher Pardini



## Capital Campaign Prayer

*Please join us in prayer about our expansion*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for blessing our St. Laurence family.  
We come to you with grateful hearts asking for your guidance in all  
of the details of this capital campaign.

Remind us to seek you first before every decision is made.

Give us a spirit of unity and generous hearts.

Direct us to build up your church staying rooted in the Truth.

Expand these walls so that they may honor you,  
and bring others to know you and love you.

We ask these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## Worship Schedule

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### Daily Mass

Sunday	8:30 & 10:45am
Monday	9:30am
Tuesday	9:30am
Wednesday	6:30pm
Thursday	12:10pm
Friday	9:30am
Saturday	9:30am

### Morning Prayer

Sunday	7:45am
Monday-Saturday	9:00am

### Evening Prayer

Sunday	
Evensong & Benediction	5:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm

### Confessions

Saturday	10:00am
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# Activities for Week of April 28

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Sun, April 28	Capital Campaign Update	9:50am
	Confirmation	10:45am
	Parish Family Field Day	12:15pm
Mon, April 29	Sacred Arts Icon Class	10:00am
Tues, April 30	Parent's Day Out	9:00am
	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:00am
Wed, May 1	Middle School Youth Group	6:00pm
	Canterbury Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
	St. Laurence Chorale Rehearsal	7:30pm
Thurs, May 2	Parent's Day Out	9:00am
	National Day of Prayer Event	6:00pm
Fri, May 3	Men's Bible Study	6:30am
Sat, May 4		

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## Announcements

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### Worship

#### **Congratulations to Those Being Confirmed Today.**

Weslee Hayley	Ruthie LaPenna	Andrew Cobb
Lucas Kim	Bennett Wallace	Kristyn Cobb
Xander Kim	Dalton Wright	Darek Taylor

**Welcome Bishop Reed** who is with us at both services today and will administer the sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:45am service. Please join us in the Parish Hall between the services for a reception honoring the Bishop. He will join us there for a short time before going to meet with the confirmands.

**National Day of Prayer Event - May 2.** Come support our youth at this year's National Day of Prayer Event on Thurs, May 2 at 6:00pm at the Southlake Town Square Gazebo. This wonderful community event brings the churches of the city together, with youth from each of the participating churches leading the worship. Several of our youth will be taking part and we would love for there to be a huge crowd from St. Laurence.

**Ascension Eve Mass and Bonfire - May 8.** The Ascension occurs 40 days after the Resurrection of Jesus and celebrates Christ's Ascension into heaven. We will celebrate with a special Mass on Wed, May 8 at 6:30pm in the Church. Then after Mass, bring your chair to the courtyard between the Church and Parish Hall and hang out and roast marshmallows with your St. Laurence family (there is no dinner). We'll provide beer, wine, non-alcoholic drinks, cheese & crackers and all the makings for s'mores. Join us for a great evening.

**Baptisms will be Celebrated** on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Anyone interested in baptism is asked to contact Fr. Jordan or the Church office at [office@saintlaurencechurch.org](mailto:office@saintlaurencechurch.org).

## Capital Campaign

**Parish Family Field Day & Campaign Update - Today.** Join us today at 12:15pm after the late service for a very special Family Field Day and lunch in celebration of the Capital Campaign. This St. Laurence Day type picnic has something for everyone of all ages. We'll be in the back parking lot behind the office so bring your chair and join us for a whole lotta fun!

- Lunch provided
- Burgers and Dogs grilled by the St. Larry's BBQ guys
- Classic Field Day Games for All Ages
- Live Band
- Ice Cream Truck
- Pickle Ball on the parking lot
- Corn Hole Tournament on the grass
- Tonic tasting table (BYOB)
- Campaign Progress Update

We hope everyone will come and join us for lunch and a fun time afterwards. We will have the serving tables and some tables and chairs to eat at on the concrete to make it easier for those who need it, but we hope most of you will bring a folding chair. The golf cart will also be running to shuttle folks to the back parking lot. We've been prayerfully working hard and making big decisions with God's help, so let's relax and have fun together as a Parish Family!

**Campaign Update and Packet Pick Up - Today.** Please join us for a Capital Campaign Update today between the services in the Parish Hall, led by our campaign leaders Mark Jameson, Greg Jones and Lisa Lapiska. You can also pick up a campaign packet if you haven't gotten one yet from the table in front of the Church after each of the services today.

**Expansion Event - May 5.** If you haven't been able to attend one of our in-home Expansion Meetings, or didn't receive an invitation (we've been trying to make sure that absolutely everyone is invited but mistakes do happen!), we hope that you'll join us for our last one on Sun, May 5 at 12:00pm in the Parish Hall. We'll serve you a wonderful lunch and our capital campaign chairs will lead a discussion about the expansion, show you the floor plans and answer any questions you have. Everyone is invited! Childcare is available for 5 and under.

**Commitment Sunday - May 12.** This year, we are combining our wonderful Toast to Mother's event with Commitment Sunday for the Capital Campaign to give us all a truly extra special morning. If you haven't already turned in your pledge card for the expansion, we hope that

you will bring it and turn it in on this day. We know everyone has been in prayerful consideration of what you can give to build up God's house at St. Laurence, and we ask that you now complete the pledge card so we can begin the construction of our new Parish Hall. Exciting times are ahead!

## Service

**Toilet Tissue Sunday is Today.** Please bring all your toilet tissue donations to the red wagon in front of the Church today and we will get it to GRACE. Thank you.

## Youth

**Sunday School Recognition and Graduating Senior Sunday - May 5.** Next Sunday is a big day for our kids and youth. During both services, our youth will take on the duties of serving in Church, and in the homily, we'll hear what growing up at St. Laurence has meant to them. Then in the Parish Hall at 9:50am between the services, we'll cheer on our graduating seniors and enjoy a Sunday School Showcase as our children wrap up a stellar year of learning about our Lord Christ and growing closer together in Christian friendship. We'll have a big time brunch for everyone too.

**High School Youth Group (9-12th grade)** will not meet today but will join in the Capital Campaign Family Field Day event at 12:15pm.

**Middle School Youth Group (6-8th grade)** will have their last meeting this Wed, May 1 in the Parish Hall. Dinner's at 6:00pm and then from 6:30-8pm we'll have our famous Trivia game over all we've learned this year about Jesus' "I am" statements and His miracles. Prizes will be awarded! Please contact Katie LaPenna at [katielapenna@gmail.com](mailto:katielapenna@gmail.com) for more info.

**VBS Registration Now Open!** Sign your kids up now for our amazing Scuba Vacation Bible School and get the Early Bird registration price of \$5/child. At Scuba VBS, kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! June 3-6, 9am-Noon for ages 4-12 (PreK-entering 5th grade) in the Parish Hall.

Scan the QR code to register. Contact Hilary Hale at [stlaurencechildren@gmail.com](mailto:stlaurencechildren@gmail.com).



## Fellowship

**A Toast to Mothers Celebration.** Moms get ready! It's time for our annual outdoor Mother's Day celebration on Sun, May 12. This year, Mother's Day is also our Commitment Sunday for the Capital Campaign so it's an extra-special event. Our elegant affair is held between the services at 9:50am and is on the lawn between the Church and Parish Hall. There'll be live jazz music, mimosas, and light finger foods. Bring your mom and join us for a great morning.

**Sign Up for the Bishop Iker Golf Tournament.** The tournament is on Fri, June 7 at Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose and all proceeds go to support Camp Crucis. Please contact Fr. Matt Rogers or go to [thebishopikerchallenge.com](http://thebishopikerchallenge.com) to register.

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# Clergy & Staff

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