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SATURDAY VIGIL EUCHARIST
5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish).

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m. (Spanish), and 5:00 p.m.
A nursery is available during all Masses.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday-Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and Friday at 7:00 p.m.
(Spanish; September-May)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
Christian Initiation of Adults follows the restored rites of the ancient Catechumenate.
Christian Initiation of Children
Age seven and older takes place in a community of young inquirers who prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Octave of Easter.

THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS
Is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month (English) and last Saturday of the month (Spanish), except during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING
Saturdays during 9:00 a.m. Mass and upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Couples contemplating marriage should contact a deacon or priest at least six months before their desired wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS
Those interested in ministry as a priest, deacon, sister or brother should contact a parish priest.

AT THE VERY HEART OF OUR PARISH:
Alpha-Because Life is Worth Exploring!
Food, Talk, Good Conversation.
ARISE Small Christian Communities
Contact Kelly Schreckenberger
kschreckenberger@saintlaw.org

Christ Renews His Parish
Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) retreats are held once a year for men and women.
Contact Deacon Bob Riddett
bobsgiants@gmail.com

One of the recommended Responsorial Psalms on this glorious Easter Sunday is Psalm 118, including this from verse 24: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” In truth Easter is all about rejoicing. It is the day of Resurrection which provides hope to all of us.

Throughout our diocese thousands of people are at Mass today who may not normally attend. Recent studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of those who do not regularly attend may not have been at Mass since Christmas.

That is another reason for us to rejoice and say “Welcome home.” We miss you and we love you. Christ’s love for us is at the foundation of our celebration today. St. Augustine once wrote, “God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” We ask God’s blessings on all those who have passed our amazing religion to you. Clearly you do remember your devotion and are here to honor it.

Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history — when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

Catholics Returning Home
If you, or a friend or family member is/are thinking about returning to the faith, be assured that a warm welcome awaits! Sessions begin Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 208. For more information, call Eleanor Lashley at 770.338.4376.

The Easter Candle was donated in Memory of Kevin Permaul by his loving family. The St. Lawrence Parish Family thanks you!!

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May 30 6:30 p.m.
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**Stewardship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Alleluia! Cristo ha resucitado y es victorioso sobre el pecado y la muerte! Somos buenos administradores de nuestra fe si, como San Pablo, compartimos esta Buena nueva en todos los sitios y en todos los momentos en que podamos.

**Last Week’s Collections**

Not available due to early publishing deadline.

**Next Week’s Second Collection** is the monthly appeal for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your support of their holy work.

**Make Easter Offerings Online** During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account, credit card or debit card. It takes just a few minutes to setup a recurring giving plan. Visit [www.saintlaw.org/online-giving/](http://www.saintlaw.org/online-giving/) to get started. We thank you all and givers for supporting our mission!

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Owen Barnaby, Betty Canfield, Mary Jane Cofield, Ada Dominguez, Maria del Socorro Garduno, Bob Hall, Karen Manzanero, Miguel Huerta Ortiz, Gonzalo Restrepo and Carol Yoklic along with their families and caregivers.

To add or remove names, contact Alma Martinez, parish secretary, at 770.963.8992 x300 or email at amartinez@saintlaw.org. Unless we are told otherwise, names remain for one month.

**Pray For Our Men And Women in Uniform:** Scott Beebe, John Paul Brassell, Matthew Burke, Kildare Coradin, Brandon Crocker, Joseph Crocker, Nathan Crocker, Justin Ellis, Alejandro Giles, Nick Hardt, Ian Hill, Brian Hodgson, Mariana Lacuzong, Kevin Montgomery, Wesley Phillips, Adam Sanchez, Phillip Turner, Da’Maris Vanzandt and Graham Wellman.

If you have a son or daughter serving in the military and would like for his/her name to be placed on our prayer list, please contact Lori Crocker at thecrocker.ercrew@aol.com.

**The Parish Office** will be closed Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**No Confessions** are scheduled during the joyful Octave in which every day is Easter Sunday. Confessions will resume Saturday, April 14 at 3:30 p.m.

**Mass Intentions**

- **APR 1 SUN: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass: Gloria Veril
  - 8:00 a.m. Mass: Eva Bedziak
  - 10:00 a.m. Mass: Kevin Permaul *
  - 12:00 p.m. Mass: Charles Ijeli
  - 3:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish): Jose Angel Alonso *
  - 5:00 p.m. Mass: Madison Guzman *
  - Celebrated without incense

- **APR 2 MON: MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 a.m. Mass: Kathleen Byrne *

- **APR 3 TUES: TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 a.m. Mass: Elaine Sweeney *

- **APR 4 WED: WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 a.m. Mass: Miriam Maguire Myers *

- **APR 5 THU: THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 a.m. Mass: Peter Tha Nguyen *

- **APR 6 FRI: FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 a.m. Mass: John the Baptist Hien Nguyen *
  - 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 7:00 p.m. Mass (Sp): Emma Orihuela *

- **APR 7 SAT: SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**
  - 9:00 a.m. Mass: Elaine Charlson *
  - 3:30 p.m.: NO Confessions
  - 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass: Alberta Malone *
  - 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Spanish): Jose Portuhondo *

- **APR 8 SUN: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)**
  - 8:00 a.m. Mass: Benjamin Banez *
  - 10:00 a.m. Mass: Charles Henry Unger *
  - 12:00 p.m. Mass: Stephen Mulaney
  - 3:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish): Rosa Maria Theis *
  - 5:00 p.m. Mass: All People of the Parish

**This Week at a Glance**

- **Sun, Apr 1** Happy Easter!
- **Mon, Apr 2** Parish Office Closed
- **Tue, Apr 3**
  - 10:00 a.m Woman to Woman
  - 7:00 pm Haitian Support Meeting
  - 7:30 pm Coro (sp)
- **Wed, Apr 4** 7:00 pm Men’s Quest
- **Th, Apr 5**
  - 7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation Study
  - 7:00 pm Ladies of St. Lawrence Meeting
- **Fri, Apr 6**
  - 6:30 pm Young Families of Faith Social
  - 8:00 pm Escuela de la Cruz (sp)
- **Sat, Apr 7**
  - 9:30 am Haitian Ave Maria
  - 2:00 pm Livingston/Franco Wedding
  - 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group
  - 4:30 pm Apostoles de la Palabra (sp)
  - 6:00 pm Cursillo/Ultreya
  - 8:00 pm CRHP Hombres (sp)
  - 8:00pm CRHP Mujer (sp)
Adult Catholic Confirmation Adults (over 18) who were baptized Catholic but have not yet been confirmed are invited to consider participating in a special summertime preparation program that meets on Monday nights. Contact Diane Maguire to meet and discuss your situation at dmaguire@saintlaw.org.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Will be offered again on Sundays in June and July at the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses only. Adults or teens who have been confirmed are needed to help with this ministry contact Diane Maguire. You will need to pass a background check as well as attend Virtus training.

Woman to Woman Stay at home moms, retired women or those who are free on Tuesday mornings are invited to join this group that meets weekly to socialize and preview the upcoming Sunday readings. We meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon upstairs in Johnson Hall. Childcare is available upon request.

DeSales Spirituality Group Are you looking to deepen your relationship with Christ? This group reads and discusses the wisdom and writings of St. Francis De Sales in light of every day life situations. Fr. Joseph Mullakkara, MSFS facilitates our discussion and would welcome your presence on Monday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Divine Mercy Room.

NO CLASSES— no classes during Spring Break April 1-8.

Saturday Social— save the date for April 14th! All high schoolers welcome! Join us in the gym for games, friends, and food, 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Decision Point— Reminder: All students who will be Confirmed on May 6, should be signed up for the Retreat! See you for our next and LAST session on April 15th!

Youth Alpha– Your next and final session will be April 29th. There will be a parent meeting for all parents of those finishing Youth Alpha directly after our last meeting. Parents please plan to arrive at 7:00 p.m.

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Parish Verification Forms now being used by all archdiocesan Catholic Schools for admissions, and then again every year for tuition purposes, for all “active” Catholics. Please contact our Parish Office if you need to have a form sign by our pastor at 770.963.8992 x 300.
The Ladies of St. Lawrence will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in DeSales Hall. Bring your favorite cheese and wine. For more information call or email Kuky Wolf at 770.962.2293 or elsa51@juno.com.

Young Families of Faith! Families with young children (0-5th grade) - Come check out the St. Lawrence Young Families of Faith ministry. Our next Pot Luck Dinner meeting will be Friday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. in Cogswell Hall. This will be our Easter Celebration! Join us for some fun, food and fellowship!! For more information and/or to RSVP contact Julie Donlin julie.donlin@hotmail.com.

Cursillo Ultreya will meet Saturday, April 7 at 6:30pm. We will begin with a Potluck Dinner upstairs in Johnson Hall followed by our evening program. Join us if you would like information on attending a Cursillo retreat. For more information, contact Glenn & Fran Zipfel at g.zipfel@att.net or 770.822.9134.

St. Vincent De Paul Society Do you consider yourself a naturally caring, compassionate and giving person? If so, come and share your gifts with people in need by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested please come to our meeting on Monday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Room. Contact John Fletcher 770.330.6329 if you have any questions.

Widows Social Group will meet for a potluck lunch Tuesday, April 10 at 12:15 p.m. in Johnson Hall. For information contact Lynne Gormley at 770.963.7777 or Rose Mackin at 404.401.6028.

Cinnamon Coffee Cakes will be sold after each mass the weekend of April 14 and 15 for $5.00 each until supplies last, provided by the Ladies of St. Lawrence.

VIRTUS Protecting God’s Children session will be offered Saturday, April 14 in the De Sales Room from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Go to www.virtusonline.org, click on the Registration link on the left panel, click on “Begin the Registration process”, and finally select “Atlanta, GA (Archdiocese)” from the drop down menu. If you have questions, contact Tarcy Hernandez at thernandez@saintlaw.org.

The Welcoming Committee will meet Monday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Cogswell Hall. Come and see what this ministry does around the parish. We look forward on seeing you and can’t wait to meet you.

Family Promise Bed Race hosted by the Ladies of St. Lawrence. Come and support our Flying Nuns on Saturday, April 21 in downtown Lawrenceville starting at 9:00 a.m. We need your help for this great event. Come and support us.

SVDP Needs Enthusiastic Volunteers at the cash register and in the back room to help sort and price donations for sale. Consider donating your time and/or donations of unneeded household items in good condition. Store hours need to be extended therefore, more Volunteers are necessary. Store profit is given to our local SVdP Conference to help families in need. For further information or to volunteer call: Andrea Burman, Manager at 770.339.7997. Please come, visit the store at 455 Grayson Hwy and don’t forget to do a little shopping while you’re there!

Divine Mercy Group meets on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Church. Please join us in celebrating and spreading the message of Mercy. All are welcome. For more information please call Ethel at 678.376.9656.

Hymnal Dedications We still have bookplates available for our new hymnals. Donating one or more of these beautiful books used for our community’s worship is a wonderful way to memorialize/honor important people in your life or to celebrate significant milestones in your or someone else’s life (Birth, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Anniversary, Military Service, Sobriety, Graduation). The bookplate will be placed in the hymnal to make your dedication permanent. The donation amount is $20 per hymnal and donation envelopes are available in the Narthex, hallway literature rack, and Welcome Window. Thank you for your support.

Freezer Pans Ministry is a service project you can do in your own home. Contact Sister Louise at 678.240.3063 for more information.
CHWC- Campamento Católico del Corazón para jóvenes de high school: Este año el campamento será en Champaign, Illinois. La semana del 17-23 de Junio. [http://www.saintlaw.org/chwc-2018/]

Las inscripciones para Catequesis Comenzaran el 1 de Mayo hasta el 30 de Junio. El costo es de $80.00 por estudiante. Es importante saber que el proceso para primera comunión, y confirmación tiene una duración de 2 años. Las familias deben estar registradas activamente en la parroquia y recibir los sobres de ofertorio. La registración parroquial es el primer paso para el proceso de matrícula.

No tendremos confesiones durante (La Octava de Pascua) el segundo Domingo de Pascua Las confesiones regulares se-rán el 14 de Abril a las 3:30 p.m.

Confirmación: los estudiantes que serán confirmados el 6 de Mayo deben haberse inscrito para el retiro de confirma-ción! La próxima clase será el 15 de Abril.

Está pensando en un preescolar o Pre-Kínder para el próximo año escolar? puede comunicarse con la Sra. Wendy Guillory a su correo electrónico, Preschool@saintlaw.org. Las oficinas parroquiales estarán cerradas el Lunes de Pascua, reabriremos el Martes a las 9:00 a.m.

El Ministerio de Ujieres estará entregan-do a todos los que desean ser parte de este hermoso ministerio. Informes durante las misas de fin de semana o en la oficina del Ministerio hispano.

Bautizos del mes de Abril: Las clases para padres y padrinos serán el Martes 17 de Abril a las 6:30 p.m. y los bautizos será el 28 de Abril a las 12:00 p.m. Informes en ccorbin@saintlaw.org.

Uno de los salmos responsoriales recomendados en este glorioso domingo de pascua es el salmo 118, incluyendo el verso 24: “Este es el día que hizo el se-nor, día de alegría y de gozo”. En ver-da pascua es no más que alegría. Es el día de la Resurrección que nos da esperanza a todos nosotros.

A lo largo de nuestra diócesis hoy miles de personas que no asisten normalmente están en la Misa de hoy. Estudios recientes han demostrado que el 40 por ciento de los que no asisten regularmente no han asistido a Misa desde la Navidad.

Esa es otra razón para alegrarse y decir “Bienvenido a casa”. Te extrañamos y te amamos. El Amor de Cristo por nosotros es la base de nuestra celebración de hoy. San Agustín escribió una vez: «Dios ama a cada uno de nosotros como si fuera sólo uno de nosotros». Y pedimos las bendiciones de Dios para todos aquellos que han pasado nuestra increíble religión a ustedes. Claramente puedes recordar su devoción y honrarla.

Nuestra Iglesia Católica considera hoy el día más sagrado del año. Para nosotros como católicos se celebra uno de los días más grandes en la historia, cuando Jesús, el hijo de Dios, derrotó la muerte y se levantó de la tumba dándonos a todos nosotros la esperanza de vida eterna. El Papa San Juan Pablo II hizo lo mejor hace varios años atrás cuando proclamo, "No abandonemos nosotros mismos en la desesperación. Nosotros somos la gente de Pascua y Aleluya es nuestra canción".

Si! Alfa en Español muy pronto, aquí en Nuestra Parroquia, las inscripciones se rea-lizarán al final de las Misas en Español, o en la oficina del ministerio Hispano.

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