

AMERICAN MARTYRS



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY, HELPING ONE ANOTHER TO LIVE HOLY LIVES IN JESUS CHRIST.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 17, 2016

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Rev. Joseph Kammerer

Rev. Rick Prindle

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**BUSINESS MANAGER**

Bob Hodges



**WEEKEND MASS**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5PM

**Sunday:**

7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM and 5PM

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**Monday / Wednesday / Friday:**

8AM, 12:10PM and 5PM

**Tuesday / Thursday:**

6:30AM, 8AM, 12:10PM and 5PM

**Saturday:** 8AM

**HOLY DAY MASS**

**Vigil:** 5PM

**Holy Day:** 6:30AM, 8AM,

12:10PM, 5PM, and 7:30PM



**RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)**

**Tuesday:** 7AM-7:15AM

**Wednesday:** 5:30PM-6PM

**Thursday:** 7AM-7:15AM

**Friday:** 5:30PM-6PM

**Saturday:** 8:30AM-9AM

4PM-4:30PM

**Eves of Holy Days:** 4PM-4:30PM

**Confessions by request anytime;**

**call Rectory for appointment.**

624 15TH STREET  
MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266  
(310)545-5651

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## We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

### PARISH FACILITIES

#### RECTORY

624 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
310-545-5651 | fax 424-327-9703

Mailing Address:

PO Box 3639, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-1639

#### PARISH OFFICE and MEETING ROOMS

Mon-Fri, 9:00AM-5:00PM | Sunday, 8:30AM-11:30AM  
1400 Deegan Place, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
310-545-5651 | fax 424-327-9702

Temporary Parish Offices are on 15<sup>th</sup> Street between the Gym and the Parish House

**SS. BRIGID/BRENDAN** (closed for remodel)

**O'DONNELL HALL** (enter from O'Donnell parking lot, south east side of the building)

**ST. KATERI ROOM** (enter from Deegan Place)

**GYM** - 701 15<sup>th</sup> Street | 310-802-8720

Do not park on 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Use parking structure and crosswalk

**HOLY FAMILY HOUSE** - 700 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Do not park on 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

Use lower level entrance next to Gym

**PARISH HOUSE** - 659 15<sup>th</sup> Street

**SACRED HEART HOUSE** - 720 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Do not park on 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Park in O'Donnell or School lots and enter from schoolyard.

**SPIRITUALITY CENTER** - 770 17<sup>th</sup> Street

St. Joseph's Chapel, Meditation Garden

Upper Room Library (open Sunday, 10AM-4PM)

#### RESERVING A PARISH FACILITY

To reserve a parish facility for your ministry or group, contact [facilities@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:facilities@AmericanMartyrs.org), with the date and time of your event, number of people attending, purpose of the event, and the contact person's name, phone and email.

We will make every effort to reserve a space that will accommodate your needs.

We do not use our facilities for private parties.

#### Start your morning with The Minute Message



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Click the link at the top of our Homepage.

Follow Msgr. Barry on Twitter @msgrjohnbarry



#### NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

**SAT 5:00PM:** Fr. Paul Siebenand

**SUN 7:00AM:** Msgr. John Barry

**8:00AM:** Fr. Paul Siebenand

**9:30AM:** Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)

**11:30AM:** Fr. Joe Kammerer

**5:00PM:** Fr. Joe Kammerer

*This schedule is subject to change.*

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Please pray for the sick in our community that they may find comfort and healing in Christ, especially:*

Arlene Platten

Jacob Conde

Carissa Enright

John Sullivan

Elizabeth Holt Smith

Darrel Beatty

Pauline Madera

Lynette Marino

Michael D'Amico

Maria Helena Moniz

Kent Kirkpatrick

Kathy Rico Baichtal

Samantha Concetti

Paul & Sharron Schaffer

Jack Radville

Maria Babick

Wendy Leroy

Sergio Alvarado

Bill Slezak

#### DAILY PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

##### ADORATION / MEDITATION CHAPEL

Mon-Fri, 7:00AM-8:00PM

Saturday, 7:00AM-5:00PM

Sunday, 1:00PM-5:00PM

*Closed during regular Sunday Masses.*

CONTACT: Jim Quilliam

AdorationChapel@AmericanMartyrs.org

##### DAILY ROSARY:

Monday - Saturday, 7:30AM, in the Church

##### MORNING PRAYER:

Monday, following the 6:30AM Mass

##### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

(DEVOTION & BENEDICTION)

Tuesday following the 8:00AM Mass

##### ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

Wednesday following the 5:00PM Mass, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### ARMED FORCES

*We pray for those serving overseas in our Armed Forces, especially:*

Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.

CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army

LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy

Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.

Jonathan Concetti - U.S.M.C.

SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army

PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army

LCpl Fred Hoffman - U.S.M.C.

SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army

1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard

Matthew Murphy - U.S. Navy

SSgt Kyle Nesbitt - U.S.A.F.

Brendan Quinn - U.S. Navy

LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

#### IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Mann

Louis Todero

Julio Rodriguez

Michael McGowan

Margo Steeneken

Peter Sterling

*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

*Congratulations*

Thomas Wade and Sara Douzat

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptism for Infants** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1:00PM

Contact **Deacon Fred Rose**, 310-545-5651, for appointment.

Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required.

**Next class is Sunday, July 10.**

#### Adult Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist (RCIA)

**Deacon Derek & Terri Brown**, [RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults welcomes and prepares adults for full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Classes begin in September.

**Marriage** - Contact Rectory at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick** - Celebrated throughout the year. Call anytime in case of serious illness.

**Mass Intentions** - Request in person at the Parish Offices.

**Prayers for the Sick and Deceased** - Contact the Rectory with the names of family members who are ill or deceased.

#### Funeral Planning

Contact the Rectory to arrange Funeral or Memorial Services.

#### Bereavement Support

**Deacon Chris & Yvonne Amantea**

[camantea@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:camantea@AmericanMartyrs.org) | [yamantea@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:yamantea@AmericanMartyrs.org)

## CALENDAR, MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY, July 18

9:00AM HFH Monday Morning Starters  
7:00PM HFH Al-Anon

#### TUESDAY, July 19

5:30AM PH Men's AA Meeting  
3:30PM PH Legion of Mary  
7:00PM HFH Beginning Again  
7:00PM PH Stewardship Commission  
7:00PM SpC Bereavement Support Group  
7:30PM SHH Al-Anon  
7:30PM SpC Contemplative Prayer

#### WEDNESDAY, July 20

7:30PM PH Social Justice & Outreach Commission

#### THURSDAY, July 21

5:30AM PH Men's AA Meeting  
7:00PM PH Life and Family Ministry

#### FRIDAY, July 22

11:15AM SpC Silent Meditation  
12:00PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday's Blessings  
3:30PM SCH Irish Dance

**NOTE:** Dates and locations are subject to change without notice.  
Please check with the ministry to verify event.

#### FACILITIES:

BB-SS. Brigid/Brendan · BBP-SS. Brigid/Brendan Patio · CH-Church  
ChP-Church Patio · GYM-Gym · HFH-Holy Family House · ODH-O'Donnell Hall  
PH-Parish House · SpC-Spirituality Center · SpG-Spirituality Garden  
Spl-Spirituality Center Library · SCH-School · SHH-Sacred Heart House  
SJC-St. Joseph's Chapel · SK-St. Kateri · SKMR-St. Kateri Music Room

#### PLANNED GIVING

Do you have an appreciated asset that you would like to turn into income today, but you don't want to pay the capital gains taxes? You have options.

For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

### NEXT WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY, July 23

10:00AM HFH AA Women

#### SUNDAY, July 24

7:00AM ODH Coffee & Donuts  
10:00AM SpL Spiritual Library (*open until 4:00PM*)

### MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis

READINGS: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, and 23; Mt 12:38-42

8:00 Eugene A. O'Rourke † (Paddy & Barb Delepine)  
12:10 Edna Lawler † (Traci Britton)  
5:00 Richard Marino † (Bill, Jared & Cheryl Marino-Drews)

#### TUESDAY, July 19

READINGS: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

6:30 Jonathan Bisignano † (Adam & Lisa Besagno)  
8:00 Charles Van der Ahe † (Gunderman Family)  
12:10 Joey Valderas (Betty Nery)  
5:00 Margery E. Henderson † (Laura & Terri Thomas)

#### WEDNESDAY, July 20 - St. Apollinaris

READINGS: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15, and 17; Mt 13:1-9

8:00 Larry Beuder † (Cheryl & Brian Burdiak & Boys)  
12:10 Paul Ulibarri † (The Altar Society)  
5:00 Anthony Garcia † (Jeanne Keasler)

#### THURSDAY, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

READINGS: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

6:30 Thomas Reilly † (Mr. Mrs. Battaglini)  
8:00 Susan Wagniere † (Tom & Judy Vavrek)  
12:10 Darrell Boyd † (Richard Gros)  
5:00 Special Intention

#### FRIDAY, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

READINGS: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcc, 13; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

8:00 Tom Holt † (Pat Holt)  
12:10 Elaine Heil † (Anne & Ki Filek)  
5:00 Patrick Walker (Drewry Family)

#### SATURDAY, July 23 - St. Bridget

READINGS: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

8:00 Mary Gorman † (Jane Reitz)  
5:00 John Zivec † (Michael Zivec)

#### SUNDAY, July 24 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

7:00 Lilly Paetzold † (Robert E. Stenson & Kristin Callaghan)  
8:00 Nicholas Sorich † (Sorich Family)  
9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased  
11:30 Fred Vendrick † (11:30 Choir Members)  
5:00 Michael Scarano † (The O'Donnell Family)



## 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH FAIR SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

The 2016 Parish Fair is just around the corner!! Oct. 15-16.

We are seeking **Individual and Corporate Sponsorships** that will provide great advertising exposure - before, during, and after the fair. There are several sponsorship levels, and all contributions are tax deductible.

If you and/or your company are interested in helping to underwrite this cherished Parish tradition, please contact Dick Taw at 310-460-6900 or [rtaw@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:rtaw@americanmartyrs.org).

It might be summer vacation, but planning for this fall's **Parish Fair Live Auction** has already begun, and we're determined to make this the best year yet! As always our goal is to create amazing one-of-a-kind experiences that you and your friends can't resist. We're so excited to put these extraordinary packages together for you, but first we need YOUR help!

Do you or a friend/colleague or family member have connections or access to:

- A venue for a unique party
- Airline tickets or miles
- A vacation home or hotel accommodations
- Limo, luxury car or perhaps a bus
- A boat or yacht for an oceanic adventure
- Tickets to a Broadway play, filming of a hit TV show or access to the set of a blockbuster movie
- Tickets, boxes or VIP experiences at top entertainment or sports venues
- A winery or craft brewery
- A meet and greet with a professional athlete, famous actor or musician

If you think you can help us with any of these items or if you have other unique ideas and experiences to share, please let us know. There's no item too big or too small.

Thanks for your time. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Megan Acuna | [meganacuna13@gmail.com](mailto:meganacuna13@gmail.com) | 310.528.2193

Joy Hryniewicz | [joy.rillo@gmail.com](mailto:joy.rillo@gmail.com) | 310.809.5522



**COFFEE & DONUTS IN O'DONNELL HALL**

Youth Ministry will serve Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

**NEXT WEEK: Knights of Columbus** will serve Coffee and Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

*Start your morning with*  
**THE MINUTE MESSAGE**

*(You do not need a Facebook account to view the messages.)*



FOLLOW MSGR. BARRY  
**@msgrrjohnbarry**

*Join a Choir!*

We have a number of choirs, each with a different style. If you have a talent that you would like to share, please contact Music Director, Bill Svarda, to find the best place to use your gifts.



Bill Svarda, 310-640-8505 | wesvarda@socal.rr.com

**AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL**

**NORMAN'S UNIFORMS is on campus TODAY.**  
8:00AM - 2:00PM, St. Kateri

Norman's will have all uniform items plus backpacks and other school supplies and accessories.

You can get scrip for Norman's at the sale or Norman's will take credit cards on site.



**SUNDAY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2015-16**

Links to Sunday Preschool Registration are on the [AmericanMartyrs.org](http://AmericanMartyrs.org) website. Don't wait!

**Interested in working with our parish preschoolers?** Join us on Sunday mornings! Come rediscover the beauty of God's creation through the eyes of a child and make new friends along the way.

Thinking about it? Questions? Please contact us!  
Kristen Holleran, [SundayPreschool@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:SundayPreschool@AmericanMartyrs.org)

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS - CAREER BRIDGEBUILDERS**

- **RESUME AND YOU** - Grace Moniz  
**Monday, July 25 and Monday, August 1**  
9:00-11:30AM, ST. KATERI  
In a competitive job market, learn how to develop a compelling resume that showcases the essence of you and how to set yourself apart from the competition. This is a two part series.  
Bring your resume and your laptop, if available.
- **SUPPORT GROUP: SUCCESSES IN YOUR LIFE** - Jan Tribble  
**Friday, July 29, 10:00-11:00AM, Holy Family House**

**MONDAY MORNING STARTERS**

**10:00-11:30AM, in Holy Family House**  
Job Seekers - join this weekly career networking group and rev up the energy on your search.

Follow us by joining our group on LinkedIn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Andrea Connolly,  
[careerbridgebuilders@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:careerbridgebuilders@AmericanMartyrs.org)

**\$CRIP \$ENSE**

**Please be aware that Murad Spa is closing at the end of July - if you have Murad Gift cards, get there now and use your gift cards. Once the Spa closes, the cards are worthless.**

**Before you make travel reservations, check out these vendors:**

**DELTA AIRLINES AND SOUTHWEST AIRLINES**, online at 4%

**HYATT HOTELS AND RESORTS**, \$100 cards @ 9%

Make your reservations as usual and then use the gift cards at check out. The cards are also good at the hotel restaurants. For every dollar you spend these vendors give back to our schools and ministries

If you are renting a car through **AVIS** or **BUDGET**, please consider using scrip gift cards - both these companies give 8% for every dollar spent.

Just call the scrip desk and let us help make your summer travel a win-win for you and our parish ministries.

**The Scrip office is open all summer.**

**Mon-Thurs: 9 AM - 3 PM**  
**Friday: 9 AM - 12 NOON**  
**Sunday: 8:30AM - 11:30AM**

**SPECIAL ORDERS OR OTHER INFO:** Contact the Scrip office at 424-327-9608 | [Scrip@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:Scrip@AmericanMartyrs.org)

**STEWARDSHIP**

time  
talent  
treasure

Commission Chair: Jim LaVerda  
Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org

*Stewardship...* moving us closer to God

Hospitality is one of the five pillars of stewardship and the first reading and the Gospel this weekend highlight a particular part of hospitality that we may be overlooking.

In the First Reading from Genesis, Abraham is resting near the entrance of his tent when three strangers appear. We know who one of the three is since the passage opens with: *"The Lord appeared to Abraham."* Abraham is very welcoming but reading further into the passage we might realize that there is another kind of hospitality at work here. The first is obvious in that Abraham rushes to greet the visitors and he and Sarah do everything they can to make them feel welcomed and refreshed.

The second hospitality is more subtle and perhaps even more important. Abraham is also welcoming God into his life and into the life of his household. Hospitality certainly involves how we treat and deal with visitors and strangers in our lives, but it also has to do with being open and welcoming to the presence of God in our lives. We must always be prepared to welcome Him, just as Abraham was.

Our Gospel reading from Luke is also about hospitality. It's clear in this Gospel reading that the same two aspects of hospitality are at work here. There is the hospitality of Martha, the one who makes sure the Lord and His followers are welcomed, comforted, and provided with all they needed to refresh themselves. We may think that the Lord's response to Martha's comments diminishes her efforts to be welcoming. But Jesus wants Martha and us to know about the other side of hospitality; welcoming



Jesus and His teachings into our life is just as important, if not more so.

Like Martha we may focus our welcoming efforts on the physical hospitality to which we

are called as Disciples of Christ, the same hospitality that we offer as part of our parish lives. But we also need to be like Mary and be open to Him and just frequently *"sit at Jesus' feet."* While serving others as good stewards, we also need to recognize the importance of having a continued focus on Jesus as well. If we do not have that, like Martha, we will become frustrated and dissatisfied.

Please contact us, [Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org) with questions or comments on this article or about Stewardship.

Being a Christian isn't just following the commandments, but means being **IN CHRIST**, **THINKING** like him, **ACTING** like him, **LOVING** like him; it means letting him take possession of our lives and **CHANGE** them, **TRANSFORM** them, **FREE** them from the darkness of evil and sin.  
Pope Francis



*Pastoral Care*

**BEGINNING AGAIN**

Our group offers a welcoming and healing atmosphere for those experiencing separation or divorce.

The next meeting is **Tuesday, July 19**, from 7:00 - 9:00PM in the Holy Family House. The topic is "Self-worth."

For more information call Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Deacon Dick & Patti Williams, 310-545-8244

**"Are you anxious and worried about many things?"**

Like Martha in today's gospel, are you overwhelmed by burdens in your life? Everyone experiences times when the busyness and problems of life seem to be more than we can bear. Are you feeling overwhelmed, or anxious, or worried?

A Stephen Minister can help. Let a Stephen Minister accompany you on your journey to healing. We'll be there for you for as long as it takes. You only need to find an hour a week to talk about whatever is on your mind.

Call the confidential Stephen Ministry phone line at **310-545-8244**. Deacon Dick and Patti Williams will meet with you to explore whether a Stephen Minister may be a good fit for you.

**CARE NOTES CAN HELP YOU COPE**

Check out the Care Note rack in the Church vestibule. There are many topics that change frequently.

*Enriching Your Life Through Gratitude*  
*Facing the Fear of a Loved One's Death*

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.

*If you want to become more involved at American Martyrs, contact Jenny Attanasio at 310-545-5651.*



**SJ&O**

together we can do more

Commission Chair: Jim Kaltsas  
SJ0@AmericanMartyrs.org

**MATTHEW 25 SUPPORTS THE CATHOLIC WORKER**

The Los Angeles Catholic Worker (LACW) was founded in 1970 to serve the poor and homeless on LA's Skid Row.

**When do we go?**

Six volunteers from American Martyrs go to Catholic Worker twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

**What do we do?**

We help prepare and serve a midday meal from 9:30AM-12 NOON. We do what the core team asks us to do: cutting and chopping food, buttering bread and/or bagels, working the food line, after meal clean-up and other tasks as assigned. Our work day runs from 7:00AM - 1:00PM which includes a one-hour round trip drive to the "Hippie" Kitchen in downtown Los Angeles. We coordinate with each other to carpool, as parking is limited.

**How can I be one of the six American Martyrs parishioners who go to the Catholic Worker?**

A roster of those who regularly support this Matthew 25 Ministry is maintained. Usually, ten days or so before our next scheduled day, those on our roster are asked, "Who wants to go this time?" If you would like to go, contact the coordinators listed below and we will attempt to place you on a future team.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Be on time, commit for the whole day's work, wear clothes that you don't mind getting food stained, and a hat (gloves are provided). You have one optional break to sit and eat the meal that is being served. Above all, treat our customers with dignity, respect, and a smile. You must be at least 16 years, or older. You also must be part of the American Martyrs team of six previously identified.

**Coordinators**

Sam Dumond, dsdumond@verizon.net, 310-376-3599

Paul Jacoby, pgjacob2@verizon.net, 310-507-4405

**The following items are needed on an ongoing basis** and can be dropped off at the Parish Center offices.

- Shampoo & conditioner (all sizes)
- Bar soap / liquid hand soap
- Body lotion
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (all sizes, all brands)
- Containers for food (16 oz. or larger)

For more information visit [www.lacatholicworker.org](http://www.lacatholicworker.org)



**M25 OUTREACH - SATURDAY BLESSINGS**

We go every Saturday at 5:00AM to Our Lady Queen of Angels, La Placita Olvera in downtown LA to feed 100 lunches to the homeless.

The homeless sleep all around the church and behind it, lining both sides of Spring Street.

**We are in desperate need of:**

- Sneakers • Jeans • T-shirts (especially 2XL and 3XL)
- Blankets • Sleeping Bags
- Jackets • Sweatshirts • Shoes • Socks

Donations can be left on the porch at 625 17<sup>th</sup> Street, MB.

**LIFE & FAMILY MINISTRY (FKA RESPECT LIFE)**

**Death Penalty Initiatives Certified for November Ballot**

"The initiative to eliminate the use of California's death penalty law has officially qualified for this November's ballot. The measure to revoke capital punishment in the state collected almost 405,000 signatures – well above the 365,000 verifiable signatures required for certification.

California, the most populous state in the country, has the largest population of death row inmates. Repealing the law would change the death sentences of almost 750 convicted inmates to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In a study published in the Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review, Judge Arthur L. Alarcon concluded that since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1978, 'taxpayers have spent roughly \$4 billion to fund a dysfunctional death penalty system that has carried out no more than 13 executions.'

Catholic Bishops have been very vocal in the past of their support for measures abolishing the use of capital punishment, declaring that state-sanctioned killing diminishes us all and the application of capital punishment is flawed and inconsistent. The Bishops have actively campaigned to support similar measures, establishing *The Catholic Campaign to End the Use of The Death Penalty*. The Catholic Mobilizing Network's Mercy In Action Project seeks to promote clemency for those facing imminent execution.

A competing measure that would require inmates to be executed after ten years on death row has also been certified for November's election. The initiative collecting the most votes on November 8 will go on to become law. Keep an eye out for the California Catholic Conference's (CCC) upcoming coverage of all initiatives that will appear on the ballot, including those that the California Bishops will formally endorse or oppose.

For more information on California's death penalty law, visit the CCC website at [www.cacatholic.org/death-penalty](http://www.cacatholic.org/death-penalty)

*Catholic Legislative Network*

**Care at the End of Life**

**Please continue to pray for those at the end of life:**

*O God, source of all life and hope, look kindly on our brothers and sisters facing the end of their lives, fill them with the hope of your mercy and give them peace and comfort. We pray for our citizens to choose life and fight against assisted suicide. Lord, move our hearts to work for life and for the protection of the elderly, the sick and the disabled. Renew our commitment to building a community where every human life is welcomed and wanted, valued and defended, from conception to natural death. We ask this through the intercession of St. John Paul II. Amen.*

For information about LIFE AND FAMILY MINISTRY, contact Steve Perry, 818-800-5653|[LifeandFamily@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:LifeandFamily@AmericanMartyrs.org)

**"May this Year of Mercy be the one campaign in 2016 that makes a difference for the least of our brothers and sisters."**

## FAITH FORMATION

### NEWLY BAPTIZED AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

We welcome the new members of our Catholic Community.

Beckett Odin Bailey	Knox Paul Bialaszewski
Derek Hiromi Blaire	Ilyana Eris DuBois
Cameran Celia Flores	Benjamin Patrick Kearney
Cullen Kai Lund	William Vincent O'Connor
Lilliana Jade Perkins	Garrett Michael Schott, II
Asher Christopher Slominsky	George Joseph Smith IV
Noah Alexander Trapp	

### Looking for a spiritual book to help you on your faith journey?

Visit our "UPPER ROOM" Library or Book Table; then spend some quiet time in our beautiful Mediation Garden.



**Spirituality Center  
and  
Meditation Garden**  
770 17th Street

CONTACTS:  
**Anna, 310-374-0863**  
**Millie, 310-938-3125**

### INFORMATION MEETING FOR MEN INTERESTED IN THE PERMANENT DIACONATE SUNDAY JULY 24, 2:00-4:00PM

The Diaconate Formation Office will be hosting an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be present:  
*to explain the role of the deacon in the Church,*  
*to explain the Diaconate Formation Program,*  
*to answer any questions that participants might have.*

Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the formation program. It is important for men who are married to attend with their wives.

The next information meeting will be  
**Sunday, July 24, 2:00-4:00PM**  
St. Raphael Church

5444 Hollister Ave. Santa Barbara, CA 93111

For further information, contact:  
Mrs. Claudia Ortiz, Diaconate Formation Office,  
213-637-7383 or CA0rtiz@la-archdiocese.org

***If you want to be first  
make yourself servant of all.***  
(Mt. 20:27)

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER



Every Tuesday evening, 7:30 - 8:30PM  
St. Joseph's Chapel in the Spirituality Center

**"If you'd stop rushing 'round and 'round,  
you'd find God as your ground."**

*The Cherubic Wanderer,  
Bd. Angelus Silesius 16th c*

The spiritual life is like a journey, an unending one to eternal life. Along the way we have need of a resting place. Our resting place is in God through prayer. Our rest is God's delight. God's delight is our blessing.

Please join us in prayer. We begin with a brief reading from one of the saints or mystics of the Church, followed by two 20 minute periods of silent prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer.

*Newcomers are always welcome.*

Join us once, often or always, for the Love of it!

For information, call Donna Ennis 310-941-1349

**"Contemplative prayer is the simplest expression  
of the mystery of prayer."**

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church (N 2713)*

### FAITH ENRICHMENT & PRAYER GROUPS

*When we pray, we join a steady stream of prayer that began more than 2,000 years ago. With our world around us constantly in a state of flux, there is a special grace in knowing there is a place that is sacred and unchanging, a place where we can go to be renewed in the love that is ours by way of God's grace.*

**We all have gifts differing. There are many pathways to prayer.**

#### BIBLE STUDIES

**Sunday's Readings In Context (On Summer Break)**

CONTACT: John D'Isacco, 310-546-1302

**Tuesday Morning Scripture Group (On Summer Break)**

CONTACT: Alvin Fletcher, 310-379-5241

**Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe (On Summer Break)**

Wednesday, 10:00-11:30AM

#### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:

Tuesday, 7:30-8:30PM, in the Spirituality Center Chapel  
(Please use Pacific Ave. entrance.)

CONTACT: Donna Ennis, 310-941-1349

**MONDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING (On Summer Break)**

CONTACT: Joanne Dispoto, jodispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

#### MONDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00-8:30PM in the Spirituality Center  
*Evening Prayer, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet*

CONTACT: Cheryl Schlicht, Cheryl.Schlicht1@gmail.com | 310-456-7236

#### PEACE MEDITATION (On Summer Break)

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM

CONTACT: Beverly Busby, 310-376-2056

#### SILENT MEDITATION

Friday, 11:15-12:00NOON, in the Spirituality Center Chapel  
(Please use Pacific Ave. entrance.)

CONTACT: Beverly Busby, 310-376-2056

#### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

CONTACT: Jenny Attanasio for referral, 310-545-5651

#### SPIRITUAL LIBRARY (The Upper Room)

Open Sunday, 10:00AM-4:00PM, in the Spirituality Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

CONTACT: Anna, 310-374-0863 or Millie, 310-938-3125



**AMERICAN MARTYRS YOUTH MINISTRY**

**REGISTRATION FOR 2016-17 CONFIRMATION IS OPEN**

Registration for Year 1 Confirmation and Re-registration for Year 2 Confirmation is online. See the links from the Confirmation page on our website.



Attention all high school teens! Don't miss an amazing retreat experience this Summer.

This is a weekend filled with inspiring speakers, worship, prayer, and Mass, all in the company of thousands of other teenagers from across the country - it's truly a life changing experience and all high school aged teens are invited to join AMYM Life Teen on this weekend!

**City of Saints Conference, Friday-Sunday, August 5 - 7**  
University of California, Los Angeles  
*Hosted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles*

**Space is VERY limited.** First come, first serve. We will carpool to and from the retreat. To register your teen, find the link on our website under Youth Ministry or Confirmation

**SUMMER TEEN TUESDAYS begin in August!**

Find us on Facebook at American-Martyrs YM

CONTACTS: Monica Leon, mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org or Rachel Brown, rbrown@AmericanMartyrs.org

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

**Constant vigilance goes a long way to protect your children from predators**

So much of our society operates on blind trust, and that trust can sometimes lead parents to make the wrong choices when it comes to the safety of their children. Far too many predators and abusers hide behind the well-known and trusted adults.

Parents should be vigilant when introducing anyone into their children's lives, and should not ignore any red flags or suspicious behavior. It's better to investigate than to misplace your trust at the expense of your child's safety.

For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "An Ounce of Healthy Suspicion is Worth a Pound of Prevention," contact jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or 213-637-7227.

For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

**FAMILIES IN FAITH**

SRE is our afterschool Religious Education Program for Grades 1-8, and registration is available online through our Families in Faith tab on our website.

Parents new to the SRE program are required to attend an **SRE New Parent Orientation** on one of the following dates:

- Sunday, August 28, 7:30-9:00PM
- Wednesday August 31, 7:30-9:00PM
- Tuesday, September 6, 9:30-11:00AM

The **First Communion Parent Meeting** is for parents of the First Communion Class of 2017. Please calendar one of the following dates to attend this important meeting:

- Sunday, August 28, 6:30-7:30PM
- Wednesday August 31, 6:30-7:30PM
- Tuesday, September 6, 8:30-9:30AM



All Orientation Meetings will be in the St. Kateri Room.

**Thinking of teaching in our SRE program?**



Our "teachers" are catechists - ministers who follow the call of Jesus to bring the Good News to others. We would love to have you join our team!

"In the heart of the catechist, there always lives a 'systolic-diastolic' movement: Union with Jesus, encounter with the other. If one of these two movements is no longer beating, then you do not live."

**Follow the beat of your heart - follow Christ. A great joy awaits you in this ministry!**

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Patti Williams, 310-546-4734  
pwilliams@AmericanMartyrs.org

Faith-based books for kids are for reading both inside the Cry Room and in the Church. Please return the books to the cart at the end of Mass.

Book donations are being accepted; drop them off at the Parish Office; books with themes other than faith will be donated to St. Lawrence of Brindisi.

CONTACT: Mary Hornickel, 310-466-3820

## CONTACT INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

310-546-4734  
1701 Laurel Ave M.B., CA 90266-4805

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310-545-8559 | fax 310-546-7219  
1701 Laurel Ave M.B., CA 90266-4805

PRINCIPAL, <i>Camryn Friel, Ed.D.</i>	AMS@AmericanMartyrs.org
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### AMERICAN MARTYRS PRESCHOOL

310-802-8149  
1705 Laurel Ave M.B., CA 90266-4805

DIRECTOR, <i>Mara Zepeda</i>	mzepeda@AmericanMartyrs.org
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A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER is available for Sunday 5:00PM Mass, weddings, and funerals. Please call Gigi 310-528-9024

CASA DE LOS ANGELITOS Maternity Home, 310-325-8208

24 HOUR Pregnancy Helpline, 310-787-HELP

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING LINE  
800-355-2545

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY, Suzanne Healy, 213-637-7650

### SUNDAY 9:30AM MASS is shown LIVE each week



Click this button on our website, [www.AmericanMartyrs.org](http://www.AmericanMartyrs.org) and watch Mass as it happens, or anytime after that.

### AMC Apparel Now Available!

Check out the caps and polos at [www.Store.AmericanMartyrs.org](http://www.Store.AmericanMartyrs.org)

Items are delivered (*no shipping*) to the Parish Office about two weeks after placing your online order.

Questions? Vanessa Reyes Smith, 310-748-0873



### WHERE IS THE PARISH OFFICE?

- Our Welcome Center offices and staff and the Scrip Office have relocated to the trailer on 15<sup>th</sup> Street between the Gym and the Parish House.
- Deacon Fred's office is in the Parish House.

### O'DONNELL HALL IS OPEN

- However, the entrance is through the south east doors located behind the kitchen.

### THERE ARE CHANGES TO THE PARKING LOT

- 15<sup>th</sup> Street is now ENTRY ONLY to the parking lot.
- Laurel Avenue stays as entry/exit
- You may also use the exit ramp behind O'Donnell

*We know this construction comes with temporary disruptions and inconveniences; our goal is improving our facilities for the long term. Thank you for your extra patience and understanding.*

## GYM, FIELD & ATHLETICS

Lou Ann Selsky, 424-327-9578 | [lselsky@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:lselsky@AmericanMartyrs.org)

**GYM & FIELD RESERVATIONS:** Contact Pat Breen, Gym Committee Chair, [Gym@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:Gym@AmericanMartyrs.org)

### MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Anyone interested in joining the Monday and Wednesday night Men's Basketball League at American Martyrs Gym, please sign up at [www.amsmensleague.com](http://www.amsmensleague.com)

**SENIORS EXERCISE** - Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:00AM

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL** - Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00-10:00AM

All players welcome, from beginners to advanced.

Tuesdays are instructional and Thursdays are free play.

Rocky Wade, [rockyvball1@hotmail.com](mailto:rockyvball1@hotmail.com)

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COED VOLLEYBALL** - Tuesday, 8:00-10:00PM

Intermediate skill levels and recreational play.

John Wargnier, 310-796-1058 | [johnwargnier@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:johnwargnier@AmericanMartyrs.org)

### GYM CONTACT:

Lou Ann Selsky, 424-327-9578 | [lselsky@AmericanMartyrs.org](mailto:lselsky@AmericanMartyrs.org)

## Summer Fun For Everyone at American Martyrs

CAMP IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!



The fun starts June 13th - August 19th  
Ages 5-12

Everyone is invited to join in the FUN at the summer long sports camps held every week at American Martyrs. The only skill required is how to have fun! We will be having fun with games that every kid loves to play all day long, Whiffle ball, Kickball, Capture the Flag, water games and lots of creative games to keep your child having fun all day long. Extended care and lunch available.

Fun Directors: Andrew Zahn and Scott McGarry

Fun Week 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - \$240

Drop-In/Hourly rate \$10 an hour

Register online at: [americanmartyrs.org](http://americanmartyrs.org)

More info: 424-327-9578 or [lselsky@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:lselsky@americanmartyrs.org)

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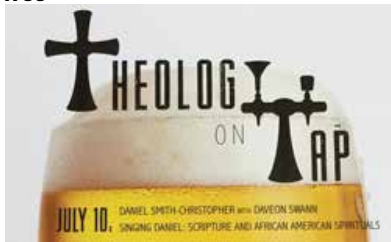
## BEYOND OUR PARISH

### THEOLOGY ON TAP - Sundays, July 17, 24 and 31

Doors open at 6:30PM and the event begins at 7:00PM

Admission, food and drinks are free

Young Adults ages 18-39 are invited to an exciting summer event hosted by St. Mark Church in Venice. Theology on Tap is a 4-week speaker series organized by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



This incredible opportunity brings together young adults from across the city and provides opportunities to listen to and learn from renowned speakers, and to dialogue with others in areas relevant to them.

St. Mark's Church, 940 Coeur D'Alene Ave, Venice  
Find more info at [Facebook.com/SaintMarkYAM](https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarkYAM)

### OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE: SEPARATED, DIVORCED & WIDOWED MINISTRY

"47 Tips and Techniques for Healing After Loss"

Saturday, July 30, 9:30AM - 4:00PM

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

The day includes a Tour of the Cathedral, Mass, Lunch & Workshop. Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Jim Gehl. The workshop, presented by Lorraine Watkins MFT, will explore self, social & spiritual aspects of the journey that no one willingly embarks upon, but that often leads us to know and love ourselves and our God in deeper ways than we've imagined.

Cost is \$25; RSVP by Monday, July 25.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION at: <http://archla.org/healing> or contact Julie Auzenne, 213-637-7249 | [jmonell@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jmonell@la-archdiocese.org)

### PREGNANCY HELP CENTER - Part-time Staff Position

The Center has a job opening for a Development Manager to coordinate all aspects of foundation funding and individual donor cultivation as well as assist with all fundraising events.

If interested, send your resume to [agross@phctorraine.org](mailto:agross@phctorraine.org).

### PREGNANCY HELP CENTER 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Pregnancy Help Center will be hosting a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in August for any and all individuals who have worked or volunteered at the Center.



We are gathering current contact information (name, address, phone & email) for invitations. Please email your information to [cmartin@phctorraine.org](mailto:cmartin@phctorraine.org) or call 310-320-8976 with this information (*Please don't assume we already have it*).

We look forward to celebrating with all of you!

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - August 5-7



Pope Francis calls us to find the Joy of Love in our family life every day. A marriage Encounter Weekend can help!

This Summer give your marriage the love and attention it deserves! Presentation made by married couples and a priest teach valuable communication tools creating more intimacy and romance.

Weekends take place in a local hotel and all sharing is private with your spouse. Sign-ups encouraged by **July 5** to reserve a spot.

INFO AND REGISTRATION:

[www.ilovemypouse.net](http://www.ilovemypouse.net) | 424-777-WWME.

## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE IS NEXT WEEKEND

One-pound bags of beans and rice continue to be staple foods that go a long way in the St. Lawrence community, as are these other items:

**Cereal**

**Rice**

**Spaghetti/pasta**

**Canned meats**

**Soups**

**Oatmeal**

**Beans**

**Spaghetti sauce**

**Canned fruit**

**Tuna**

**Instant Oatmeal**

**Lentils**

**Mac 'n' cheese**

**Instant mashed potato mix**

**Peanut butter/jam**

Your Sunday newspaper inserts and coupons can also help our friends at St. Lawrence save hundreds of dollars each week on purchases.

Bring the coupons you receive in the mail or newspaper to the Food Drive table.



EXPANDING WELCOME



EMBRACING COMMUNITY

### **WE ALL CAN HELP**

Monsignor Barry asks all of us to give to the campaign after prayerfully reflecting on God's blessings:

**MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT** by check, by Faith Direct electronically, or by donation of securities.

**MAKE A PLEDGE** using the campaign pledge form provided in the pews and in the campaign brochure or available at the Parish Office. Pledge payments may be made over two years by check or automatically through Faith Direct.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISH** if a financial contribution is not possible. And please pray for the success of our Campaign as we work to expand our welcoming spirit and embrace our mission to be the community of faith God calls us to be.