

AMERICAN MARTYRS



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2017

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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

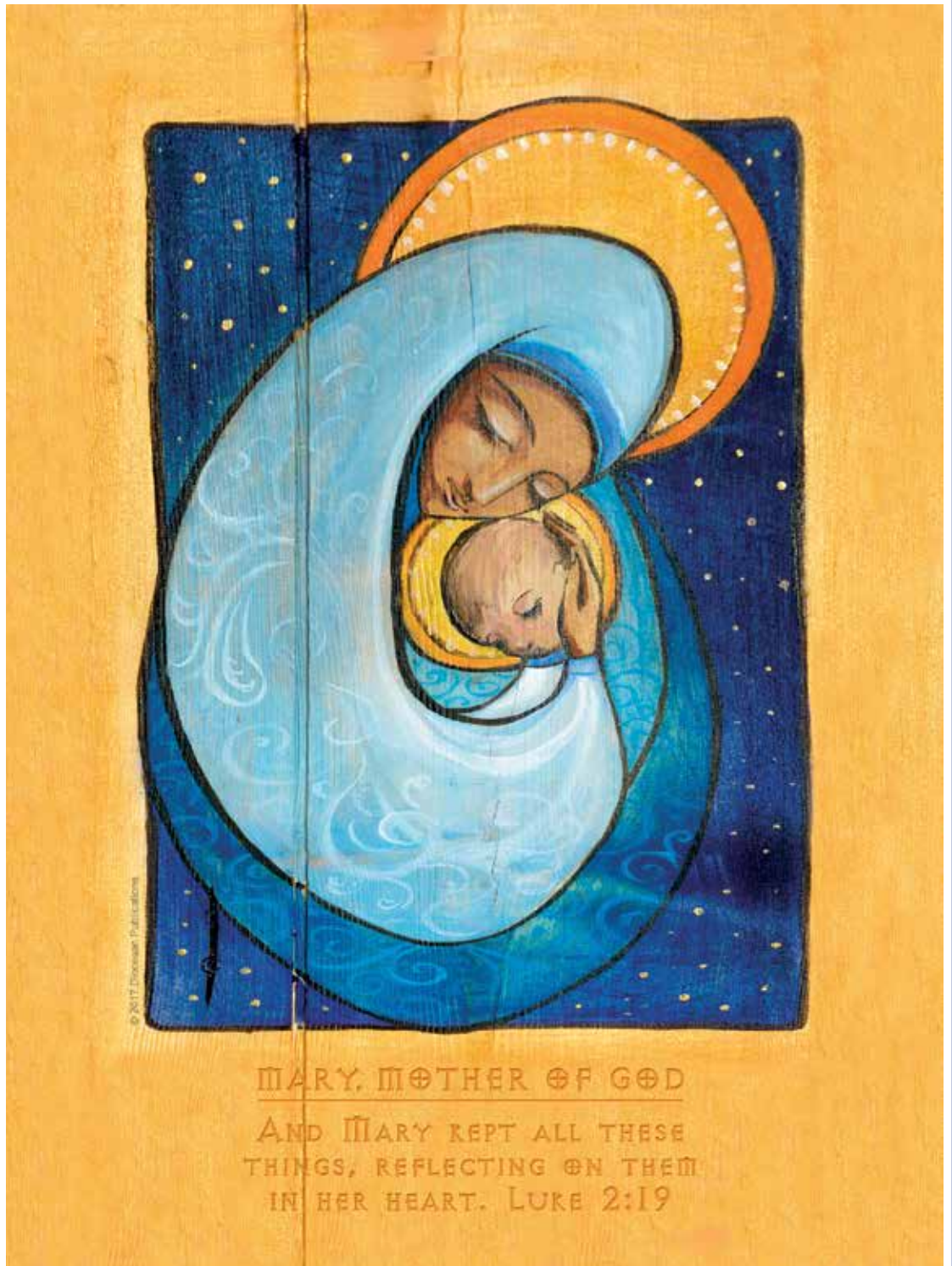
Saturday: 8:30AM-9AM

4PM-4:30PM

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

Confessions by request anytime;
call Rectory for appointment.

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We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

PARISH FACILITIES

RECTORY

624 15th 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 15th 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 15th Street | 310-802-8720

Do not park on 15th Street.

Use parking structure and crosswalk.

HOLY FAMILY HOUSE - 700 17th Street

Do not park on 17th Street.

Use lower level entrance next to Gym.

PARISH HOUSE - 659 15th Street

SACRED HEART HOUSE - 720 18th Street

Do not park on 18th Street. Park in O'Donnell or school lots and enter from schoolyard.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER - 770 17th 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, 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



Find us on Facebook

Click the link at the top of our Homepage.

Follow Msgr. Barry on Twitter @msgrjohnbarry



NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

SAT 5:00PM: Fr. Tom Kelly

SUN 7:00AM: Msgr. John Barry

8:00AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer

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:

Gert Shoemaker

Kathy West

Jacob Conde

Elizabeth Holt Smith

Maria Babick Larson

Shellie Schmitt

Kathy O'Mara

Sophia Burch

Marylee Jarrett

Jake Ruhl

Paul Schaffer

Jack Radville

Wendy Leroy

John Wigle

John Houff

Frank Nicksic

IN MEMORIAM

Fran Houterman

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

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations

Brad Ehring and Jillian Castillo

Third Banns:

Julio Santos and Gabriella Pruitt

DAILY PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Saturday, 7:00AM-5:00PM

Sunday, 1:00PM-5:00PM

Closed during regular Sunday Masses.

CONTACT: AdorationChapel@AmericanMartyrs.org

DAILY ROSARY:

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

MORNING PRAYER:

Tuesday, 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

CDR Mike McIlroy Mullen - U.S. Navy

Brendan Quinn - U.S. Navy

LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

Assistive Listening Devices



Headphones are available for 9:30AM & 11:30AM Sunday Mass.

If you have trouble hearing at Mass, check one out in the vestibule, and return the device after Mass.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism for Infants - 1st, 2nd & 3rd 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, January 8.

Adult Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist (RCIA)

Deacon Derek & Terri Brown, 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 at various times 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 | yamantea@AmericanMartyrs.org

CALENDAR, MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, January 2

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00PM HFH Al-Anon Meeting

TUESDAY, January 3

5:30AM PH Men's AA Meeting
 8:45AM ODK Senior Fellowship - Sandwich Making
 9:15AM SpC Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
 10:00AM SK Senior Fellowship Group
 3:30PM PH Legion of Mary
 7:00PM HFH Beginning Again
 7:00PM ODH Virtus Training "Protecting God's Children"
 7:00PM SCH Women's AA Meeting
 7:30PM SHH Al-Anon Meeting
 7:30PM SpC Contemplative Prayer

WEDNESDAY, January 4

5:00PM ODH Happy Holy Hour Dance
 7:00PM ODH Virtus Recertification "Keeping the Promise Alive"
 7:30PM SK RCIA

THURSDAY, January 5

5:30AM PH Men's AA Meeting
 10:00AM SK Senior Exercise

FRIDAY, January 6

11:15AM SpC Silent Meditation
 3:00PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday's Blessings

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

FACILITIES:

BBP-SS. Brigid/Brendan Patio · CH-Church · ChP-Church Patio · GYM-Gym ·
 HFH-Holy Family House · ODH-O'Donnell Hall · ODK-O'Donnell Kitchen
 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

Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need!

By naming American Martyrs as beneficiary, you provide lasting financial support and possibly qualify for tax benefits as well. For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, January 7

10:00AM HFH AA Women's Meeting
 7:30PM SCH AA Meeting

SUNDAY, January 8

7:00AM ODH Pancake Breakfast
 10:00AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00PM)
 10:45AM SCH Sunday SRE
 1:00PM PH Alzheimer's Support Group
 3:30PM ODH Year 1 Confirmation
 7:00PM SK Infant Baptism Preparation Class

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

READINGS: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

8:00 Christmas Novena
 12:10 Alexander Domnikov † (Victor Domnikov)
 5:00 Fefe Heres † (Mercedes Leon)

TUESDAY, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

READINGS: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

6:30 Lynn Kiernan †
 8:00 Eleanor Bienlein † (The Busby Family)
 12:10 Elaine Scholz † (Joe Scholz & Family)
 5:00 Mary D'Annibale † (Chris Lepold)

WEDNESDAY, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

READINGS: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

8:00 Marie & Diego Zampera † (Aurora Hanlon)
 12:10 Ramona Clinton † (LouAnne & Rick de la Sota)
 5:00 Joseph Licciardone † (Mari & Peter Bellas)

THURSDAY, January 5 - St. John Neumann

READINGS: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

6:30 Zachary Kiernan †
 8:00 Del Reis † (The Altar Society)
 12:10 Jim Watson † (Ann & Anthony Jones)
 5:00 Special Intention

FRIDAY, January 6 - St. André Bessette

READINGS: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

8:00 Lillian Paetzold † (The Novokmet Family)
 12:10 Ray Borrelli † (Bob & Mary Sikonia & Family)
 5:00 Christine Dinger † (Shirley & Bob Eshbaugh)

SATURDAY, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

READINGS: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; Jn 2:1-11

8:00 Lois Russell † (The Shalvoy Family)
 5:00 Reva 'Dr. Winkler' Heiberger † (Judith Endler)

SUNDAY, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

READINGS: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7:00 Dolores Lopez † (Nan & Jon Rager)
 8:00 Bernice Uttrich † (Chris & Rose Lepold)
 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
 11:30 Joe Tonne † (Millie Garretson)
 5:00 Seamus Patrick Meehan † (Eileen & Michael Fiore)

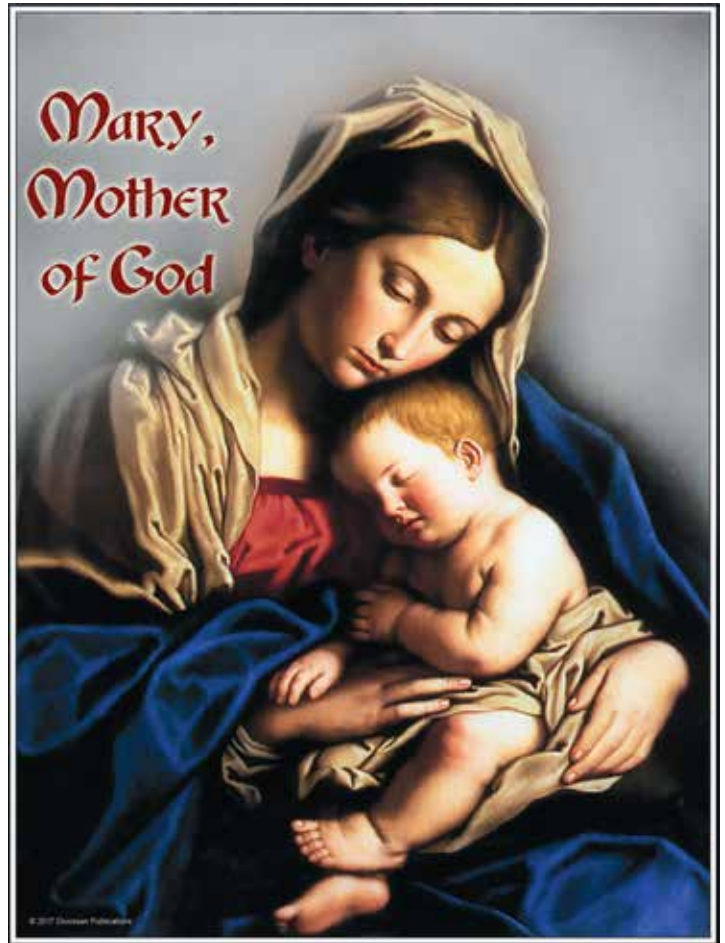
YEAR-END PLANNING

As 2016 comes to an end, we naturally reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to American Martyrs Church. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits provide an added incentive to make a gift at the year's end. A gift can also help support American Martyrs for years to come.

There are many different ways of contributing a gift. However, a few of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are: by cash donation, electronic donation through Faith Direct (www.faithdirect.net) and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to American Martyrs, contact:

BOB HODGES, PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER
310-545-5651 | bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org



IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

In this holiday season, as we celebrate Christ's birth, you may be looking for a way to make a big difference to help further the mission of our parish. If you are 70½ or older you may also be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue our work and get a tax benefit this year.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover:

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to our Church
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help further the work and mission of our Church

How an IRA charitable rollover gift works:

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to us.
- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to our Church to help continue our important work.
- Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
- Please contact Bob Hodges if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

The Planned Giving Office of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (213-637-7504) can answer any questions you may have about IRA Charitable Rollover Gifts and Planned Giving.

As we celebrate Christmas, searching for those perfect gifts for family and friends, why not consider a gift to our own parish family. You can make a year-end charitable contribution by check or through Faith Direct. By signing up and giving through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA308.

Already using FaithDirect? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account and to update your giving for the New Year!

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!
Happy Advent and God bless!

2016 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

As we approach the end of the year, please remember that in order to receive credit as 2015 charitable contributions, year-end donations must be **received no later than December 31, 2016.**

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

HISTORICAL MINISTRY:

Stained glass window tours of the Church, upon request.
Contact Rita Hanretty at 310-545-5651.

No Coffee & Donuts

NO COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY due to the New Year's holiday.

NEXT WEEK: PANCAKE BREAKFAST MINISTRY is serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee in O'Donnell Hall after the 7:00, 8:00, and 9:30AM Masses.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

New Year's Weekend

All Parish Offices are closed today, and will reopen at 9:00AM on Tuesday, January 3.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our monthly potluck is **Tuesday, January 3** at 11:30AM in the St. Kateri Room. Please bring a dish to feed 6 to 8 people.

Before the gathering, we will be making sandwiches for St. Lawrence at 8:45AM in the O'Donnell kitchen. Diane Dumond and Ann Jund are in charge of sandwiches. Call Diane at 310-376-3599 if you have questions.

Games will be at 10:00AM, after sandwich making. We love to see new faces. and make new friends.

QUESTIONS? Call Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Please join the Altar Society for our first meeting of 2017 on **Thursday, January 12**, at 9:00AM in St. Kateri. Doors open after 8:00AM Mass for a continental breakfast, a little coffee, followed by a short meeting, and then our guest speaker.

We'll have a really interesting speaker from South Bay Botanical Gardens who will tell us all about the Gardens, how they started, where they're going, what it involves, and what is available to us. I think you'll really enjoy this presentation. They'll be a Q & A after too.

We'll let you know how we did with our luncheon, the boutique and the raffle. As always, your support is much appreciated. See you there.

MINISTRY CONTACT: Dorothy Higi, 310-545-2016

2017 RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS

are available in the vestibule of the church.

Suggested donation is \$3⁰⁰.

Please place your donation in the "Poor Box."



Are you interested in having your child attend American Martyrs School for the 2017 – 2018 school year?

Please join us for the following events:

TK-8 Information Night

Join us for this informative meeting for a presentation from our principal, Camryn Friel, followed by a Q&A. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the overall school program.

TK-8 Information Night
January 18, 2017 @ 7:00PM

Meet the Mustangs (Prospective Families) – RSVP Online!

This is a great opportunity to view the school in action. Starting at 8:45AM, parents are given schoolwide tours led by our 8th Grade Leadership Team. Administrators, as well as current students and parents, will be available to discuss our programs and answer your questions.

Wednesday, January 25 - Friday, March 31

Catholic Schools Week - Open House

On this evening during Catholic Schools Week, current school families visit their child(ren)'s classrooms. This is an opportunity for you and your child(ren) to explore the campus, visit all the classrooms, see student work, and meet our teachers.

Catholic Schools Week - Open House
February 2, 2017 @ 6:30PM

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND TOURS

American Martyrs Preschool invites you to come by the Preschool to see our beautiful environment and learn more about our philosophy and the "why" behind our curriculum.

Saturday, January 28, 10:00AM-12:00NOON
(Adults only, please)

The Preschool Yard and Classrooms
1705 Laurel Avenue, Manhattan Beach

For parents of children who will be turning age 3 by December 2, 2017 and any other adults interested in learning more about the program.

Small Group Tours of the preschool in action (for adults only, please) can be scheduled by calling 310-802-8149. Tours are **9:00AM and 10:00AM** on:

Thursday, January 12

Wednesday, January 25, Thursday, January 26

Tuesday, January 31, Thursday, February 2

Questions? Call the preschool office at 310-802-8149.

MONDAY MORNING STARTERS is on break through the end of 2016 or until further notice.

STEWARDSHIP

time
talent
treasure

Commission Chair: Jim LaVerda
Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org

Stewardship... moving us closer to God

I came across an article in one of the many health magazines on the market that had me thinking about a New Year's resolution. It wasn't about a new diet or exercise routine but about starting a "gratitude habit". I liked the idea of a habit of gratitude because it reminds me that, although habits are often considered bad, many habits can have a very positive impact on our lives.

The article went on to reference research out of UC Berkeley suggesting that appreciating our blessings has health benefits, including better sleep patterns and reduced depression. It then laid out a three week program for developing the habit of gratitude. I lost a little interest at this point because I thought I was above needing a program to be grateful. Some reflective thinking made me realize that I shouldn't reject this so quickly. I also discovered that there are multiple mobile phone and tablet Apps for developing gratitude in our lives. So here's a summary of the three week program the article described:

Week 1: Notice the Good. Start a daily journal of three things for which you are grateful.

Week 2: Go Beyond Yourself. Be specific for your gratefulness: do more than say "Thanks." Be specific about your gratitude.

Week 3: Think Outside The Box. There are close friends and those on the edge of our lives that impact us. Recognize those who help unexpectedly. Look for everyday heroes, unexpected "silver linings", and take the gratitude attitude wherever you go.

The article referenced is on Health.com, but there are many others available on the web. As we have said her many times, Stewardship is an Attitude of Gratitude. Who knew there would be an App for that?

*Have a Faith Filled
and Grateful 2017!*

Please contact us, Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org with questions or comments on this article or about Stewardship.



Please reflect on the past year and how you will commit your time, talent and treasure for this year.

Thank you for supporting our parish and its many ministries.

"Stewardship is the grateful response of a Disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of god and neighbor."

GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF ADORATION

Celebrate with the Eucharistic Lord;
Jesus is waiting for you. Come join Him!



ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 7:00AM - 8:00PM
SATURDAY, 7:00AM - 5:00PM
SUNDAY, 1:00PM - 5:00PM

The chapel is in the back of the Church, south end of the vestibule.
Sit in Silence † Pray the Rosary † Meditate on the Scriptures
Ask for Forgiveness † Pray the Psalms † "Be" with the Lord



Pastoral Care

CARE NOTES CAN HELP YOU COPE

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

Overcoming the "Blues" at Christmastime
Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies
Rediscovering the Many Gifts of Christmas

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - Sunday, January 8, 1:30PM

Caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related memory disorders are welcome to a Caregiver Support Group that meets in the Parish House, 1:30-3:00PM, on the first Sunday of the month. **(Due to the holiday, January's meeting is on the second Sunday, January 8.)**

The group is for people to bring questions, share their feelings, learn from others who have gone through the experience, exchange information, and problem solve together. There is no charge to participate.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deacon Dick Williams, 310-545-8244.

BEGINNING AGAIN

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

The next meeting is **Tuesday, January 3**, from 7:00 - 9:00PM in the Holy Family House. The topic is "Purpose".

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Deacon Dick & Patti Williams, 310-545-8244

Happy New Year!

What is your New Year's resolution – lose weight, exercise re, volunteer your time, grow in faith?

Whatever your personal New Year's resolution is, good luck! You have an entire parish community supporting you.

And if this year, at any time you are faced with a bigger issue than a resolution, please contact the Stephen Ministry – we are here to support you.

For more information, please call **310-545-8244**.



SJ&O

together we can do more

Commission Chair: Jim Kaltsas
SJ0@AmericanMartyrs.org

M25 OUTREACH -- SANTA MONICA

On **Saturday, December 31**, Matthew 25 will go to Santa Monica (OPCC at 503 Olympic Blvd) to serve those in need. We meet in the AMC parking lot at 7:00AM and return about noon.



We greatly need gently used or new clothing including jeans, shirts, shoes and jackets - plus small containers of hygiene products including deodorant, sunscreen, toothbrushes, etc. Clothes can be left at the Parish Office or at the storage lockers in the underground parking near the stairs. *Used school backpacks are also a welcome donation for the homeless clients.*

If you would like to volunteer, contact Mike Concannon, 714-852-2112 or Michael.Concannon@lendlease.com.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CATHOLIC WORKER

Every 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month a group from American Martyrs goes to the Catholic Worker Skid Row to help serve at the Soup Kitchen.



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)
- **Large plastic containers for food** (16 oz. or larger)
See photo and notes re type of plastic below.

Plastic #5 – PP (Polypropylene)

Plastic #5 is one of the safer plastics to look for. It is typically found in yogurt containers and cottage cheese containers. Polypropylene has a high melting point, and so is often chosen for containers that must accept hot liquid. These containers work best for the hot meals that are served at the Catholic Worker as the main dish.



Visit www.lacatholicworker.org for more information.

LIFE & FAMILY MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE – **ONE LIFE LA 2017 – January 21, 2017**

A soap-opera star turned pro-life advocate, a death row exoneree, a 15-year-old crooner with autism, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide and more. At **ONE LIFE LA 2017** these speakers will share the stage to tell stories of incredible survival, unthinkable hope, and remarkable faith.

On January 21, 2017 these speakers are coming together in Downtown LA to share their unique stories with one unified message: CHOOSE LOVE.

One of the main speakers will be Kirk Bloodsworth...

Kirk Bloodsworth is the first person in the United States to be exonerated from death row by DNA testing. Sentenced to death for murder in 1985, Kirk lobbied successfully in 1992 for "DNA fingerprinting" to be used on evidence collected at the crime scene. The tests incontrovertibly established Kirk's innocence, and he was released from prison. In 1994 Maryland's governor granted Kirk a full pardon, and he received compensation. Kirk now works with Witness to Innocence, an organization that empowers death-row exonerees to speak up for an end to the death penalty. He is the subject of a book and a documentary, both titled Bloodsworth.



Come together with people of all ages from throughout the LA Archdiocese! The event will also include live music, community partner booths, activities for children and families, and so much more!

For more information, to register and to see some amazing video of last year's OneLife LA, go to www.onelifela.org.

For information about LIFE AND FAMILY MINISTRY, contact Steve Perry, 818-800-5653 | LifeandFamily@AmericanMartyrs.org

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

"...The fifth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," has validity because God alone is the Lord of life and death. The respect owed to the inviolability and integrity of physical life finds its climax in the positive commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"; by which Jesus enjoins the obligation to tend to the needs of one's neighbor."

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 112

The foundation of Catholic Social Teaching affirms the sacredness of human life and dignity of the human person. Principles that transcend the womb, to relevance in all stages of life, God's gift of life manifests the preciousness of every human being. When systemic policies and personal perspectives affront violence against life by words and actions to demean the uniqueness of each person's human dignity, neighbor becomes enemy. The covenant of love shatters into disrespect, conflict and division. To love our neighbor, we must love ourselves in gratitude for the gift of life, compassion and peace God bestowed on us and freely share the blessings to acknowledge the dignity of all humanity.

FAITH FORMATION

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT - FEBRUARY 3-4



Men's Cornerstone

The 26 hour retreat begins Friday, February 3 at 6:00PM and ends Saturday, February 4 at 8:00PM. Invest in yourself by giving some time to strengthen your faith and deepen your perspective on life, family and God.

The Cornerstone team will feed you and send you home on Saturday night in plenty of time to rest up for Super Bowl Sunday!

Find more details and register online via link at our website, www.AmericanMartyrs.org.

QUESTIONS? Cameron Merrill 310-463-1317, Eddie Salcedo 213-632-7435, Luke Lobo 310-266-1385 or Mike Wilk, 310-292-7774.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

"Silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given. Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in."
O Little Town of Bethlehem



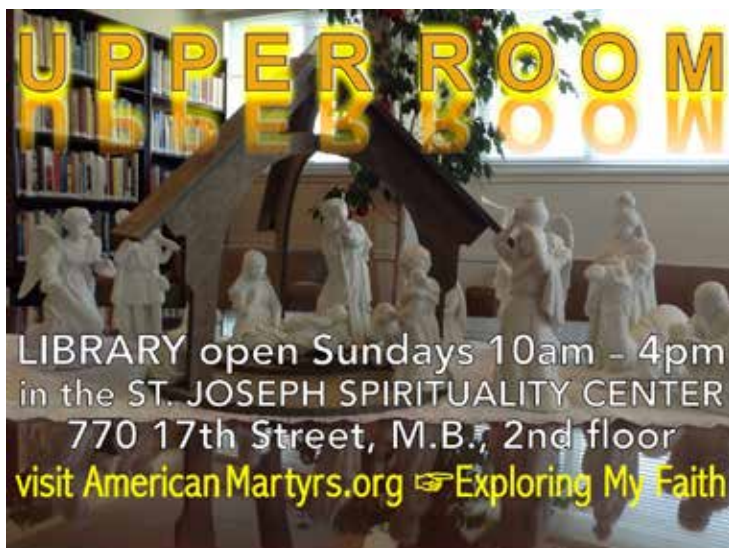
Tuesday evenings, 7:30 - 8:30PM
St. Joseph's Chapel in the Spirituality Center
(please use Pacific entrance)

Jesus Christ comes to us today in the sacraments, in our relationships, and in all of nature. God speaks to us of all these things in many ways, but is not likely the loudest voice we will hear. You are invited to take time apart from your active life for quiet prayer, as we reflect on the meaning of our God who comes today in the hearts of all believers.

We meet every Tuesday evening from 7:30-8:30PM.
Newcomers are always welcome.

Join us once, often or always, for the Love of it!
For information, call Donna Ennis 310-941-1349

"What good it be, Christ born in Bethlehem if not again in me?"
Bd. Angelus Silesius - "The Cherubic Wanderer"



WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT - JANUARY 27-28

Women's Cornerstone Retreat is a spiritual movement within the Catholic Church that provides the opportunity to reflect, renew and strengthen your faith while meeting other women in our parish and ultimately forming individual faith-based communities.



Registration is open:

- Register online via link at www.AmericanMartyrs.org
- Register in person after Mass
- Submit an application to the Parish Office or to Traci Dougher at the contact below.

Late registration accepted subject to availability.

Brochures with registration applications are also available in the Parish Office or church vestibule.

CONTACT: Traci Dougher, 310-357-0041 or
WomensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org

FAITH ENRICHMENT & PRAYER GROUPS

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday's Readings In Context (On break until January 11)

Wednesday, 7:30-9:00PM, in the Spirituality Center
CONTACT: John D'Isacco, 310-546-1302

Tuesday Morning Scripture Group

Tuesday, 9:15-11:00AM, in the Spirituality Center
CONTACT: Alvin Fletcher, 310-379-5241

Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe (On break until January 11)

Wednesday, 10:00-11:30AM, in the Parish House

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 break until January 9)

Monday, 9:00-11:00AM in the Spirituality Center
CONTACT: Joanne Dispoto, jodispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

2nd and 4th 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

2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM, in the Parish House
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 LIBRARY (The Upper Room) Closed January 1

Open Sunday, 10:00AM-4:00PM, in the Spirituality Center, 2nd floor
CONTACT: Anna, 310-374-0863 or Millie, 310-938-3125

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

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

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT - TEEN TUESDAY!

Sit back, hang out, pray, and build community. Evenings may include scripture study, Catholic Trivia games, or praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Rosary.



CONTACTS: Monica Leon, mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org or

Rachel Brown, rbrown@AmericanMartyrs.org

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SCRIP CORNER

Happy New Year!

Looking for a 'New Year' look for 2016? Try **HUSH HUSH HAIR SALON** in downtown MB.

For your special holiday meals, we have **MANHATTAN MEATS**, **GROW THE PRODUCE SHOP**, **BRISTOL FARMS**, **SPROUTS** and **WHOLE FOODS**.

For an eye-catching dessert without messing your kitchen, go to **BECKERS BAKERY** or **CAKE BAKESHOP**.

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported our scrip gift card program during the holiday season. We hope that our fundraising program made your shopping list a bit easier to manage.

We operate year-round so please use us as your gift card resource - holidays, birthdays, anniversaries - we have something for every occasion.

The bonus is that your purchases support our schools, religious education, and parish ministries.

Shop Smart - Shop with Scrip!

Christmas Vacation Hours:

Closed New Year's Day and January 2

Tuesday, January 3	9AM - 3PM
Wednesday, January 4	9AM - 3PM
Thursday, January 5	9AM - 3PM
Friday, January 6	9AM - 12NOON

SPECIAL ORDERS OR OTHER INFO: Contact the Scrip office at 310-545-5651 x9604 | scrip@AmericanMartyrs.org

FAMILIES IN FAITH

Aid for Ecuador - Missionary Childhood Association

AMS and SRE families were busy this Advent collecting small change for the Missionary Childhood Association, where children throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles support children throughout the world for food, shelter and education.

SRE Classes

Grades 1-6 and Jr. High SRE

Christmas break until January 10/11

Sunday SRE

Christmas break until January 8

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

VIRTUS - PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN



The Protecting God's Children awareness program for prevention of child sexual abuse is **a requirement for all adults in contact with children** on our parish campus.

Tuesday, January 3, 7:00 - 10:00PM, O'Donnell Hall

VIRTUS Recertification, "Keeping the Promise Alive," is due every 4 years after initial training.

Wednesday, January 4, 7:00 - 8:30PM, O'Donnell Hall

Register by contacting Patti Williams, 310-546-4734 or pwilliams@AmericanMartyrs.org

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Cell phone apps allow for hiding photos and messages

A review of a young person's cell phone text messages may provide a parent or caring adult with information such as who your child talks to, where they are going, and what they're doing. Unfortunately, all of that may be in the past. Today, some new cell phone text messaging services keep cell phone texting activity increasingly private.

To protect young people, one must stay current and re-connect with ever changing technology. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Vanishing, Self-Destructing Texting, and Electronic Communication," contact jvienna@la-archdiocese.org | 213-637-7227.

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

SUNDAY MASS is shown LIVE each week



Click the button on our Homepage www.AmericanMartyrs.org and watch Mass as it happens, or anytime after that.

The American Martyrs Rosary

Commissioned in Honor of
the 60th Anniversary
of our Church on the hill

*Custom designed by the
American Martyrs Altar Society
and created in Italy by Ghirelli Rosaries*

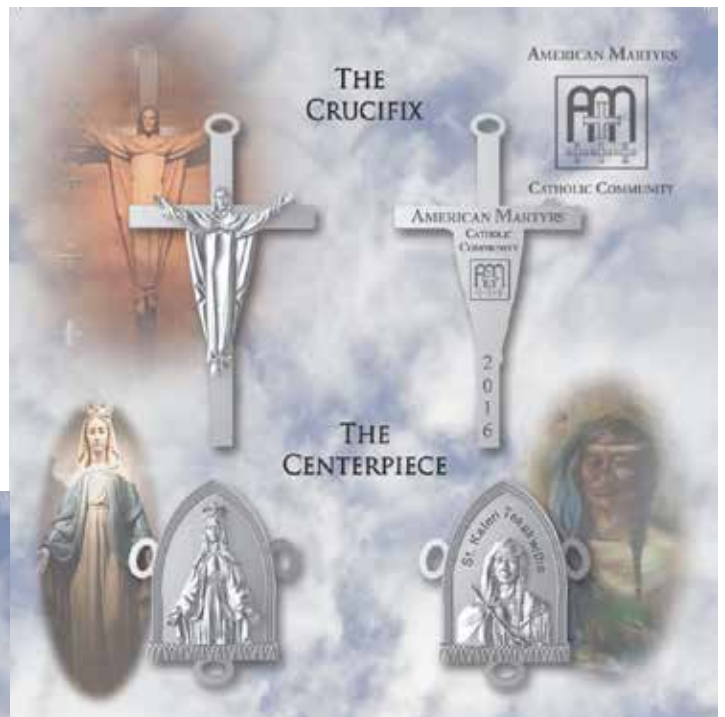
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The praying Church has always reflected and meditated on the mysteries of Our Lord's life and the unique role of Mary in His life. The rosary is a traditional way for Catholics to continue this prayerful meditation.

This rosary has been especially designed for American Martyrs. The images are all taken from our church; the crucifix is a replica of our Risen Christ/Crucifix, the central medallion is Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, with St. Kateri Tekakwitha on the reverse. The Our Father/Pater beads depict our eight American Martyrs.

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the reward of eternal life. Grant we beseech you that meditating on these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord.

Monsignor John F. Barry, P.S.A.



Give the gift of Prayer

**with this Limited Edition
2016 Rosary, in 4 Designs**

**Available at the Parish Office,
\$40, includes tax**

*In Commemoration
and Celebration of:*

- The North American Martyrs and St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- The 60th Anniversary of our Church, 1956
- Completion of the Rosary Walk and the Pathways of Prayer
- Our designation as a Pilgrimage Church for the Jubilee Year of Mercy



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More than 300 workshops, from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. Participants will also enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noon time and evening concerts. **Come and be renewed by these Congress experiences.**

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! Register at www.RECongress.org or call the information line, 213-637-7348, to request your own Guidebook.

Early registration and discounted fee through January 13.

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

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HFS is currently in need of adoptive parents for infants and older children, and foster parents. **If not you, then who?** For Orientation times, call 1-800-464-2367. Thank you for thinking of HFS when you care enough to consider adoption!

in our lifetimes alone

God of peace,
In our lifetimes alone,
We have seen miracles of
reconciliation
Nations built by neighbors who
were enemies for generations
Living side by side as neighbors
were meant to live.

In our lifetimes alone,
We have seen imperial forces
recede
Not in the face of superior
firepower
But in the face of human dignity
Standing and showing itself in all
its glory.

In our lifetimes alone,
We have seen walls tumble—
Walls meant to separate the
deadliest of foes—
Greeted by the mutual embrace
of a humanity
That would not be separated.

In our lifetimes alone,
We have seen Muslim and
Christian
Stand watch over one another in
deadly times
So one may bow and pray to
you
While the other watched and
protected.

In our lifetimes alone,
We have seen shoots of renewal
spring up from the blood of
martyrs
Rather than the choking vines
and thorns of revenge.

In our lifetimes alone,
We have seen plagues beaten
back
We have seen fruits bloom in the
desert
We have seen purses spilled
open in times of great need
We have seen strangers reach
toward each other across
every divide
We have seen your children
sacrifice themselves
over and over for one another
We have seen rattling sabers
drawn, and then blessedly
resheathed, in the face of
prayer and wisdom.

God of peace,
You sing to us of a time when
the wolf shall dwell with the
lamb
In our lifetimes alone
We have seen it.
How can we doubt that you
reign?

Amen