"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."  (Mt 2:10-11)
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

PARISH FACILITIES

RECTOR Y / PASTORAL CARE
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm | Sat, 10am-1pm
310-545-5651 | fax 310-802-8720

PARISH CENTER:
700 15th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

WELCOME CENTER, 310-545-5651
Mon-Thurs, 8am-6pm | Fri, 8am-5pm
Sat, 4:30-6:30pm | Sun, 8:30am-1pm & 4:30-6:30pm

ELEVATOR from Plaza/Welcome Center to Parish Offices/Deegan Pl. and Church crosswalk
PARISH OFFICES, Mon-Fri, 9am-4:45pm
O’DONNELL HALL - Use Plaza entrance.
St. KATERI ROOM - Use Deegan Pl. entrance or East parking lot entrance.
ELEVATOR to St. Kateri/upstairs rooms in Blessed Virgin Mary wing inside east St. Kateri entrance

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY WING:
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
Ground level - enter from Plaza. For the 2nd floor meeting rooms, use either of the eastside entrances - Blessed Virgin Mary or St. Kateri
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ST. JUAN DIEGO
ST. MOTHER TERESA

AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL
310-545-8599 | 1701 Laurel Ave, MB, 90266

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
310-546-4734 | 1701 Laurel Ave, MB 90266

AMERICAN MARTYRS PRESCHOOL
310-802-8149 | 1705 Laurel Ave, MB, 90266

GYM - 310-802-8720 | 701 15th Street

HOLY FAMILY HOUSE - Use O’Donnell parking structure. Cross 15th St., past Gym, through gate, and up the stairs on the left side to the front door.

PARISH HOUSE - 659 15th Street

SACRED HEART HOUSE - Use O’Donnell parking structure. Cross 15th St., and enter the schoolyard, and walk to the far side.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER - 770 17th Street
Use O’Donnell parking structure, and walk to 17th St.

WE NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS CELEBRANTS

SAT 5:00PM: Fr. Joe Kammerer
Sun 7:00AM: Fr. Rick Prindle
8:00AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer
9:30AM: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
11:30AM: Msgr. John Barry
5:00PM: Fr. Rick Prindle

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:

Margaret Taylor Sr. Anne O’Byrne
Jerry Gibbs Dione Dierks
Rosemary Duffy Nancy Smith
Helene Grik Joyce Newburn
Tom Bushman Elise Whithworth
Jack Radville Blake King
Sheri Skulick Peter Champagne
Rachel Hamilton Anne Filek
Jeffrey Mikrut

IN MEMORIAM

Mark Gravance Louise Raymond
John Porter

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

HOLY MATRIMONY

Second Banns
Brennan Chance and Stephanie Chavez

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.
SGG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
1LT Austin Harding - U.S. Air Force
SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
2d Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force
1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
Brendan Quinn - U.S. Navy
LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

2020 RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS
are available in the vestibule of the church.
Suggested donation is $3.
Please place your donation in the “Poor Box.”

DAILY PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL
Mon-Fri, 7am-8pm | Sat, 7am-5pm | Sun, 1pm-5pm
For off-hour access contact TBritton@AmericanMartyrs.org

DAILY ROSARY: Mon - Sat, 7:30AM

MORNING PRAYER: Tues after 6:30AM Mass
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP (DEVOTION & BENEEDICTION):
Tues after 8AM Mass

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN: Wed after 5PM Mass, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 1:00PM
Complete the Family Information Form online at our website and then contact Deacon Fred Rose, 310-545-5651.
Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required. Next class is Sunday, January 12 at 7:00PM.

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.

CONFESSIONAL SPECIAL TIMES

Tues after 8am Mass
Maundy Thursday, 6:00PM
Good Friday, 5:00PM

NUMEROUS OTHER TIMES AVAILABLE - Call the Rectory.

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ANointing of the Sick - Celebrated at various times throughout the year. Call the Rectory anytime in case of serious illness.
Mass Intentions - Request in person at the Welcome Center.
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
**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, January 6**
- 9:00 AM PH Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 5:00 PM B&B Latin Chant Class
- 7:00 PM HFH Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 PM SK Pastoral Council Meeting

**TUESDAY, January 7**
- 5:30 AM PH Men’s AA Meeting
- 9:15 AM SpC Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 10:00 AM OLF Senior Fellowship Group
- 3:30 PM PH Legion of Mary
- 3:45 PM SCH SRE Grades 1-6
- 6:00 PM HFH Teen Tuesday
- 7:00 PM HFH Beginning Again
- 7:00 PM OLMM Bereavement Support Group
- 7:00 PM SCH Women’s AA Meeting
- 7:15 PM SCH Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM StMT Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, January 8**
- 9:30 AM HFH Mothers of Young Children
- 10:00 AM OLF Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
- 11:00 AM SpC Matthew 25 Sat. Blessings Clothes Sorting
- 3:45 PM SCH SRE Grades 1-6
- 7:15 PM SCH Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM StMT RCIA

**THURSDAY, January 9**
- 5:30 AM PH Men’s AA Meeting
- 9:00 AM OLMM Career BridgeBuilders Workshop
- 12:30 PM SK Altar Society Meeting
- 7:30 PM StMT LGBTQ Fellowship & Support

**FRIDAY, January 10**
- 11:15 AM SpC Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 6:30 PM ODH Exceptional Kids Organization Dance

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

**Facilities:**
- **B&B**-Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room · **CH**-Church · **GYM**-Gym
- **HFH**-Holy Family House · **ODH**-O'Donnell Hall · **ODK**-O'Donnell Kitchen
- **OLF**-Our Lady of Fatima · **OLMM**-Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- **PH**-Parish House · **Plz**-Parish Center Plaza · **SpC**-Spirituality Center
- **SpL**-Spirituality Center Library · **SCH**-School · **SK**-St. Kateri
- **SJD**-St. Juan Diego · **StMT**-St. Mother Teresa · **WC**-Welcome Center

**Planned Giving**

Have you considered American Martyrs Church or School as a partial beneficiary of your IRA, deferred compensation or 401(k)? These can be some of the best assets to leave to charity because they can be fully taxed if left to your heirs. For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, January 11**
- 8:00 AM PH Matthew 25 Sandwich Making
- 10:00 AM HFH AA Women’s Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B Latin Chant Class
- 7:30 PM SCH AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, January 12**
- 7:45 AM ODH Pancake Breakfast
- 8:00 AM SK K of C Blood Drive (until 1:00 PM)
- 10:00 AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
- 10:45 AM SCH Sunday SRE
- 3:30 PM SK SEALED. 1 Confirmation
- 7:00 PM SK Infant Baptism Preparation Class

**Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week**

**MONDAY, January 6 - St. André Bessette**
- **Readings:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- 8:10 Bernie Inocencio (Aurora Elayda)
- 12:10 Jack Fulkerson † (Tony & Martha Hatfield)
- 5:00 Helene Grik (Dave & Dottie Arias)

**TUESDAY, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort**
- **Readings:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- 8:10 Elias Kuncar † (Sally Alder & Susan Blake)
- 12:10 Sue Chouinard † (Stephanie D’Nelly)
- 5:00 Bill Chalk † (Jan Chalk)

**THURSDAY, January 9**
- **Readings:** 1 Jn 4:1-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:34-52
- 8:10 John Healey † (Debra & Wayne Duncan)
- 10:00 SK Legion of Mary (until 1:00 PM)
- 12:10 Henry Bradbury † (Nancy Mlakar)
- 5:00 Special Intention

**FRIDAY, January 10**
- **Readings:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
- 6:30 Jean & John Price-Hughes † (Don Ruane)
- 8:10 Daniel Cathcart † (Jerry Jackson)
- 12:10 Mary E. Shaller † (Diana Kurland)
- 5:00 Special Intention

**SATURDAY, January 11**
- **Readings:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-17
- 8:10 Corazon Fausto
- 12:10 Eugene Francis Lynch † (Laura & Jim Hirschmann)
- 5:00 Beverly Nicols † (Janet Wisialowski)

**SUNDAY, January 12 - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**
- **Readings:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
- 7:00 Patrick Boland † (Cathy & Albert Lugo)
- 8:00 Diane Satoris † (Rick & LouAnne de la Sota)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 Frank Biondi Jr. † (Steve Murphy)
- 5:00 John Byrne Healy † (Dapoz Family)

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
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 11, 10:00AM-12NOON (Adults only, please)**
The Preschool Yard and Classrooms
1705 Laurel Avenue, Manhattan Beach

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

Friday, January 10
Wednesday, January 15 · Thursday, January 16
Tuesday, January 28 · Friday, January 31

We are flexible and do tours all the time though!

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

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FROM ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

Dear Sister Parish,

We are grateful for the many ways you show the love of God to us throughout the year. Without you we would not be able to provide the needed service to support the families in our community.

Thank you for supporting:

† our Lunch Counter, we served 10,000 meals
† the Food Pantry, we gave 2,400 bags of groceries
† the Family to Family project, 255 families received gifts
† and for the many volunteers who come to share their talents with us.

May God bless you with a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Teresa Perez
Director of Ministry of Caring

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Be sure to follow American Martyrs social media to listen to the inaugural five episodes of the **NEW DIGITAL DISCIPLES PODCAST** hosted by Msgr. John Barry. Hear conversations about faith and family with guests who serve our parish - and are growing their relationship with God. You will find insight, inspiration and ideas for living as a Digital Disciple of Christ. We want to hear what you think about it!

Be sure to like, comment or share your feedback.
Coffee & Donuts in O'Donnell Hall
School of Religious Education is hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

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.

Senior Fellowship
Welcome to our "Game Days" at 10:00AM every 1st Tuesday of the month, followed by a Potluck Lunch at 12noon (bring a dish for 6-8 people for the lunch.)

Our next Game Day is Tuesday, January 7 in Our Lady of Fatima.

New Members welcome and would be a pleasant surprise. Questions? Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804.

Mothers of Young Children
Wednesday, January 8
9:30–11:00AM, St. Kateri

Our guest speaker will be Maria Ure from Spanish in Action who will provide a demo class.

MOYC provides a network of friendship and local resources to mothers with babies through pre-school aged children in American Martyrs Parish. Whether you’re a first time mom or you come with a brood, we welcome you! Bring your children, your parenting questions, and your prayer intentions for fellowship in a relaxed, supportive environment.

Ministry Contact: Joanne Rees, 831-320-9828
Elizabeth Serrano, 310-245-4459
or mail us at MOYC@AmericanMartyrs.org

Arlene's Lighthouse
Our next meeting is Friday, January 17 at 6:00PM in the Holy Family House.

Arlene's Lighthouse is a small community made up of persons with intellectual disability, their families and friends, particularly young friends, who meet together on a regular basis in a Christian spirit, to share friendship, pray together, party, and celebrate life.

If your family has been touched by intellectual disability, or if you want to be a friend of our community, please feel free to join us.

For more information about Faith and Light, please go to www.faithandlight.org.
Thank you for your support of our ministry.
Questions? Contact Regina Dell'Oro, goldcroms@gmail.com

Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday, January 6

Each American Martyrs Pastoral Council meeting features an opportunity for parishioners to make suggestions or offer comments.

This session is available from 7-7:15PM. Join us on Monday, January 6, at 7:00PM in St. Kateri if you have a suggestion or comment.

For more information, contact Tom Hanrahan, PCPresident@AmericanMartyrs.org.

Altar Society
Please join us on Thursday, January 9, immediately following the 12:10 Mass, in St. Kateri, for a light lunch and a short meeting.

Bring a friend or neighbor. We hope to see you there.

Ministry Contact: Patty Dunn DiMarco, 310-545-2068

Upcoming Workshops - Career BridgeBuilders
All are welcome; there is no fee.

Kick Off 2020 with Career BridgeBuilders
Thursday, January 9, 9:00AM–11:00AM
Kick off the New Year by energizing your career. During this session we will reflect on the lessons of 2019 and focus on setting priorities for 2020 that will help in your job search.

Create Focus in Your Job Search - Andrea Connolly

Part 1 - Thursday, January 16, 9:00AM–11:00AM
If you are in transition or considering a career move, now could be the right time. Before you update your resume, get back in touch with your personal attitudes about yourself, the many dimensions of your life, and set priorities. Establish personal boundaries and create focus in your life.

Part 2 - Thursday, January 23, 9:00AM–11:00AM
Get back in touch with your strengths, values, and passions. Create a mission and create focus in your life.

Developing Your Story – Grace Moniz

Tuesday, January 30, 9:00AM–11:00AM
A practical application of story-writing to develop awareness about oneself and one's career direction and to form the foundation of a resume and the achievements contained therein.

Considering a Career in Education?
Tuesday, February 6, 9:00AM–11:00AM

Are you considering transitioning into education as the next chapter of your career? EnCorps was founded to help professionals from STEM careers move into teaching. Our speaker, Bethany Orozco from EnCorps will explore the pros/cons of this career path, the importance of "your why," and offer specific resources on where to go next for more information.

CBB workshops are held in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room, except for Thursday, January 16 which will be in St. Kateri.

For More Information: Andrea Connolly, careerbridgebuilders@AmericanMartyrs.org or check out our group on LinkedIn.
A New Year Has Begun!

As the New Year begins, many people find themselves trying to recover from the stress of the holidays only to face the emotional letdown that follows the festivities. Unfortunately, many of those same people carry the additional burden of a catastrophic life challenge – job loss, financial uncertainty, the death of a loved one.

To help those in need, American Martyrs offers the Stephen Ministry. These lay ministers are members of your parish who have received year-long training to provide confidential, Christian care.

If you would like someone to walk beside you, to listen to you, please call 310-545-8244.

Care Notes Can Help You Cope

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

- Coping With Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Enriching Your Life Through Gratitude

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.

Pastoral Care

Beginning Again – Separated or Divorced

We offer a welcoming and healing atmosphere for those experiencing separation or divorce.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Holy Family House. The topic is “Freedom.”

Questions? Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group – TODAY, January 5

A Support Group for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer’s Disease and related memory disorders. Bring questions, share feelings, learn from others who have gone through the experience, exchange information, and problem solve together.

We meet, 1:30-3:00 PM, on the first Sunday of each month. There is no charge to participate.

Questions? Contact Deacon Dick Williams, 310-545-8244

Stewardship

Stewardship ... moving us closer to God

During the holidays, we visited the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles. They have an ongoing, interactive exhibit of Noah’s Ark which was just right for our four-year-old granddaughter.

Their website describes the Center as, “The Skirball Cultural Center is a place of meeting, guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and inspired by the American democratic ideals of freedom and equality.” It lived up to that billing with exhibits of Jewish history, Noah’s Ark, stunning architecture and beautiful gardens. But I found the essence of the Skirball in an inscription on a wall not far from the entrance. It read, “Go forth... and be a blessing.”

In addition to the stewardship implications in this simple phrase, I started to wonder about the words “blessing” and “bless.” Many of us say a blessing before meals and we are often asked at Mass to pray over someone or a group and to bless them. But I didn’t know what it meant to be a blessing.

A search on the trusty desktop turned up some interesting information. For example, according to one source the words “blessing” or “bless” appear in the Bible more than 400 times. It seems the first reference to “being a blessing” is in Genesis 12:2 when God tells Abraham, “I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” And, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “… every baptized person is called to be a blessing, and to bless.” (No 1669).

Appropriately, one of the most interesting discoveries was on the website myjewishlearning.com. This is what it said, “What does it mean to be a blessing? Well, God blesses us and we must pass the blessings along. We ought never to hoard His blessings for ourselves. God gives life, and light, and sustenance and hope, and so must we give these blessings to others as well.” We are blessed with God-given talents. If we are to be a blessing, then we must use (pass on) our blessings to others. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life.

As we begin a new year and a new decade, let’s focus on sharing the life, the light and the hope that God has given us and be a blessing to other members of the Body of Christ.

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.

All are Welcome at American Martyrs

American Martyrs opens its doors to all, welcoming our differences and sameness, so that we can grow together in understanding and love.

All ages and their families in the LGBTQ+ community are welcome to join in our dialogue to build understanding and support. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, in the St. Mother Teresa room, at 7:30 PM.

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 9.

Questions? Colleen Finnegan, metwou@pacbell.net

Stephen Ministry

Deacon Dick & Patti Williams, 310-545-8244
**Matthew 25 Outreach - St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

Join Matthew 25 on **Saturday, January 11** to feed the homeless and needy in the St. Lawrence of Brindisi community.

Volunteers meet in Parish House at 8:00 AM to prepare lunches, pack donations of clothing and toiletries, and then carpool to St. Lawrence to distribute these meals. **Donations of clothing, toiletry products, and books are appreciated.**

**Rockin' Readers SLB** joins us to read and distribute books to young children present with their parents. Volunteers are welcome to bring/donate books, and to read to the children.

To volunteer or to donate items contact: Jim Quilliam at jimquilliam@outlook.com

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**We are always looking for volunteers at the dance**

Come be with us for a few hours as we share in the joy of **Exceptional Kids with Special Needs and Gifts.**

**EKPTO Dance**

"New Year around the World"

**Friday, January 10**

O'Donnell Hall, 6:30-9:00 PM

$1.00 Donation at Door | Refreshments $.50 each

All Exceptional Dancers 14 years and older welcome.

Volunteers are invited to help beginning at 5:00 PM with decorating, food, securing a safe environment, or dancing. Or come to be with the kids; they know we are there for them.

**Questions:** Lee Dolley, ldolley1@verizon.net

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**Matthew 25 Outreach - Saturday Blessings**

Saturday Blessings needs help to feed, clothe and share our hearts with the Downtown LA Homeless.

Every Saturday we meet at 5:45 AM in the O'Donnell Hall parking lot, arrive in DTLA at 6:30 AM and finish around 8:00 AM.

Please contact James Redin, 310-465-7620, in advance so we can coordinate how many will be joining us.

**We are in need of these items:**

- Mens sneakers
- Mens jeans
- Sweatpants, sweatshirts
- Warm jackets
- Blankets
- Sleeping Bags
- Tents

Items can be labeled **SATURDAY BLESSINGS** and left in the Rubbermaid lockers at the bottom of the parking lot stairs.

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**Knights of Columbus**

We have a beautiful Knights of Columbus Hall for rent for your event - it can accommodate up to 150 people for a sit down dinner.

Catering and full bar services are available. Available to all. Discount for events hosted by a Knight of Columbus.

For info and a quote go to [www.kofc4567.org](http://www.kofc4567.org) and fill out the rental information.
FAITH FORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION
Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required to have your child baptized at American Martyrs. Complete the Family Information Form online at our website and then you will be contacted for an appointment.

For information and schedule of classes, go online to www.AmericanMartyrs.org | Sacraments | Baptism.

Next class is Sunday, January 12 at 7:00pm in St. Kateri.
Questions: Contact Deacon Fred Rose, 424-327-9610 or deaconfred@AmericanMartyrs.org

The greatest secret of the spiritual life is to be continually open to the guidance of the Spirit of the good God.

ST. JULIE BILLIART

WOMEN’S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

February 7-8, 2020
5pm Friday - 8pm Saturday

Registration options are.
• Register online at www.AmericanMartyrs.org
• Register in person after all Masses, next weekend, Dec 7-8
• Submit an Application to the Welcome Center
• Email the application to WomensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org

Applications are in the Welcome Center and Church Vestibule. Give yourself the Gift of Cornerstone. Reflect and revitalize your relationship with God. Gather with ordinary women for this extraordinary experience!

For additional info, contact Paolina Amadio, 310-439-8764 or WomensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org

MEN’S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER CORNERSTONE?
Are searching for a community of like-minded individuals?
Are you going through a challenging time in your life and seek support?
Are you looking for ways to take your faith to the next level?

If one or more of the above resonate with you, we welcome you to join us Friday, January 31-Saturday, February 1, 2020 to explore Men’s Cornerstone.

For more information come to our tables outside Mass in December or visit: AmericanMartyrs.org > Exploring My Faith > Men’s Cornerstone Retreat.

Questions? Contact Jason Samson, 562-453-6656 | MensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org or Mike Wilk, 310-292-7774 | MikeWilk@am-rem.com

Tuesday Morning Scripture Study

Discover the “Epic” Story of the Catholic Church

Epic: A Journey through Church History is a captivating and fast-paced look at the story of the Catholic Church. Beginning with the lives of the apostles all the way up to the present day, Epic takes the immense history of the Church and simplifies it into twelve, color-coded time periods. In the course of twenty sessions, participants learn about the major people, places, and events that comprise the captivating story of Christianity.

Join us for the Epic! We will watch 20 videos and each participant will use a study set which costs $30.

We meet in the Spirituality Center (770 17th Street) on Tuesdays, 9:15AM-11AM.

No registration, just show up on January 7!
Contact: Al Fletcher, 310-379-5241 | alvinjerry@hotmail.com

Interested in good books?

Visit the UPPER ROOM in the Spirituality Center, 770 17th Street, M.B. † Sundays, 10am - 4pm

The AMCC collection of 2500+ faith-based books, CDs and DVDs, is available for easy check-out.

See the complete list on the AMCC website under EXPLORING MY FAITH

Questions? Anna Jung, 310-374-0863 or Millie Maloney, 310-938-3125
**Faith Enrichment & Prayer**

**BIBLE STUDIES**
- **Tuesday Morning Scripture Group**
  - Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00AM, in the Spirituality Center
  - **Contact:** Alvin Fletcher, 310-379-5241

- **Sunday Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe**
  - Wednesday, 10:00-11:30AM, in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

**MONDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING**
- Mondays, 9:00-11:00AM, in the Parish House
  - **Contact:** Joanne Dispoto, jdispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

**SILENT MEDITATION**
- Friday, 1:15-12:00NOON, 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

**Families in Faith**

**TODAY is the Children's Liturgy at 9:30AM Mass**
We invite all children grades 1-6 to join us at 9:30AM in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal for a liturgy designed especially for them. Come pray with friends in a worship experience just for you. Parents welcome!

**SRE Classes resume this week:**

**SRE Classes, Tues/Wed**
- Grades 1-6, 3:45-4:45pm | Grades 7-8, 7:15-8:30PM
- January 7/8
- January 14/15
- January 21/22

**Sunday SRE, Grades 1-8, 10:45AM-11:45AM**
- January 12
- January 26

**Director of Religious Education:** Patti Williams, 310-546-4734
PWilliams@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Safeguard The Children**

**What is child sex trafficking?**
Child sex trafficking occurs when a minor is involved in a commercial sex act where sex is traded for money, food, shelter, drugs or anything else of value. Perpetrators of sex trafficking often target children believing their age makes them easier to manipulate and control.

This crime is occurring in all types of communities throughout the U.S. and traffickers are making an alarming profit while victims endure abuse and violence. One of the most important things you can do to protect your child is to create an environment in which he or she feels comfortable talking with you as a trusted adult.

For more information, visit: https://www.missingkids.com/theissues/trafficking
For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

**ATTENTION LOVERS OF THE OLD LATIN CHANTS**
For those interested in singing the latin chants of the Mass and learning its rich history in the Roman Church, there is a class in the Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room (up the back stairs from O'Donnell Hall).
We meet on **Mondays, 5:00-7:00PM and Saturdays 10:30AM-12:00NOON.**
Young and old and in-between are most welcome!! You do not need experience, but we will be singing! Please text your RSVP to Bridget Alario, 310-748-9870
**Sponsored by the Academy of the Two Hearts, an AMCC ministry.**

**Faith Epiphany of The Lord**

January 5, 2020 | The Epiphany of The Lord

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
NEW - Martyrs Men’s League Basketball
Mondays, 8:00pm, beginning January 6
Start the new year out right! Get some exercise! Make some friends! Dunk on fools! Competitive, fun basketball - officiated games consisting of two 20-minute halves with a running clock. (Clock does stop in final two minutes if losing team trails by less than 10). There will be playoffs, and a championship, set for March 16.

E-mail martyrsomensleague@gmail.com with name, age, height, last level of organized basketball played and how often you play now. Entry fee of $125 collected at the first game.

Seniors Exercise
Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:00AM (no charge)
30 min. senior aerobics / 30 min. senior yoga. Always go at your own pace; the class is run by CD, not an instructor. Come have some fun with us!

Women’s Volleyball
Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00-10:00AM
All players welcome, from beginners to advanced. Tuesdays are instructional; Thursdays are free play.
Rocky Wade, rockyball1@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

Gym Contact:
Lou Ann Selsky, 424-327-9578 or Iselsky@AmericanMartyrs.org

Gym & Field Reservations:
Contact Pat Breen, Gym Committee Chair
Gym@AmericanMartyrs.org

Independent Compensation Program for Victim-Survivors of Abuse by Diocesan Clergy
As part of our long-standing commitment to provide pastoral care and to support the healing process for victim-survivors, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, along with five other dioceses in California, is participating in the new Independent Compensation Program by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Diocese of Fresno, Diocese of Orange, Diocese of Sacramento, Diocese of San Bernardino, and Diocese of San Diego for Victim-Survivors of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests (ICP). The ICP is administered independently of the Church by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, widely recognized as premier dispute resolution administrators in the country.

The program began accepting registrations on Monday, September 16, 2019, from any person who has been sexually abused as a minor by diocesan priests of the participating dioceses, no matter when that abuse might have occurred. Funding for the program in our Archdiocese will come from self-insured reserves, monies set aside for this purpose. We pray that this new program might provide another avenue toward healing and hope.

For more information on the ICP, please visit www.californiadiocesesicp.com.
Have you ever wanted a hand knotted rug? Not just any rug, but one with the quality to last a lifetime and the fair trade labor standards you demand?

Come and explore our large selection of Tribal, Bokhara and Persian rugs. From Classic to Contemporary in sizes from 2’x3’ to 10’x14’ and runners. All of the rugs are hand-knotted by fairly paid adults in Pakistan.

MOVIE SCREENING: “A Night in Jail”

Based on the book by local writer Heidi Swan and her brother Kirk Anderson, “A Night in Jail” depicts the connection between drug abuse, mental illness and homelessness. The movie was directed by award-winning filmmaker and Mira Costa student Ethan Nahlinder.

The movie will be followed by a Panel Discussion on the connection between drug abuse, mental illness and homelessness, and possible solutions to this growing crisis.

January 13, 2020
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
American Martyrs Welcome Center
624 15th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Panelists are:
Kirk Anderson - Subject of and inspiration for the movie. Child of a loving, middle class family in Washington State, Kirk earned a graduate degree from USC, and later became homeless, struggling with drug addiction and schizophrenia.
Dr. Jeremy Martinez - Board-certified Addiction Psychiatrist and Associate Medical Director for Co-Occurring Disorders at Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.
Rita Crabtree-Kampe - MBSAFE Director and Homeless Connect and Outreach Chair.
Mark Burton - Former Manhattan Beach City Council Member and Mayor, and former City Attorney for the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office.

Come and learn how we can work together as a community to help.

Questions: mbsafe@outlook.com
Please RSVP at: https://mbsafe-presents-a-night-in-jail.eventbrite.com

Fair Trade RUG EVENT

January 16–19   January 22–26
American Martyrs Church
1431 Deegan Place, MB
310.465.1600
rugs.tenthousandvillages.com

Ten Thousand Villages
1907 S. Catalina Ave, RB
Attention Twenties & Thirties!
The T&T Mass is
tonight, January 5,
7:00 PM
O'Donnell Hall
Please join us for
• Praise and worship at 6:45
• Mass at 7:00 PM and Social afterwards.
Questions? Contact Monica Leon
mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org

Heal The Bay Beach Clean-up
Join Matthew 25 at the Manhattan Beach Pier on
Saturday, January 18, 10:00 AM - 12 noon
Meet us near the lifeguard stand next to the bike path for a talk
about ocean pollution before the cleanup begins.
Earn service hours, get involved
in a project with family or friends,
and learn more about why Care
for God's Creation includes
knowledge of what you can do to
help keep the beaches healthy.
No need to RSVP, but it’s encouraged to get waiver forms taken
care of and send out info packages.
Contact: Alexandria Scaltrito,
ascaltri@gmail.com

UCLA Winter Blood Drive
Sunday
January 12th
8 AM - 1 PM Saint Kateri Room
Sign up with any Knights of Columbus
To schedule an appointment on-line, please visit: www.ucedonor.com
✗ Click on Blood Drives, enter Account Name: American Martyrs Church
✗ Click on American Martyrs Church Saint Kateri Room pick a time slot and
schedule an appointment as a first time donor

For questions, please e-mail
Rob@bongiovi.us
or call (310) 855-4685

Movie ticket and water + Surprise Gift
for all eligible donors