THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 24, 2019

**Pastor**
Rev. Msgr. John F. Barry, P.A.

**Associate Pastors**
Rev. Joseph Kammerer
Rev. Rick Prindle

**Deacons**
Fred Rose, Derek Brown
Chris Amantea, Dick Williams

**Business Manager**
Bob Hodges

**Weekend Mass**
Saturday Vigil: 5PM
Sunday:
7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM and 5PM
7PM, on the first Sunday of the month

**Weekday Mass**
Monday / Wednesday / Friday:
8AM, 12:10PM, 5PM (5:30 on Friday)
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)**
Tues/Thurs: 7-7:15AM
Wed/Fri: 5:30-6PM
Saturday: 8:30-9AM, 1-4:30PM
Eves of Holy Days: 4-4:30PM
Confessions by request anytime; call Rectory for appointment.

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**THE CALL TO CONVERSION**

Jesus said to them in reply...

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

Luke 13:3
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

Parish Facilities

Rectory / Pastoral Care
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm | Sat, 10am-1pm
310-545-5651 | fax 424-327-9703

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 Place and Church crosswalk

Parish Offices, Mon-Fri, 9am-4:45pm

O'Donnell Hall - Use Plaza entrance.

St. Kateri Room - Use Deegan Place 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 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
310-546-4734 | 1701 Laurel Ave, MB 90266-4805

AMERICAN MARTYRS PRESCHOOL
310-802-8149 | 1701 Laurel Ave, MB, 90266-4805
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.

Next Weekend’s Mass Celebrants

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

This schedule is subject to change.

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We make every effort to reserve a space to accommodate your needs. Church and Sacraments have priority for use of our facilities. We do not use our facilities for private parties.

Email: Facilities@AmericanMartyrs.org

Pray for the Sick

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

Claudia Cosby | Nancy Smith
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In Memoriam

Kathleen Condon | Michael Broadhurst
Jeff Jacobsen | Beverly Michaels
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May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sacramental Information

Infant Baptism - 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, April 14 at 7:00pm, no RSVP necessary.

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 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

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 & Benediction): Tues after 8AM Mass

Rosary for the Unborn: Wed after 5PM Mass, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy

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Calendar, Mass Intentions & Readings

This Week, March 25

MONDAY, March 25

9:00 AM PH Monday Morning Faith Sharing
6:30 PM ODH Italian Catholic Federation
7:00 PM FH Al-Anon Meeting

TUESDAY, March 26

5:30 AM PH Men's AA Meeting
9:15 AM SpC Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
3:30 PM PH Legion of Mary
3:45 PM SCH SRE Grades 1-6
6:00 PM FH Teen Tuesday
6:30 PM StLD Parkinson's Resource Support Group
7:00 PM SK Fr. Rick Prindle: A Talk on Preparing for the Sacrament of Penance
7:00 PM SCH Women's AA Meeting
7:15 PM SCH Jr. High SRE
7:30 PM StMT Al-Anon Meeting
7:30 PM CH Mira Costa Choir Cathedral Concert

WEDNESDAY, March 27

10:00 AM OLMM Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
3:45 PM SCH SRE Grades 1-6
7:15 PM SCH Jr. High SRE
7:30 PM SK RCIA

THURSDAY, March 28

5:30 AM PH Men's AA Meeting

FRIDAY, March 29

11:15 AM SpC Silent Meditation
12:00 PM CH 24 Hours for the Lord
3:00 PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
5:30 PM ODH Friday Lenten Dinner

Next Weekend, March 30-31

SATURDAY, March 30

10:00 AM SCH AA Women's Meeting
7:30 PM SCH AA Meeting
5:00 PM Plz Matthew 25 Awareness Weekend

SUNDAY, March 31

After all Masses Plz Matthew 25 Awareness Weekend
7:45 AM ODH Coffee and Donuts
10:00 AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
6:15 PM SK AMYM Life Night
7:00 PM OLMM Fr. Joe's Theology Roundtable

Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

MONDAY, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord
Readings: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
8:00 Dan Heslin † (The Delpeigne Family)
12:10 Louise Arthur Linehardt † (Barbara Stewart)
5:00 Special Intention (The Quilliam Family)

TUESDAY, March 26
Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25-4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
6:30 Doug Pappas † (Tom Klimasz)
8:00 Dorothy Hig † (Claire Frederick)
12:10 Tommy Whiteside † (Laura & Jim Hirschmann)
5:00 Todd Jennison † (Lora Ricca Dapoz)

WEDNESDAY, March 27
Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
8:00 Jacob Leung † (Betty Nery)
12:10 Rosemarie Kanarian † (Gerri Thompson & Cindi Wheeler)
5:00 Carol W. Smith † (Peggy & Jeff Grant)

THURSDAY, March 28
Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
6:30 Raymond J. Freedman † (The Quilliam Family)
8:00 Bernard C. Welters † (Warren W. Welters)
12:10 John Bologna † (Lois Kumm)
5:00 Special Intention

FRIDAY, March 29
Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
8:00 Rene Ramos † (Charlie & Beth Lopez)
12:10 Miyoko Kenomori † (Katie Frank)
5:30 Bill Chalk † (Jan Chalk)

SATURDAY, March 30
Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
8:00 Carl Scibetta † (J. Dispoto)
5:00 Gerry Geppert † (Geppert Family)

SUNDAY, March 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
Readings: Jos 5:9b, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
7:00 Jose Quindara † (Bret & Karen Stagg)
8:00 Ron Knoll † (Mortimer Family)
9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
11:30 Ella Ivie † (11:30 & 9:30 Choirs)
5:00 Nancy Paulikas † (John Clifford)

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

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
Archbishop Gomez invites every Catholic to make their annual commitment to Together in Mission.

We invite all families, those who have given in the past, and those who have never made a gift to prayerfully consider making a commitment to this year’s campaign. Your gifts will go a long way to helping our parish meet our fundraising goal, and beyond.

You can give with the envelopes in the pew, through our online giving partner, Faith Direct (faithdirect.net) or Text-to-Give, 310-455-8032.

TAXES, TAXES, TAXES!!

Last week we explained what a Donor-Advised Fund is. Here are eight advantages of a Donor-Advised Fund at Catholic Community Foundation:

1. You name your fund and designate your advisers, successor advisers, and fund purpose;
2. You receive an immediate tax deduction as allowable by the IRS for contributions made to your fund;
3. Your fund is invested and grows tax-free;
4. You decide when to request grants from your fund to American Martyrs;
5. You may contribute certain noncash assets, such as publicly traded stock and securities, at fair market value without incurring capital gains taxes on your contribution;
6. You receive flexible, personal, and convenient fund administration through CCF-LA’s 24/7 online client portal and our professional office staff;
7. You can involve your family to create a legacy of faith-based philanthropy;
8. Your fund and grants are administered in alignment with Catholic values.

Questions? Go online to https://catholiccf-la.org/ or call Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651.

Next week - Are you 70½?

If so, you should probably be making your charitable contributions directly from your IRA or other retirement account!

Catholic Relief Services Collection is NEXT WEEKEND

Help Jesus in Disguise

Next week our parish will take up the The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

Please give generously and help Jesus in disguise.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

On Tuesday, March 26, 7:30PM at American Martyrs Church, the Grammy-award winning Mira Costa Choir Department presents its annual Cathedral Concert. The entire community is invited to attend this wonderful celebration of choral music. This concert is an annual fundraiser for the Mira Costa Choirs; admission is $25.

Tickets are available after all Masses the weekends of March 16/17 and March 23/24, and in the Welcome Center.

Historical Ministry:

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

Please join our community for Prayer, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration during the 24 Hours for the Lord.

Friday, March 29

12NOON Opening Mass/Adoration
1:30PM Children’s Adoration
3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary
4:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00PM Stations of the Cross
5:30PM Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30PM Peace Meditation
9:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night

Saturday March 30

7:30AM Morning Rosary
8:00AM Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
11:30AM Closing Benediction
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall

Girl Scouts is hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

NEXT WEEK: American Martyrs School will serve Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

Senior Brunch

Social Seniors Brunch is Next Sunday, March 31 at 1:00PM at Marie Callender’s Restaurant (21211 Torrance Blvd, Torrance)
RSVP to Mickey, 310-291-8038.

Senior Fellowship Group

Please join us Tuesday, April 2 for our gathering in St. Kateri. Fellowship and games at 10:00AM, and then Potluck Lunch at 12:00NOON. Bring a dish for 6-8 people for the lunch. New Members welcome and would be a pleasant surprise! Call Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804, if you have questions.

Mothers of Young Children

Wednesday, April 10
9:30–11:00AM, Live Oak Park

Please join us for our Easter Egg Hunt at Live Oak Park!!

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 Contacts: Joanie Chapman, 914-393-4999 or Joanne Rees, 831-320-9828 | moyc@AmericanMartyrs.org

Altar Society - New Meeting Time!

Please join us on Thursday, April 11, immediately following the 12:10 Mass, in St. Kateri.

We will have a light lunch for all and then our guest speaker, local historian Jan Dennis.

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

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

Scrip Sense

Did you know you can get Scrip for these retailers?

CHICOS, GROUPON, OVERSTOCK.COM, SLINGTV, SONY PLAYSTATION, SPOTIFY, STUBHUB, WAYFAIR, XBOX, ZAPPOS.

Scrip Hours: Weekdays, 8AM - 4PM (Fridays til 1PM)
Sunday, 8:30AM - 11:30AM

Special Orders or Other Info: Contact the Scrip office at 424-327-9608 | ScripDesk@AmericanMartyrs.org

Pastoral Council Meeting - Monday, April 1
Each 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, April 1, at 7:00PM in St. Kateri if you have a suggestion or comment.

Future meetings are on the first Monday of the month. For more information, contact Vanessa Reyes-Smith, PCPresident@AmericanMartyrs.org.

Lenten Friday Dinners

Join us for this Parish Tradition
O’Donnell Hall, 5:30-7:00pm

Dinner is a simple meatless meal of Homemade Soup!

Also served is pasta, rolls, crisp salad, fruit and PB&J sandwiches for the kids.

A donation of $7/person or $30/family ($5/seniors) is suggested. All proceeds are given to the poor.

Mar 29: Minestrone Apr 12: Corn Chowder
Apr 5: Fish Tacos Apr 19: Baked Potato Bar

To help with prep or serving, please contact Kristen Dorr, 310-469-2941 or Jen Rodriguez, 310-489-4324

Catholic Homeschooling Families

Holistic Homeschool Network is a Catholic based group that meets on Fridays each month for faith enrichment and fellowship. Some activities include adoration, making sandwiches for the homeless, stations of the cross, park days, holiday parties, field trips, mom’s night out and more.

More Info? Contact Gigi (AMC parishioner) 310-528-9024

Stop by the Welcome Center to see our new Spiritual inspired Jewelry Collection.

We have a wide variety of necklaces and bracelets, and specifically items for First Communion, Baptism, and Confirmation.
Lent is like a 40 day self-improvement seminar! During much of the year, I ask myself, “How am I being a good Steward of my Time, Talent and Treasure?” However, during Lent, I ask one more question, “How am I being a good Steward of the Gift of my very life?” How do I become the best version of myself that God intended?

Most of my life, I have sought the answer to that question. I have shelves littered with books on self-improvement. You name the book and I have it: “How to Win Friends and Influence People,” “The Power of Positive Thinking,” “7 Habits of Highly Successful People,” “Miracle Morning,” and many more - essentially a library by self-help gurus! Yet despite all the good words in these books, I find myself falling short of the person God intends. I talk too much. I am impatient. I judge people. How I wish I could do better!

I find it easy to get down. I tell myself, “I can't be Holy!” Matthew Kelly, a popular Catholic speaker and author responds to this by saying, “The biggest lie we tell ourselves is that holiness is not possible. Ninety percent of Christians are neutralized by this lie and so we are destined for mediocrity. If you can create one holy moment in one day, holiness is attainable. Holiness is replicable.” Matthew Kelly invites us to find those Holy Moments in our lives. A holy moment is any time you are united with God; a moment of prayer, awareness of a beautiful sunset, a random act of love or kindness.

During Lent, I can find those holy moments through Prayer, Almsgiving, and Sacrifice. These three practices help me become the best version of myself.

Prayer connects me with God and helps me to be more honest with myself; Almsgiving creates within me an attitude that is more generous; and Sacrifice allows me to lay down my will for the good of another.

In today’s Gospel, the owner wanted to chop down an unproductive fig tree. Like a good steward, the gardener came to the rescue and offered to cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it, so that it might bear fruit in the future. My prayer today is that the Holy Spirit will help nourish you and me this Lent to bear fruit, the fruit of Holy moments!

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
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Matthew 25 Outreach - Santa Monica

On Saturday, March 30, 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.

To volunteer, contact Mike Concannon, 714-852-2112 or Concannon312@yahoo.com.

Life & Family Ministry

HELP SAVE LIVES IN LAWNDALE!
Every day thru April 14

This Lent, join our peaceful prayer vigil and public outreach to end abortion in our community. We offer hope, mercy, and support to those in a pregnancy crisis or wounded by abortion.

We are looking for volunteers to join us for 1-2 hours of prayer and outreach during the 40-Day vigil.

Local contact: Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166
40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

Learn more at 40daysforlife.com/lawndale
For information about Life and Family Ministry, contact Steve Perry, 818-800-5653 | LifeandFamily@AmericanMartyrs.org

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Trip dates are July 2-15, 2019

We will once again travel with Hope 4 Kids International serving the poor by participating in medical outreaches, school and hospital visits, well dedications and construction projects.

For further information contact Amy Stone, amystone2@aol.com or go to Hope4KidsInternational.org

Encounter Lent - A Story of Hope From Uganda

Christyan DhathCroos is from Sri Lanka, but spent half of his life in India. It’s where he fled at age 14 during Sri Lanka’s civil war. By the time he returned to his homeland, Christyan was 30 and his family’s farm was in shambles.

To continue this story, go to https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3

Call to Family, Community and Participation

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Next Sunday, March 31 at 7:00PM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room
Please come and join in the conversations, and discussions, and question and answers, and share your thoughts - all which are about our faith.
Speak up and share and learn from each other.
Fr. Joe can set us straight and help us to understand the teachings and substance of our Catholic faith.
Each week, the participants in the roundtable will select a “general” subject for the next meeting.
Questions? Contact Herman Cenci, 310-594-2001 or Lee Dolley, 310-977-7704

Faith Enrichment & Prayer

RCIA Rituals at Mass
As a community, we journey with the adults who are seeking to join our Catholic Church. During Mass, we pray with the Elect and Candidates and witness the rites that lead up to and include Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. As the Elect continue their journey towards Baptism at the Easter Vigil, and the Candidates for full communion, also at the Easter Vigil, there are three rituals of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) celebrated at three of our liturgies.

Next week we will celebrate our 2nd Scrutiny.
The scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. During these rituals, those preparing for entrance into the Church are led through prayerful reflections designed to help them grow in holiness. Our Elect and Candidates will be prayed over by the Presider, Deacon and their sponsors.

Your role, as their parish community, is to join in the praying, with the hope that our entire community will be renewed in these celebrations.

Prayers for our RCIA Elect and Candidates
Please keep our 10 Elect in prayer as they continue their journey to Baptism:
Ryan Bell · Shari Carroll · Amy Granzow
Louis Gudiel, Lauren Hillman · Dora Lau
Candice Lau · Heath Sachs · James Suh · Casey Zarp
and our 9 candidates for Full Communion:
Lindsay Blok · Laura Jane Boushell · Nicole Caton
Steve Neumann · Robert Nickell · Matthew Peck
Amy Prahsler · Joanne Rees · Doug Wilkinson.

Near the baptismal font, you will find a basket with the names of the Elect and Candidates. Please take a name and pray for them daily as they continue their journey. If you would like to give them a card, please mark the outside of an envelope with their “Name” and “Easter”, and leave in the Welcome Center any time PRIOR to April 20.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR WITH FATHER JOE
Please join us in the church at 1:30PM each Friday during Lent. All ages are welcome, especially children (babies to teens). Children will lead us in the Rosary.
More Info? Contact Gigi at 310-528-9024

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to seek Him the greatest adventure;
to find Him, the greatest human achievement.”
- St. Augustine of Hippo

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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN
Know who is most vulnerable to abuse

All children are vulnerable to potential sexual abuse, but predators look for situations and circumstances that make some children more susceptible than others. Many studies show that a higher percentage of young girls are vulnerable to sexual abuse than young males.

Child abuse is a societal problem, and we must be aware of signs that indicate vulnerability or potentially troubling circumstances — inappropriate relationships between an adult and a young child, a child demonstrating signs of abuse by his or her behavior. All children are our responsibility.

To read the full VIRTUS® article “Who is Most Vulnerable to Potential Sexual Abuse?” visit: [http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx).

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

March 24, 2019 | Third Sunday of Lent

**Families in Faith**

**Lenten Practices at AMS**
The school attends 8AM Mass on Friday mornings in Lent.
On Mondays at 2:15PM, we pray Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

**Loaves and Fishes**
AMS and SRE students join the whole parish in our Food Drive for the St. Lawrence of Brindisi Food Pantry.
This week’s item is Rice - please bring 1 box of Rice to your SRE class or to Friday Mass.

**SRE Classes:**
**Grades 1-6:**
March 26/27
April 9/10

**Sunday SRE:**
March 31
April 7

**Jr High SRE:**
March 26/27
April 9/10 (this is the last class for Jr High)

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

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**Youth Ministry**

**SEALED. 2**
**Sunday, April 7** at 3:30PM in O’Donnell Hall

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Teen Tuesday Bible Study - every Tuesday, 6:00-7:30PM**
in Holy Family House, all high school teens are invited.

**Life Night - Next Sunday, March 31, 6:15-7:45PM**
All High School teens are invited to join us at our next Life Night in St. Kateri. Life Nights are open to all high school teenagers so bring a friend and we will see you then.

**CONFIRMATION:**
Monica Leon, mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org
Nick Waggoner, nwaggoner@AmericanMartyrs.org

**YOUTH MINISTRY:**
Matthew Leon, matthew.leon@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**ATTENTION ALL TWENTIES & THIRTIES!**
**OUR NEXT T&T MASS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 7 7:00PM O’DONNELL HALL**

Join us for:
• Praise and worship, 6:45-7:00PM
• Mass at 7:00PM
• Social to follow

**CONTACT:** Monica Leon, mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**AMERICAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**A FUN-RAISING EVENT FOR AMERICAN MARTYRS PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Spring, Sports and Spirit 2019**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH** Westdrift Hotel, Manhattan Beach
**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**
Golf, Tennis, and Dinner/Dance with 80's Party Band “FlashPants”

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**“What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.”**

Dear God, Love is not always easy. Bless our family so that all we say and do starts and ends with Love. Guide our hearts and minds so that we always place the needs of our family first, and that Love permeates all of our intentions.

St. Mother Teresa
Don’t Give Up Chocolate for Lent

Instead, discover simple ways to transform your life in forty days. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you’ll receive a short inspirational video that will help you . . .

• Find areas for growth
• Build better habits
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If you are new to the parish, please review our website at www.hoy-southbay.org and then visit when you can. We invite all to join this mission of mercy. We are having a Spring Gala Fundraiser on April 6, 2019. Plenty of exciting silent and live auction bargains, great gourmet food, lots of fun, open wine bar and great Beatles music performed by the renowned Backbeats - Beatles Tribute Band from Redondo Beach.

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Free Event
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As part of the Faith In Action: Day of Volunteering, the St. Vincent de Paul "Bundle Saturday" Truck will be on campus Saturday, April 13 from 8:30AM - 1:00PM to collect usable clothing and usable household items. For large items (including furniture and large appliances) call 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1 for home pick-up.

Join us Saturday, April 13 for the 7th Annual “Faith in Action: American Martyrs Day of Volunteering”

On this parish-wide Day of Service, all parishioners are invited to give an hour (or more) in service, helping those in need and making a difference in our local communities.

Projects include:

- Habitat for Humanity home restoration
- Visit to seniors at Sunrise Assisted Living
- Fill Easter baskets for kids in Olive Crest Foster Care
- A Heal the Bay beach cleanup
- Make sack lunches for St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- Make snack bags for LA Regional Food Bank
- Work at Star House for Developmentally Disabled Adults
- Learn about Fair Trade at Ten Thousand Villages
- St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Truck, collecting clothing, and household goods and furniture

Go to www.AmericanMartyrs.org to sign-up.

Contact: Jim Kaltsas, sjandoutreach@AmericanMartyrs.org

Day of Volunteering is sponsored by Social Justice & Outreach Commission