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Rev. Rick Prindle

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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 | 4-4:30PM
Eves of Holy Days: 4-4:30PM
Confessions by request anytime;
call Rectory for appointment.

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**
**March 31, 2019**

**The Prodigal Son**

But now we must celebrate
and rejoice,
because your brother was dead
and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.

Luke 15:32
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

BLESSING 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 TEREZA

AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL
310-546-4734 | 1701 Laurel Ave, MB 90266-4805

AMERICAN MARTYRS PRESCHOOL
310-802-8149 | 1705 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. Rick Prindle

SUN 7:00AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer

8:00AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer

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

11:30AM: Fr. Rick Prindle

5:00PM: Msgr. John Barry

7:00PM: Msgr. John Barry

This schedule is subject to change.

We are happy that you have joined us today. If you are traveling, we hope you find our Catholic home welcoming.

If you are new to the area, we hope you return to celebrate with us, and please consider joining our parish community. Stop by our Welcome Center for more info or visit us at www.AmericanMartyrs.org.

Reserving a Facility

Email your facility request (or for a table outside weekend Masses) including the date, time, # of people attending, purpose of the event, and a contact name, phone and email.

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:

Velma Coelho Barbra Bridgnell
Jim Marchino Patricia Dolley
Gary Grimm Bill Amantea
Chuck Blashaw Alexis Lapeyrollerie
Vicky Mowrey Stephen Jagatich
Peter Champagne Norman Ishizaki
Walt Dougher Julia Bero
Sheri Skulick Drake Walker
Tim Breen Blake King
David Weber Kathy O’Mara
Jack Radavile Paul Randall
Barb Mackener David Warren

In Memoriam

Mary Graziano Sally Lowry
Chris Doughterly Bill Sweeney
Vigilia (Gini) Widmann Jackie Hills
Peter Boccato Mary Kasha
Christopher Fix

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 10:00am
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

EUCHARISTICADORATION 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 (DEVOLO & 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 Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
Sgt Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army

PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army

Brendan Quinn - U.S. Navy

LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

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Please visit the Welcome Center to see if that item you’ve misplaced is here. We tag the item, hold it for 60 days, then donate it to Matthew 25 if it hasn’t been picked up.

Items include glasses (reading/sun/ prescription), keys, clothing, shoes, toys, books, water and coffee bottles, kid’s purses, backpacks, etc.

Lost & Found

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## This Week

**MONDAY, April 1**
- 9:00 AM PH  Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 7:00 PM HFH  Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 PM SK  Pastoral Council Meeting

**TUESDAY, April 2**
- 5:30 AM PH  Men’s AA Meeting
- 9:15 AM StMT  Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 10:00 AM SK  Senior Fellowship Group
- 3:30 PM PH  Legion of Mary
- 6:00 PM HFH  Teen Tuesday
- 7:00 PM HFH  Beginning Again
- 7:00 PM WC  Bereavement Support Group
- 7:00 PM PH  Matthew 25 Meeting
- 7:00 PM SK  Virtus Training “Protecting God’s Children”
- 7:00 PM SCH  Women’s AA Meeting
- 7:30 PM StMT  Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, April 3**
- 10:00 AM OLMM  Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
- 7:00 PM ODH  Virtus Recertification “Keeping the Promise Alive”
- 7:00 PM SK  RCIA

**THURSDAY, April 4**
- 5:30 AM PH  Men’s AA Meeting
- 10:00 AM HFH  Mothers Outreach Ministry

**FRIDAY, April 5**
- 11:15 AM CH  Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM SpC  Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 5:30 PM ODH  Friday Lenten Dinner

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

## Facilities:
- CH-Church · ChP-Church Patio · 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-Welcome Center Plaza · SpC-Spirituality Center
- Sp6-Spirituality Garden · SpL-Spirituality Center Library · SCH-School
- SHH-Sacred Heart House · SJC-St. Joseph’s Chapel · SK-St. Kateri
- SJD-St. Juan Diego · StMT-St. Mother Teresa · WC-Welcome Center

## Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

### Monday, April 1
**Readings:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
- 8:00  Jim McCaverty † (Scaltrito Family)
- 12:10  Marianne Steinbroner † (Dave & Dottie Arias)
- 5:00  Raegan Sullivan (The Hoffman Family)

### Tuesday, April 2 - St. Francis of Paola
**Readings:** Ez 47:1-9; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- 6:30  Johnny So † (Betty Nery)
- 8:00  Stephen Balas (Ilidi & Don Halloran)
- 12:10  Robert Ades † (Mary Anne Ades)
- 5:00  Robin Olney † (Gary & Judy Gonser)

### Wednesday, April 3
**Readings:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- 8:00  Robert Self † (Livingston Family)
- 12:10  Judy Vavrek † (Tom Vavrek)
- 5:00  Helene Grik (The Quilliam Family)

### Thursday, April 4 - St. Isidore
**Readings:** Ez 47:1-9; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
- 6:30  Dorothy Higi † (Carol Quinlin)
- 8:00  Andres Buco † (Charlie & Beth Lopez)
- 12:10  Anthony Moret † (Catherine Harris)
- 5:30  Special Intention

### Friday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer
**Readings:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- 8:00  Michael Brady † (Rager Family)
- 12:10  Frances Hughes † (Patrick & Pamela O’Mara)
- 5:30  Dave Gray † (The Flanagan Family)

### Saturday, April 6
**Readings:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
- 8:00  Suzie Rose †
- 5:00  Special Intention (The Quilliam Family)

### Sunday, April 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
**Readings:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
- 7:00  Sr. Loretta Guevara † (Bobbi Buescher)
- 8:00  Ivan & Stella Bjelfoil (Vicente & Tobiola Bilavo)
- 9:30  For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30  Cris Casaneda † (Iditha Casaneda)
- 5:00  Betty Young † (Bunco Group)

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## Planned Giving

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

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

Archbishop Gomez invites every Catholic to make their annual commitment to Together in Mission.

We are excited to offer Text-to-Give (TTG) through our online giving partner, Faith Direct.

Simply text any dollar amount (at least $1) to our TTG number above. You will receive a reply text with registration and directions.

If you already have a Faith Direct account, TTG will be linked to your account after registration.

**Questions?** Call Faith Direct, 866-507-8757 or Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651 | jattanasio@AmericanMartyrs.org

Visit www.faithdirect.net with our church code: CA308.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family throughout the year.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection is THIS WEEKEND**

**HELP Jesus in Disguise**

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Please give generously and help Jesus in disguise.

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

**VIRTUS - Protecting God’s Children**

VIRTUS is an awareness program on Child Sexual Abuse and a requirement for all parents in AMS and SRE, as well as all liturgical ministers and volunteers in the parish. The course certification is valid for four years.

**Virtus Training (Protecting God’s Children):**

**Tuesday, April 2, 7:00-10:00PM, St. Kateri**

Registration is required at the VIRTUS website.

Go to www.virtusonline.org and click First Time Registrant and then view the American Martyrs session listed in the Los Angeles-San Pedro region.

**VIRTUS Recertification session is a requirement within 4 years of the date of the Protecting God’s Children Awareness if you have not completed the online training to maintain certification.**

**Virtus Recertification (Keeping the Promise Alive):**

**Wednesday, April 3, 7:00-8:30PM, O’Donnell Hall**

**Archbishop Gomez invites every Catholic to make their annual commitment to Together in Mission.**

You are invited to help bring the **Glory of Easter to our church!**

Each year a group of men & women (and kids too!) transform the church from Lent to our beautiful Easter environment.

**Please join us for an hour, or more!**

**Saturday, April 20 - we begin at 8:30 AM and are finished about noon**

**Questions?** Please contact:
Margaret Davis, 310-374-5528 | myokodavis@yahoo.com
or Maryann Nash, mnashart62@aol.com

**Text-to-Give (310) 455-8032**

**Sign up for Online Giving**
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall

American Martyrs School is hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

NEXT WEEK: Pancake Breakfast Ministry is serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee in O’Donnell Hall after 7AM, 8AM and 9:30AM Masses. $6/adults, $4/children under 12, $25/family (2 adults w/children).

Seniors Brunch

Social Seniors Brunch is TODAY, 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 Contact: 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 will speak about Manhattan Beach architecture.

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

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

Arlene’s Lighthouse

We invite you to join us on Friday, April 12 at 7:00PM in Parish House for our monthly meeting.

We will be gathering to do the Stations of the Cross by Jean Vanier, and then will join the community at O’Donnell Hall for the Lenten dinner.

We invite everyone to join us.

Questions? Contact Regina Dell'Oro, goldcroms@gmail.com

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.

Please join us every Friday during Lent,
• Family Stations of the Cross at 5:00PM,
• Family Mass at 5:30PM,
• Lenten Dinner in O’Donnell Hall, served from 5:30-7:00PM.

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.

Apr 5: Fish Tacos
Apr 12: Corn Chowder

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

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.
Stewardship... moving us closer to God

We are more than four weeks into Lent. Unfortunately for me, I keep thinking about Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent.

What struck me at Mass on Ash Wednesday, and has stayed with me for the past three weeks, is one short line in the First Reading. If you remember back that far, the first reading on March 6 was from the Book of Joel, one of the Minor Prophets. His Book is made up of four relatively short chapters and centers mostly with an agricultural crisis and how his audience should deal with it. The line I got stuck on is from Joel 2:13 and reads, “Rend your hearts, not your garments.”

As I thought about this phrase, I began to realize it meant that God really wants us to go beyond sacrificing just from our material resources. He wants us to transform our hearts and share ourselves. This echoed something said by Archbishop Thomas Murphy, Chairperson of the USCCB Committee on Stewardship. He said, “Stewardship, as we look at it and we reflect upon it, goes beyond sharing one’s gifts that have been given to us, but asks us to do something far more difficult and that is to share ourselves.”

With Ash Wednesday behind me and the words from the Book of Joel and Bishop Murphy ringing in my ears, I am taken back to the First Sunday of Lent. On that Sunday, Msgr. Clem Connolly gave the Homily at each Mass. Part of his message centered around our God-given gift of Time. Yet, at the same time, he said most of us seem to live with a “bankruptcy of time.” We eat instant breakfasts before we rush out to work or school, we want instant results from search engines, and when it takes 60 seconds for our PC to boot up, we are stressed. Our daily schedules seem filled to the max and, consequently, we assume that we don’t have any time to give of ourselves in ministries or community charities. As a result, we sometimes compensate by giving of our financial resources rather than ourselves. In a sense, we are “reigning on our garments not our hearts.”

With three weeks left of Lent, let’s try to emerge from our “bankruptcy of time” and be actively involved in our Faith Community.

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
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 FAMILY MINISTRY, contact Steve Perry, 818-800-5653 | LifeandFamily@AmericanMartyrs.org

Santy Monica:
last Saturday of every month, 7 AM - 12noon
Contact: Michael Concannon, 714-852-2112
michael.concannon@bovislendlease.com

M25 OUTREACH - St. Francis Center

Matthew 25 Ministry is serving at the St. Francis Center grocery service on Saturday, April 7. The Center (www.sfcla.org) serves impoverished adults and children in the South Park and Garment District neighborhoods of downtown LA.

We meet in the AMC parking lot at 8:45 AM and carpool to the Center. Volunteers help sort through produce and grocery items, and distribute them to needy families, and return to American Martyrs by 1:00-1:30 PM. Openings are available for up to 8 volunteers.

To reserve your spot, please RSVP by Tuesday, Mar 26, to Matt Conway, matt.conway.1618@gmail.com, and to John Harder, john.harder.3rd@gmail.com. Give your name and state that you will participate with American Martyrs on Apr. 7.

Matthew 25 meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Please join us to see how you can join us in serving those in need! Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 2 in the St. Mother Teresa room.

ENCOUNTER LENT - A Story of Hope From Sierra Leone

ENCOUNTER Waisa and Kumba

Waisa didn’t spend a single day in school. When she was young, no one thought girls should receive an education. Plus, there was work to do. She helped her twelve siblings at her family’s farm. She was responsible for helping her mom sell meat to their neighbors.

Now, things have changed in Sinkunia, a town in the north of Sierra Leone. Waisa knows the importance of education - especially for girls. “If there’s education, Sierra Leone will develop,” she says. “Our students will make sure of it.”

That’s why Waisa insists that her 12-year-old granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school, so she can learn how to make a difference in her community and her country.

To continue this story, go to https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-4

Call to Family, Community and Participation

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Rights and Responsibilities, we remember that every person has basic rights that make life truly human. Corresponding to our rights, we all have duties and responsibilities to one another, our families and the larger society.

crsricebowl.org/give
Faith Formation

Infant Baptism Preparation

Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required to have your child baptized at American Martyrs Church. Next class is Sunday, April 14 at 7:00pm in St. Kateri.

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

Questions: Contact Deacon Fred Rose, 424-327-9610 or deaconfred@AmericanMartyrs.org

Newly Baptized at American Martyrs

We welcome the new members of our Catholic Community.

Allison Hailey Bogdanowicz  Caitlin Victoria Checketts
Harrison James Checketts  Emmy Olivia Cotter
Hudson Pierce Guidone Hilton  Dashelli Townsend Lane
Mercer Brennick Lane  Sydney Simone Law
Dominic Tianen Lopez  Mariah Sanginitto Marques
Carson Maxwell Ogan  Harper Kathleen O’Linn
Otis Edmond Phillips  Zara Alessandra Rossi
Emmet James Sliozis  Heleina Hiam Soof
Jake George Albert Soof  Emilia Kathryn Wright

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

Theology Roundtable with Fr. Joe

Tonight, 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

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 reception, 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 weekend we will celebrate our 3rd 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 Elect and Candidates in prayer as they continue their journey to the Easter Vigil:

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 Prahsr  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 leave them a card, please mark the outside of an envelope with their “Name,” indicate “Easter,” and leave in the Parish Offices any time PRIOR to April 12.

Attention Currently Active Eucharistic Ministers:

Would you like to consider the reward of volunteering as a Eucharistic Minister to the sick at Providence Little Company of Mary in Torrance?

Volunteer opportunities range from one morning a month to as often as you like, weekdays or weekends. Orientation and training are provided.

If you would like more information about taking Holy Communion to the sick, please contact Gigi Harnden, 310-528-9024 | email ok.buckeye@gmail.com

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### 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 Readings 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, jodispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

#### Silent Meditation (April 5 meeting in Church Cry Room)
- **Friday, 11:15-12:00noon, in the Spirituality Center Chapel**
  - Please use Pacific Ave. entrance.
  - Contact: Beverly Busby, 310-376-2056

#### Spiritual Direction
- **Contact:** Jenny Attanasio for referral, 310-545-5651

#### Spiritual Library (The Upper Room)
- **Open Sunday, 10:00AM-4:00PM, in the Spirituality Center, 2nd floor**
  - Contact: Anna, 310-374-0863 or Millie, 310-938-3125

### Families in Faith

#### Lenten Activities
- Lenten activities of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are abundant at American Martyrs.

#### Loaves and Fishes
- Thank you for your donations of non-perishable items this Lent. Thanks to you, the pantry at St. Lawrence of Brindisi will be able to serve their neediest neighbors.

#### SRE Classes:
- **Grades 1-6:**
  - April 9/10
  - Easter break
  - April 30/May 1

- **Sunday SRE:**
  - April 7
  - Easter break
  - April 28

- **Jr High SRE:**
  - April 9/10

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

### Youth Ministry

#### SEALED.2
- **Next 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 - TONIGHT, 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

### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

#### Protect young people from cyberbullying

Cyberbullying can happen at any time, on any online platform. It can take many forms – cruel direct messages, threatening emails, mean texts, shared photos, and more. Victims of cyber-bullying often suffer from anxiety and depression, and their self-esteem can be diminished.

They may be reluctant to talk about bullying, so parents need to be on top of all their children’s online activities. Asking questions and getting information about popular apps and sites will help, too.

To read the full VIRTUS® article “Cyber-Bullying: Protecting Young People from Technology Dangers” 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.
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
• Spark lasting change

SIGN UP AT DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent
THANK YOU FROM HOUSE OF YAHWEH!
The House of Yahweh thanks the parishioners of American Martyrs Church for your generous support during 2018. Through the year our mission helped thousands of homeless and poor families to stay fed, clothed and get the social services they so desperately need. It is because of the kindness and generosity of parishioners like you that these works of mercy continue. You are changing lives for the better.

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.

Find more information at: https://www.hoyfundraiser.org.

BISHOP MONTGOMER HIGH SCHOOL - Knight Fest Fundraiser
Our First Annual Knight Fest will be **Saturday, April 6 from 6-10PM.** All are invited for an evening of beer, wine, & tequila tasting; lite fare; live music; paint & pour, and more.

Tickets are $50; 21 and over only.
Questions? Please email atraxler@bmhs-la.org

BeyOnd Our Parish

WOMEN’S RETREAT AT THE SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE
April 26-28 “In You All Find Their Home” with Retreat Master: Rev. Will Schmid
A wonderful gift for yourself or for that special woman in your life. Join other AMC women (18+) for a Retreat that offers a restful atmosphere allowing you to come closer to God, deepen your prayer life, and return home consoled, strengthened and spiritually refreshed. **Commuter Option** is 1 Day (Sat) at $75. **Full Weekend** is 2 nights/3 days (Fri-Sun,) at $180-$285/person based on accommodations. For reservations/more info, contact AMC parishioners Nancy Turner 310-679-5239 or Mary Kay Quilliam, mkq22@hotmail.com. Other dates available, visit www.sacredheartretreathouse.com.

The Basics of Human Trafficking
Modern-Day Slavery
Hosted by **Ten Thousand Villages,** a FairTrade retailer, and sponsored by the St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church **F.A.I.T.H. Ministry,** this event will provide basic facts on human trafficking and how each of us can help.

Program:
- Survivor of trafficking in LA County sharing her story
- Local law enforcement presenting what they’re doing to combat this crime and what is happening on our streets
- Panel of experts from GEMS Uncovered, CAST LA, law enforcement and a human trafficking survivor

**Free Event**
**Thursday, April 4, 7:00-8:30pm**
Beach Cities Health District
514 N. Prospect Avenue Redondo Beach
Located in Beach Cities Room

The mission of Ten Thousand Villages:
We create opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn income by bringing their products and stories to our markets through long-term, fair trading relationships. www.tenthousandvillages.com/redondobeach.

F.A.I.T.H. Ministry: faith.ministry@stlm.org; (424) 212-6501.

Hurting after abortion? **WE ARE BY YOUR SIDE**
During this season of Lent, we want to highlight **By Your Side LA,** a new ministry to offer healing to women and men affected by abortion. **By Your Side** is a comprehensive, bilingual ministry that includes a beautiful website, professional call center, trained lay Merciful Companions, and referrals to healing resources including sacraments, retreats, support groups, bible studies, mental health professionals, and more.

We want to be by the side of each person journeying from pain following abortion to a new place of forgiveness and peace. We hope you will come to know that you are created out of love and for love. That abortion does not define you. That you can build a life deserving of the amazing person you are.

**We are here to listen. And we will be by your side.**
Visit ByYourSideLA.org for more information.

EVENING OF ANGELS

Working together to build safe, nurturing and resilient families - from pregnancy to parenthood and childhood to adulthood - for generations to come.
Find info and registration at www.StAnnes.org/Events

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
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
- volunteer at the 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

**Sign-up for a project at www.AmericanMartyrs.org**

**Contact:** Jim Kaltsas, sjandoutreach@AmericanMartyrs.org

Day of Volunteering is sponsored by Social Justice & Outreach Commission