**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
Summer hours (through August 20) are:
Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-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 walkway.

**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

**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.

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**Next Weekend’s Mass Celebrants**

** hugs:**
Sat 5:00pm: Fr. Rick Prindle
Sun 7:00am: Fr. Paul Siebenand
8:00am: Msgr. John Barry
9:30am: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
11:30am: Fr. Rick Prindle
5:00pm: Fr. Paul Siebenand

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.

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**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

**Armed Forces**

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

Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
CPT Maureen Bannom - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.
Jonathan Concetti - U.S.M.C.
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army
SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
2d Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force
1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
CDR Mike McIlroy Mullen - U.S. Navy
Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.

**Pray for the Sick**

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

Nancy Smith
Helene Grik
Diana Satoris
Kathy O’Mara
Blake King
Walt Dougher
Stephen Jagatch
Greg Stratton
Kathleen Callahan
Rita Bogg
Karen Sweeney
David Weber
Sheri Skulick
Peter Champagne
Davis Warren
Virginia Freedman

**In Memoriam**

Rita Boland
Marima Quesada
Antoinetta Lombardo
Tom Petir
Jamison Felipe
Jenna Stubbs
Jill Morales
Liz Mazyja
Florence Hannaway
Elizabeth Muzyka
Steve Dimond

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

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**Holy Matrimony**

Third Banns:
Ryan Bell and Alissa Volosin
Jason Palacios and Jansen Martin

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**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, August 11 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.

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**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, 7:30 AM

**Morning Prayer:**
Tues after 6:30 AM Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Devotion & Benediction):**
Tues after 8 AM Mass

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

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**Bereavement Support**
Deacon Chris & Yvonne Amantea
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**Assistive Listening Devices**

Headphones are available for 9:30AM & 11:30AM Sunday Mass.
If you have trouble hearing at Mass, check one out in the vestibule, and return the device after Mass.
# Calendar, Mass Intentions & Readings

## This Week

### MONDAY, August 12
- 7:00 PM HFH Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 PM OLF Fr. Tom Kelly: "The Blessed Mother and Islam"
- 7:00 PM StMT Natural Family Planning

### TUESDAY, August 13
- 5:30 AM PH Men’s AA Meeting
- 3:30 PM PH Legion of Mary
- 6:00 PM HFH Teen Tuesday
- 7:00 PM PH Matthew 25 Meeting
- 7:00 PM SCH Women’s AA Meeting
- 7:30 PM StMT Al-Anon Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, August 14
- 4:00 PM B&B Latin Chant Class
- 7:00 PM OLMM MBSAFE Info and Training Meeting

### THURSDAY, August 15
- **Holy Day of Obligation - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
  - 5:30 AM PH Men’s AA Meeting
  - 9:00 AM OLMM Career BridgeBuilders Networking Group

### FRIDAY, August 16
- 11:15 AM CH 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:

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## Next Weekend

### SATURDAY, August 17
- 10:00 AM HFH AA Women’s Meeting
- 7:30 PM SCH AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, August 18
- 7:45 AM ODH Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00 AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
- 6:30 PM SK Book Discussion:
  - "I Think You’re Wrong (But I’m Listening)"

### Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

#### MONDAY, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal
- **Readings:** Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
  - 8:00 Sharon Walsh † (Holtze Family)
  - 12:10 Guiseppe Ammazzalorso † (Knights of Columbus 4567)
  - 5:00 Wanda Ferdin † (Dan & Bebe Scott)

#### TUESDAY, August 13 - Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
- **Readings:** Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8 and 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
  - 6:30 Chris Tonne Gibson (Tonne Family)
  - 8:00 Helene Grik (Darla & Terry O’Reilly)
  - 12:10 Jennifer Smalley Moore (Clare Frederick)
  - 5:00 Ida Maria Gastaldin † (Laura & Jim Hirschman)

#### WEDNESDAY, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe
- **Readings:** Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
  - 6:30 Nelson Chua (Betty Nery)
  - 12:10 Albina Horvat † (Steve Horvat)
  - 5:00 Jim Hoppe † (Jim Hoppe Family)

#### THURSDAY, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Readings:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
  - 6:30 Chrysanthos Vlachos (Holtze Family)
  - 12:10 Joseph V. Mullin † (Mullin Family)
  - 5:00 Sophia Vincenza Burch (Joanne Dispotto)
  - 7:30 Raymond J. Freedman † (Quilliam Family)

#### FRIDAY, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary
- **Readings:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12
  - 8:00 Hedflisa C. Bosch (Joyce Payne)
  - 12:10 Don Rohrer † (Condon Family)
  - 5:00 Bill Chalk † (Jan Chalk)

#### SATURDAY, August 17
- **Readings:** Jn 21:1-14; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
  - 8:00 Women’s Cornerstone Book Club
  - 5:00 Ed & Camille Mucha † (Quilliam Family)

#### SUNDAY, August 18 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Readings:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
  - 7:00 Greg Stratton (Jon Rager)
  - 8:00 Jack West † (West Family)
  - 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  - 11:30 John Zivec † (Mike Zivec)
  - 5:00 Anne Hendey (Sherry Hayes-Peirce)
**BECOMING CATHOLIC - RCIA**

*Are You Someone, or Do You Know Someone Who…*

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Adults considering entering the Catholic Church follow a process known as the RCIA - the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*. RCIA offers an opportunity to come together to learn more about the faith. We focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

**The process goes through 4 stages:**

1. **September thru October** is called “Inquiry” – during this stage there is no hard commitment per se, but it’s a time to consider your decision; a time for questions and answers.
2. **November thru February** is called The “Catechumenate” (Study) Period – at this stage you have more or less made the commitment to serious study of the faith.
3. **March thru April** (Lent/Easter) is called the “Period of Purification and Enlightenment” - It is a time of reflection, centered on conversion and preparation for the rites on Holy Saturday.
4. **April thru May** is the “Period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis and Mystagogy.” Through the Easter Season and beyond the newly initiated experience being full members of the Christian community by means of *mystagogy*, participation in parish ministry and sharing the Sunday Eucharistic celebrations.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Registration is available online through the American Martyrs website.

**RCIA sessions begin Wednesday, September 11 in St. Kateri at 7:30PM.**

**Questions?** Please contact Terri Brown or Deacon Derek Brown, RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org | 310-220-9368
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall

Parish Staff are hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7am, 8am, and 9:30am Masses.

Next Week:
Parish Staff will host Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall after the 7 am, 8 am, and 9:30 am Masses.

Are you interested in trying a Latin Chant Class?
Join us to sing the Latin chants of the Mass and learn its rich history in the Roman Church. Our class is on Mondays, 3:00-5:00pm and Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm, throughout the summer.

We meet in the Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room up the back stairs from O’Donnell Hall.
(Please text RSVP to Bridget Alario 310-748-9870)
Sponsored by the Academy of the Two Hearts, an AMCC ministry.

Join us for an evening with the author (via Skype) to discuss the book “I Think You’re Wrong (But I’m Listening)”
Next Sunday, August 18
6:30-8pm in St. Kateri

We invite you to join us for our discussion with the author (even if you have not read the book)!

In ”I Think You’re Wrong (But I’m Listening)” two working moms from opposite ends of the political spectrum contend that there is a better way. Copies of the book are still available in the Welcome Center.

Sponsored by Beautifully Wonderfully Made.

We’ll be missing you when you are on vacation! So share some pics of you at the churches where you are.

Visit Masstimes.org for Churches & Mass Times worldwide

Use the #MISSINGMARTYRS hashtag on your post
FB/AmericanMartyrsCatholicCommunity
Twitter/AmericanMartyrs
Instagram/AmericanMartyrsChurch

The Role of the Blessed Mother in Islam
Did you know that Mary is mentioned more times in the Koran than in the New Testament?
Join us for a talk by Fr. Tom Kelly about the Blessed Mother and Islam.

Monday, August 12 at 7:00pm
Our Lady of Fatima

(Our Lady of Fatima is on the second floor of the Blessed Virgin Mary wing, use the new eastside entrance to the stairs, or the eastside St. Kateri entrance for the elevator)
By late July we were back from our vacation travels, and on one weekend we found that we didn't have any Parish commitments. We could select any weekend Mass we wanted. Now this shouldn't be a big issue but, as we began to talk about it, one or two Masses were too late, another was too early, and so on. Maybe it was the heat of late July, but we realized we might be talking ourselves into not going at all! This is not normal for us. So, we talked about what was happening and we realized we were making excuses.

All of us are great at excuses. I'm sure each of us can remember the excuses that we would give our parents for not doing well on a school test or for the semester. We'd say: “Well everybody failed the test,” or “The teacher hates me,” and so on. Even our 3½ year-old granddaughter (do not forget the ½ when talking to her) has excuses. Kids come up with excuses all the time, but then so do we adults.

Why can’t we do what we need to do now? Why do we put off for tomorrow what could be done today? We wait until tomorrow to deal with things and yet Jesus talks about the immediacy of His call. The call to a life of holiness, a life of grace and freedom from sin. Today is the day to begin changing our lives for good and yet, it may be too sunny, or too cloudy, or maybe we're too busy, or we're too tired.

The time is now. The Lord is calling us to leave what’s holding us back from loving more deeply, and belonging more deeply, to Christ. A life lived in Jesus is a gift we give to others, a life that’s full of joy and blessed with satisfaction.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen’s television show (my grandmother told me about this show) was called "Life Is Worth Living." I often think about the title because this is my only life so why should I hold back? Let’s all begin, without excuses, to follow Christ more closely so that we may know the joy of Stewardship, the joy of the Gospel, the joy of being part of the Body of Christ.

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

Thank you to all who have pledged or contributed to Together in Mission.

If you have not yet made a pledge, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a commitment this year.

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

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

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 20, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Holy Family House. The topic is "Openness."

Questions? Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651

Who's there for me?

Are you new to the area or just lacking a support network? Would having someone to share your joys and struggles help you to get established? A Stephen Minister might be just what you need.

A Stephen Minister meets with you once a week to be your confidential supporter and companion. They’re dependable, kind, and caring.

Don’t be afraid to ask for help.

That’s what we're here for. Leave us a message at 310-545-8244 or email us at Stephen Ministry@AmericanMartyrs.org.

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.
Commission Chair: Jim Kaltsas
SJ0@AmericanMartyrs.org

Matthew 25 meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00PM. Please join us to see how you can get involved in service!
Our August meeting is this Tuesday, August 13 (the 2nd Tuesday) in the Parish House.

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 Sock Hop and Ice Cream Social
Friday, August 16
O’Donnell Hall, 6:30-9:00PM
$1.00 Donation at Door | Refreshments $.50 each
All Exceptional Dancers 14 years and older welcome.

Volunteers are invited to help beginning at 5:00PM 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

American Martyrs Trivia
Do you know where this counter is?
Helped eliminate waste from 00001136 disposable plastic bottles

To learn about eliminating plastic water bottles at American Martyrs and more, please join our:
Creation Care Monthly Meeting
August 12 at 7 pm
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Creation Care takes action to care for the environment.
We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm.
Tony Fadale (fadaleanthony@gmail.com)

Matthew 25 collects items for its outreach ministries around LA
All of our projects are in need of small travel size items
• Toothbrushes & toothpaste
• Shampoo & conditioner
• Soap, wet wipes, hand sanitizer
• Deodorant
• Mouthwash
• Sunscreen
• Kleenex
• Women’s pads
• Washcloths
• Combs
• Razors & shaving cream

You may leave items IN THE LOCKERS at the bottom of the stairs in the parking garage, or at the Welcome Center.

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 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 contact Deacon Fred Rose for an appointment.

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

Next class is TONIGHT, August 11 at 7:00pm in St. Kateri.

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.

Mason Phillip Abbot
Ariana Capistran
Greyson John Copeland
Cecelia Grace DeCarlo
Karina Dinh
Paloma Jane Goldman
Sophia Eleanor Oms
Luna Marina Porras
Frances Elena Wald
Cain Thomas Woodward

Victor James Benjamin
Holden Eugene Cavanna
Eliza Simone Davis
Mira Elise Estacio de la Cruz
Jake Regan Eccles
John Richard Huntley
Joshua Yohalan Porras
Luke William Roepke
Sebastian Ernest Williams
Owen Samuel Zusman

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):
Thursday, August 22, 7:00-10:00pm, St. Kateri
Tuesday, September 3, 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 KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE 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, August 21, 7:00-8:30pm, St. Kateri

If these dates do not fit your schedule, check the session listings on the Virtus website under Los Angeles - San Pedro Region or Los Angeles - Our Lady of the Angels Region for other opportunities.

Faith Enrichment & Prayer

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

Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning Scripture Group (on Summer break)
Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00am, in the Spirituality Center
Contact: Alvin Fletcher, 310-379-5241

Sunday Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe (on Summer break)
Wednesday, 10:00-11:30am, in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Monday Morning Faith Sharing (on Summer break)
Mondays, 9:00-11:00am, in the Parish House
Contact: Joanne Dispoto, jodispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

Silent Meditation
Friday, 11:15-12:00 noon, 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

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

“...my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1:46-47
**FAITH FORMATION**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Teen Tuesday Bible Study**

Tuesdays, 6:00PM and Wednesday, 2:00PM in Holy Family House, all high school teens are invited.

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

Youth Ministry:
- Matthew Leon, matthew.leon@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Sunday Preschool Registration for 2019-20 is open**

Find the link at the AmericanMartyrs.org website.

Preschool Sunday School

We are always looking for new teachers! Come rediscover the beauty of God’s creation through the eyes of a child.

Questions? Please contact us!
- Kathy Glynn, SundayPreschool@AmericanMartyrs.org

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

**Using vanishing communication technology to send harmful messages**

From your cell phone you can send virtually any form of communication - even messages that disappear almost immediately after being sent. With apps like Snapchat and Instagram, or even some texting apps, children with social media accounts can communicate privately and secretively, sending messages and pictures that disappear after they are seen.

Obviuously, vanishing messages pose a problem, as parents can't monitor what their children are saying or receiving. Check your child's phone for these apps and talk about the importance of transparency and honesty. It's also important for children to know that even a “vanishing” message can be saved through a screenshot.

To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Vanishing, Self-Destructing, and Electronic Communication” at http://www.la-archdiocese.org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.

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

**FAMILIES IN FAITH**

**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)**

Register now for next year’s SRE program for grades 1-8! Classes begin in September.

New parent orientations are at the end of August.

Our FAMILIES IN FAITH site has links to apply online for our classes and calendars. www.familiesinfaith.weebly.com

**Returning Families** can re-register students at the Parent Portal link on our FAMILIES IN FAITH site. Enter new siblings through the online application link.

**New Families to SRE** can find the New Student Application link at our site.

Imagine a wonderful hour a week with our young people - Be a teacher in our SRE program!

Our hundreds of young people are in need of loving people who feel God’s call to share the Good News. We offer support, training and materials you will find enrich the experience. The only missing ingredient is YOU!

**Calling Forth Catechists**

“...I'm not sure that I have anything to share. I'm not that holy; I'm just a regular person.”

Teaching religion is not just about passing on facts for memorization. In addition to helping the children learn about God, the catechist must help the young people in his or her class to get to know Jesus Christ through His Church; to foster in them a relationship with Jesus.

If you're thinking about serving God as a catechist, you probably have a relationship with Our Lord already. And your good relationship with God probably happened as part of a process, not all of a sudden. You can share some of how you got to where you are with God now. And the struggle it sometimes is to stay that way.

And as far as not being holy enough goes, let's look at the example of the canonized saints. They considered themselves regular people, too. They love God with all their mind, with all their heart, and with all their strength. Does that sound like someone else you know?

For further information, contact Patti Williams

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

For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.
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A Sign Language Interpreter is available for Sunday 5:00pm Mass, weddings, and funerals. Please call Gigi 310-528-9024.
Casa De Los Angelitos Maternity Home, 310-325-8208
24 Hour Pregnancy Helpline, 310-787-HELP
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING LINE, 800-355-2545
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY Heather Banis, 213-637-7650

GYM, FIELD & ATHLETICS
Lou Ann Selsky, 424-327-9578 | Gym@AmericanMartyrs.org

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, 8:00-10:00PM
All players welcome, from beginners to advanced. Tuesdays are instructional; Thursdays are free play.
Rocky Wade, rockyvball1@hotmail.com

Men’s and Women’s Coed Volleyball
Tuesday, 8:00-10:00PM
Intermediate skill levels and recreational play.
John Wargnier, 310-796-1058 | johnwargnier@AmericanMartyrs.org

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American Martyrs Rosary available in the Welcome Center
Blue Glass † Walnut † Rosewood † Pearl
Give the gift of Prayer
Join us in our last week of Summer Camp at the Gym & Field Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm We are open to everyone, ages 5-12, in the community. Information and registration at TheFunCamp.com

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER - Part-time Development Manager

The Pregnancy Help Center, a pro-life pregnancy medical clinic, is seeking candidates for a part-time Development Manager position. Responsibilities include individual donor cultivation, grant writing, and coordinating fundraising events. A minimum of three years of development experience is preferred. Send resume to agross@phctorrance.org.

LMU CENTER FOR RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

Catholic Bible Institute: New Testament begins August 17 @ LMU

Offering a year-long study of the New Testament, the Catholic Bible Institute provides a comprehensive study of the Scriptures, focusing on methods of study, sharing and praying. Course is open to certificate program students and general public interested in the New Testament.

REGISTRATION: cal.lmu.edu | INFO: crs@lmu.edu | 310-338-2799

Ignatians West Invites You to a Day of Reflection

The Gift of Peace in a Chaotic World
How to Proceed from Desolation to Consolation
With
Randy Roche, SJ and Anne Hansen
Saturday, August 17, 2019
Loyola Marymount University
Jesuit Community Chapel and Garden
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Lunch included
Please RSVP: ahansen@ignatianswest.org or 310-338-2358

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Almighty God,
I come before you, once again, after another shooting. I am sad, God.

So I ask you
to receive into your loving care the souls of those who were killed,
to care for those who were wounded or hurt in any way,
to console the family members and friends of those who died or were wounded,
to strengthen the hands of the rescue workers, medical professionals and caregivers
I pray too for the shooter, as I must as a Christian.

All this makes me inexpressibly sad, God. But I know that the sadness I feel is your sadness.
It is the same sadness your son expressed when he wept over the death of his friend Lazarus.
I am tired, God.
I'm tired of the unwillingness to see this as an important issue.
I'm tired of those in power who work to prevent any real change.
I'm tired of those who say that gun violence can't be reduced.
All this makes me tired.
But I know that the tiredness I feel is your tiredness. It's the same tiredness that Jesus felt after his own struggles
against injustice that led him to fall asleep on the boat with his disciples.
I am angry, God.
I'm angry at the seeming powerlessness of our community to prevent this.
I'm angry at the selfish financial interests who block change.
I'm angry that these shootings happen at all.
But I know that this anger is your anger. It's the same anger Jesus felt when he overturned the tables in the Temple,
angry that anyone would be taken advantage of in any way.

Help me see in these emotions your own desire for change.
Help me see in these feelings your moving me to act.
Help me see in these reactions your pushing me to do something.
Because I know this is the way you move people to action.
And I know that you desire action. For Jesus did not stand by while people were being hurt. He plunged into their lives.
So help me to answer these questions:
How can I help?
How can I fight against gun violence?
How can I urge my political leaders to enact change?
How can I help people understand that this is an issue about life?

I am sad over the loss of life, tired of excuses for the loss of life, and angry that we are paralyzed by the loss of life.
So, turn my sadness into compassion.
Turn my tiredness into advocacy.
Turn my paralysis into the freedom to act.
Help me to be compassionate, to advocate and to act, as your son did, Almighty God.  ~James Martin, S.J.