Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, 9AM, 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM
7PM, on the first Sunday of the month

Weekday Mass
Monday/Wednesday/Friday:
  8AM, 12:10PM, 5PM
Tuesday/Thursday:
  6:30AM, 8AM, 12:10PM, 5PM
Saturday: 8AM

Holy Day Mass
Vigil: 5PM
Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8AM,
10AM, 11AM, 12:10PM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM

Reconciliation (Penance)
Tues/Thurs: 7-7:15AM
Wed/Fri: 5:30-6PM
Saturday: 8:30-9AM, 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM
Eves of Holy Days: 4-4:30PM
Confessions by request any time;
call Rectory for appointment.

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“Strive to enter through the narrow door,
for many, I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be strong enough”

Luke 13:24
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
Summer hours (through August 20) are:
Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-6pm | Fri, 8am-5pm
Sat, 4:30-6:30pm | Sun, 8am-1pm & 4:30-6:30pm

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.
Forthe 2nd floor rooms, use either of the eastside entrances - Blessed Virgin Mary or St. Kateri.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ST. JUAN DIEGO

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 walk to the far side.

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: Msgr. John Barry

SUN 7:00AM: Fr. PaulSiebenand

8:00AM: Fr. Rick Prindle

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

11:30AM: Fr. PaulSiebenand

5:00PM: Fr. Rick Prindle

7:00PM: TBD (T&T Mass)

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

Emailyour facility request (or for a table outside or in the school) to Email: Facilities@AmericanMartyrs.org

Deacon Derek & Terri Brown, RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org

IN MEMORIAM

Jenna Stubbs Zukman  Rita Boggs
Mickey Roughen  Kathleen Callahan
Maria Libertad Relova  Pauline Phillips

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

Holy Matrimony

Second Banns
Andrew Leahy and Lauryn Lyskin

First Banns
John Leonard and Meghan Beck
Lee Wizda and Alex Katchadourian

Assistive Listening Devices

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

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

Sacramental Information

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, September 15 at 7:00am.

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
yamantea@AmericanMartyrs.org
### This Week

**MONDAY, August 26**
- 3:00PM B&B: Latin Chant Class
- 7:00PM HFH: Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00PM SK: AM Preschool Parent Orientation

**TUESDAY, August 27**
- 5:30AM PH: Men's AA Meeting
- 3:30PM PH: Legion of Mary
- 6:00PM HFH: Teen Tuesday
- 7:00PM SCH: Women's AA Meeting
- 7:30PM StMT: Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, August 28**
- 9:00AM OLMM: South Bay Coalition for the Homeless
- 4:00PM B&B: Latin Chant Class
- 7:00PM SK: AMS Back to School Night - Lower School

**THURSDAY, August 29**
- 5:30AM PH: Men's AA Meeting
- 9:00AM OLMM: Career BridgeBuilders Networking Group
- 11:00AM SpC: Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 6:30PM SK: First Communion Parent Meeting
- 7:00PM SK: SRE New Parent Orientation

**FRIDAY, August 30**
- 11:15AM SpC: Silent Meditation
- 3:00PM SpC: Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings

### Next Weekend

**SATURDAY, August 31**
- 10:00AM HFH: AA Women's Meeting
- 7:30PM SCH: AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, September 1**
- 9:30AM OLMM: Children's Liturgy
- 10:00AM SpL: Spiritual Library (until 4:00pm)
- 1:30PM PH: Alzheimer's Support Group
- 7:00PM ODH: T&T Mass

### Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

**MONDAY, August 26**
- **Readings:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- **8:00** Jose Quindara † (Nonito & Bel Zamora)
- **12:10** Allan Graf † (Dapor Family)
- **5:00** Jack Fulkerson † (Wilma Fee)

**TUESDAY, August 27 - St. Monica**
- **Readings:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
- **6:30** Msgr. John F. Barry, P.A. (Quilliam Family)
- **8:10** Leuck Family (Hoffman Family)
- **12:10** Helene Grik (Tom Klimasz)
- **5:00** Florante C. Cruz † (Maria Daisy Bella)

**WEDNESDAY, August 28 - St. Augustine**
- **Readings:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- **8:00** Martha Hunt † (Nancy Vargo)
- **12:10** Edna Moret † (Catherine Harris)
- **5:00** John Frye (Maria Frye)

**THURSDAY, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist**
- **Readings:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mk 6:17-29
- **6:30** Bob Kalinowski † (Peggy & Dick Hansen)
- **8:00** Karen Ross † (Nat Chianta & La Famiglia)
- **12:10** Dorothy Higi † (Tom & Jean Willson)
- **5:00** Special Intention

**FRIDAY, August 30**
- **Readings:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97: 1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12ab; Mt 25:1-13
- **8:10** Tom Holt † (Pat Holt)
- **12:10** Daniel King † (Maureen King)
- **5:00** Carlos & Miguel Gonzales (Carlo Abcede)

**SATURDAY, August 31**
- **Readings:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 24:13-30
- **8:00** John Overton † (Woods, Overton, Dickie Family)
- **5:00** Carmel Leslie † (Helene & Larry Grik)

**SUNDAY, September 1 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Readings:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
- **7:00** Joseph Mullen † (Tom Hoffman)
- **8:00** Charlie Ragusa † (Russ & Kim Neglia)
- **9:30** For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- **11:30** Norm Ishizaki † (Donna Whitworth)
- **5:00** Dave Bower † (Kathy Gore)

**Facilities:**
- B&B - Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room
- 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
- SpG - Spirituality Garden
- SpL - Spirituality Center Library
- SJC - St. Joseph's Chapel
- SK - St. Kateri
- SJJD - St. Juan Diego
- StMT - St. Mother Teresa
- WC - Welcome Center

**Note:** Dates and locations are subject to change without notice. Please check with the ministry to verify event.
Stop by the Welcome Center to see our new Spiritually Inspired Jewelry Collection.

We have a wide variety of necklaces and bracelets, and specifically items for First Communion, Baptism, and Confirmation.

Thank you to all of the American Martyrs parishioners who donated money to Water for Kids, International to build a deep water well in Manyana, Uganda.

On July 11, 2019 the new well was dedicated, and will provide clean water for thousands of people in Manyana and neighboring villages. We were able to raise the $10,500 for a new well, with an extra $2,000 toward another well next year. Several American Martyrs families participated in the trip to Uganda for the dedication.

Monthly Pancake Breakfast begins again on Sunday, September 8 with the annual "Honoring Our Heroes" Appreciation Breakfast. Details in next week's bulletin.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANKS YOU!

Hi everyone. I wanted to personally thank our American Martyrs parishioners and friends for your support and commitment to the parish Pancake Breakfast Ministry. We couldn't do it without you.

We served approximately 3200 breakfasts. That consists of about 900 lbs. of pancake mix, 1000 lbs. of liquid eggs (not to mention the once we had to crack), 700 lbs. of sausages, 3000+ butter pads, 2000+ cups of coffee plus refills, 90 gallons of OJ, 20 Gallons of milk, a few paper to go plates, and ...

ZERO plastic knives and forks!

Our food waste is used as fuel to power the recycling plant and we washed dishes to avoid the cost of paper products but most importantly reduced the trash output that goes to the landfill.

WHAT'S IT ALL FOR?

We donated:
- Breakfast to Men's Cornerstone Retreat
- Family Promise ($1000)
- AMS Scholarships ($3,000)
- Knights of Columbus Guatemala House Build ($2,000)
- Matthew 25 for Food for the Homeless ($3,375)

We will be back again in September. We invite you (and your friends and family) to join this worthwhile ministry!

Again, thank you, and have a great summer!

Regards,
John Wargnier and the Pancake Breakfast Ministry
**PARISH LIFE**

**Coffee & Donuts in O'Donnell Hall**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES are hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

**Silent Auction Donations**

**As you do your summer cleaning, please think of u!**

Believe it or not but the Parish Fair Silent Auction has already started preparing for our event in October. We would so appreciate your favorite treasures, collectibles or furniture.

Call Tina Sarafa, 310-502-5792, if you have questions.

**Effective immediately, "8AM Mass" on Tuesdays and Fridays will change to an 8:10AM Mass.**

American Martyrs School will attend Mass on these two days, and Mass will be celebrated at the main altar.

The lower grades (1st-4th) will attend 8:10AM Mass on Tuesdays and the upper grades (5th-8th) will attend 8:10AM Mass on Fridays.

**Senior Fellowship Group**

Welcome back to our Pot Luck and Game Day on **Tuesday, September 3** in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room.

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!*

Save the date of **September 17** for our membership renewal ($5.00) Brown Bag Event at Judy’s Gazebo Gardens.

Call Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804, if you have questions.

**Senior Brunch**

Social Seniors Brunch is **TODAY, August 25** at 1:00PM at California Pizza Kitchen (3820 Sepulveda Blvd. in the Manhattan Village Mall.)

RSVP to Claudia, 310-546-2377 or Magda, 323-447-0565.

**Arlene’s Lighthouse**

Arlene’s Lighthouse is associated with the International movement Faith and Light which was started by Jean Vanier. We are a small community made up of persons with an intellectual disability, their families and friends, particularly young friends, who meet together on a regular basis in a Christian spirit, to share friendship, pray together, party, and celebrate life.

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

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, September 6** at the Parish House, at 6:00PM. We welcome everyone!

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

**historical ministry**

Stained glass window tours of the Church, upon request.

Contact Rita Hanretty at 310-545-5651.
Discipline - how I hate it and yet how necessary it is if I want to be a steward of God’s gifts! My excuses are endless, “I don’t feel like volunteering to help with coffee and donuts. I don’t feel like working on cleaning the garage. I don’t feel like challenging my daughter when she complains that “everyone else gets to do it!” It is often hard to do the right thing, because it takes sacrifice. I only have the hope that something better will result of it in the end.

Today’s readings remind us that discipline is not only necessary but good.

...for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; ... Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what “son” is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. Hebrews 12:5-11

As a son, my parents disciplined me and did not give me everything I asked for. My parents were stewards of my young life and disciplined me with love so I could learn how to discipline myself. What greater gift for me to pass on then to lovingly help my own children learn the spiritual gift of self-discipline! (Unfortunately, sometimes when I give the discipline, I forget to do it out of a spirit of love.) I try to say a quick prayer to God to give me wisdom and love to address the specific issue.

I have been reading Matthew Kelly’s book, Resisting Happiness. I can recommend it as encouragement to help you develop a more self-disciplined life. In his book, Matthew reveals that “Catholicism truly does bridge heaven and earth - not just in a theological way, but in a real and practical way. The simple habit of self-denial is a spiritual habit, but it has tremendous implications for our worldly affairs. Self-denial leads to the immensely practical skill of delaying gratification.” I reflect on the many gifts that God has given me in my life and I realized that I could not have developed them without practicing self-denial. Self-denial is the ability to say “No” to my current desire.

This week join me in learning the power of saying “No” to yourself at least once per day. Each time you do it, offer your self-denial up as a prayer to God, then see how you become a better, more appreciative steward of the gifts God has given you!

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.
Commission Chair: Jim Kaltsas  
SJO@AmericanMartyrs.org

Matthew 25 Outreach - Santa Monica

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

Will you Help the Hungry?

Looking for a way to help those in need?

Do you have an hour to give?

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM to enjoy service, community, prayer, and a glass of your favorite beverage.

We gather to make sandwiches for the St. Lawrence of Brindisi Parish Outreach Lunch Program, carrying on a 25 year tradition here at American Martyrs.

If you can spare an hour, our first Tuesday is:

September 3, in O’Donnell Hall

Please RSVP to:
Traci Britton, TBritton@AmericanMartyrs.org

Life & Family Ministry

The Life and Family Ministry includes education, activities, support and service in the following areas:

- Abortion & Crisis Pregnancy
- Natural Family Planning
- Zellie’s Girls - Spiritual growth & support for mothers
- Post-Abortion Healing
- Adoption & Foster Care
- St. Joseph’s Fathers - Supporting fathers in spiritual growth
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Miscarriage & Stillbirth
- Couple-to-Couple - Connecting couples for spiritual mentorship
- Exceptional Children
- Family Education
- Elder Care and End of Life

Ministry brochures are in the vestibule of the Church.

For information about Life and Family Ministry, contact Steve Perry, 818-800-5653 | LifeandFamily@AmericanMartyrs.org

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.

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.
**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, September 8 at 7:00pm in St. Kateri.**

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

**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, September 3, 7:00-10:00pm,** St. Kateri

**Registration is required at the VIRTUS website.**

Gotovww.virtusonline.org and click FirstTimeRegistrant and then view the American Martyrs session listed in the Los Angeles-San Pedro region.

If this date 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**

*When we pray, we join a steady stream of prayer that began more than 2,000 years ago. With our world around us constantly in a state of flux, there is a special grace in knowing there is a place that is sacred and unchanging, a place where we can go to be renewed in the love that is ours by way of God’s grace.*

*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, 11:15-12:00noon, 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

**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

**It is an error to think that**

**faith**

**is so entirely a gift of God that it is not in our power to increase and strengthen it.**

**ST CLAUDE DE LA COLOMBIERE**
August 25, 2019 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Youth Ministry**

**Teen Tuesday Bible Study**
*Tuesdays, 6:00PM*
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

**Families in Faith**

**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)**
Register now for next year’s SRE program for grades 1-8! Classes begin in September.

**Return 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.

**New Parent Orientation**
Orientation is required for parents new to SRE, or it’s been awhile. Please choose one of the following to attend:
- **TONIGHT, Sunday, August 25, 7:30-9:00PM**
- **Thursday, August 29, 7:30-9:00PM**
- **Wednesday, September 4, 9:30-11:00AM**

All meetings are in St. Kateri.

**2019 First Communion Parent Meeting**
Parents of the First Communion Class of 2020 (Second Grade AMS or SRE) attend this important meeting for First Penance and First Communion. Please choose one of the following to attend:
- **TONIGHT, Sunday, August 25, 6:30-7:00PM**
- **Thursday, August 29, 6:30-7:00PM**
- **Wednesday, September 4, 8:30-9:00AM**

All meetings are in St. Kateri.

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

**Reasons why you might be hesitant to be a Catechist**

“...I don’t know if I’ll be able to answer kids’ questions.”

Our textbooks are very easy to use and the answers to most questions you will be asked will come from the text. However, sometimes, kids come up with really excellent questions that are not all that easy to answer.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with saying, “I don’t know, but I’ll find out and tell you next time we meet.” Then, after class, you can just walk down to the SRE Office and ask us for the answer.

For further information, contact Patti Williams
**DIrector of Religious Education**: Patti Williams, 310-546-4734
PWilliams@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Call Forth Catechists**

catholicpersonnel.com

**Safeguard the Children**

Keep an eye out during social events at school and church

Now that your children are getting ready to head back to school, it’s a good time to re-familiarize yourself with the school or church property. Keep a special lookout for any rooms or areas where supervision is low, and where a predator could take a child without being noticed.

During school events, these are the places to watch. You should also take note of any locked doors, areas under bleachers or in stairwells, or anywhere else suspicious. Child safety should be a priority for all events.

Learn more from the VIRTUS® article "Premises Safety… Always a High Priority” at http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.

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

Sunday Preschool Registration for 2019-20 is open
Find the link at the AmericanMartyrs.org website.

*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!
KathyGlynn, SundayPreschool@AmericanMartyrs.org

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
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American Martyrs Rosary available in the Welcome Center
Blue Glass † Walnut † Rosewood † Pearl

Give the gift of Prayer

Sign Language Interpreter available for Sunday 5:00 pm 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
LouAnnSelsky.424-327-9578 | Selsky@AmericanMartyrs.org

SENIORS EXERCISE
Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:00 AM (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, 8:00-10:00 AM
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, 8:00-10:00 AM
Intermediate skill levels and recreational play.
John Wargnier, 310-796-1058 | johnwargnier@AmericanMartyrs.org

GYM CONTACT:
Lou Ann Selsky, 424-327-9578 or
iselsky@AmericanMartyrs.org

GYM & FIELD RESERVATIONS:
Contact Pat Breen, Gym Committee Chair
Gym@AmericanMartyrs.org
Ignatians West is looking for a few good people!

Are you a mature adult with time to spare? Your lifetime of experience can be turned into service for others as your interests and talents are matched with the needs of children, adults and families in a variety of non-profit settings.

Volunteers serve in schools, food pantries, hospitals and social service centers 1 or 2 days a week. In addition to service, volunteers meet monthly to reflect in the Ignatian tradition. This Jesuit affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society, care for the earth and grow deeper in your faith. The benefits are priceless!

Contact Anne Hansen, 310-338-2358, ahansen@ignatianswest.org

PREGNANCYHELP 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.

South Bay Catholic Adult Co-ed Softball League

Catholic Co-ed Softball seeks Players for their exciting Fall Season!

Games are Sunday afternoons in Torrance, Sept to Nov. Singles & couples are welcome; female players especially needed.

Interested? Contact Fred, 714-369-9516, fredlawler@hotmail.com.

Beyond Our Parish

LMU CENTER FOR RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

"Meditation as a Path of Spiritual Awakening" with Dr. James Finley

Saturday, August 31 @ LMU University Hall

Step by step practical guidelines in meditation practice that draws us into a deep, transformative experience of God’s presence in our lives.

"God is My Center" with Rev. Martin Laird

Saturday-Sunday, September 7-8 @ LMU University Hall

Fr. Martin Laird will lead participants in a weekend of silent prayer, discussion, and contemplative practice.

Contemplative Practices

begins September 7 @ LMU

This program aims to serve as a conduit that supports participants to deepen their awareness of the presence of an already present God. It does so by exposing participants to the key elements of Christian Contemplative practices in the hopes that through reflection, discussion, and practice they can grow into an ever-deepening awareness of the presence of God in their lives.

Registration: cal.lmu.edu | info: crs@lmu.edu | 310-338-2799

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor

Presents the 22nd Annual

The Radical Response of the Bible to a Modern Crisis

By Prof. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher, Ph.D.

Thursday, September 26

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Parish Center Auditorium

209 N. Hanford Avenue in San Pedro

Life, Justice and Peace Presents

Moses and Migration:

Are today’s issues really so radically different from some of the issues facing the Hebrew people and the writers of the Bible?

In this discussion, we will propose that - in fact - the Bible has a surprisingly modern approach of compassion and concern about "the foreigner" who lives among us.

As usual, when we think some problems are beyond the Scripture, or have little to do with Scripture, we are typically surprised with its challenges for us.

AT THE SERVICE OF THE FAMILY FOR LIFE! - MARYCREST MANOR

The Carmelite Sisters offer short-term and long-term care for seniors, with the unique blend of social, recreational, educational and religious activities in a caring, tranquil, and home-like environment. Call for further information, tour or application.

A Skilled Nursing Facility, 10664 St. James Dr, Culver City, Calif. 90230 | 310-838-2778 ext. 212

For more information call (310) 548-0625 / www.lspiscopal.org

For more information on Jeanne Jugan and the Little Sisters visit www.littlesistersofthepoor.org or visit the San Pedro home at 2100 S. Western Ave, San Pedro, CA 90732
**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE IS THIS WEEKEND**

One-pound bags of beans and rice continue to be staple foods that go a long way, as are these other items:
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Lentils
- Rice
- Beans
- Spaghetti
- Pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Tuna
- Soup
- Canned meats
- Canned fruit
- Mac ‘n’ cheese
- Instant mashed potato mix

Bring Sunday newspaper inserts and coupons you receive to the Food Drive table. Thank you!

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**ATTENTION ALL TWENTIES & THIRTIES!**

**THE T&T MASS IS NEXT SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 7:00PM**

**O’DONNELL HALL**

Join us for Praise and worship at 6:45PM, Mass at 7:00PM, and a Social afterwards.

**QUESTIONS?** Monica Leon, mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**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 “Inquiry” – during this stage there is no hard commitment per se; it is a time to consider your decision, a time for questions and answers.
2. **November thru February** is 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 the “Period of Purification and Enlightenment” - 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 18 in St. Kateri at 7:30PM.**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Terri Brown or Deacon Derek Brown, RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org | 310-220-9368

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**THIS WEEKEND, on the plaza**

**What’s Your Scoop?**

Ice cream will be served after 5PM Mass on Sat, Aug 24 and after 11:30AM and 5PM Mass on Sun, Aug 25.

Stop by the Plaza to catch up with friends you haven’t seen over the summer.

*Ice cream is available while supply lasts!*

Thank you to The Creamery, Manhattan Beach for your Cream’wiches donations!

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