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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:
8:10AM, 12:10PM, 5PM
Tuesday / Thursday:
6:30AM, 8:10AM, 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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Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

**PARISH FACILITIES**

**RECTORY / PASTORAL CARE**  
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm | Sat, 10am-1pm  
310-545-5651 | for 424-327-9703

**PARISH CENTER:**  
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310-545-5651  
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Sat, 4:30-6:30pm | Sun, 8:30am-1pm & 4:30-6:30pm

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

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

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
**ST. JUAN DIEGO**  
**ST. MOTHER TERESA**

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

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

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

**GYM** - 310-802-8720 | 701 15th Street  
**HOLY FAMILY HOUSE** - Use O’Donnell parking structure. Cross 15th St., past Gym, through gate, and up the stairs on the left side to the front door.  
**PARISH HOUSE** - 659 15th Street  
**SACRED HEART HOUSE** - Use O’Donnell parking structure. Cross 15th St., and enter the schoolyard, and walk to the far side.  
**SPIRITUALITY CENTER** - 770 17th Street  
Use O’Donnell parking structure, and walk to 17th St.

**Next Weekend’s Mass Celebrants**

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

**ARMED FORCES**  
We pray for those serving overseas in our Armed Forces, especially:  
Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.  
CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army  
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy  
Sgt Charles Koffman - U.S. Army  
2d Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force  
CDR Mike McIlroy Mullen - National Guard  
Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.  
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army  
PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army  
LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy  

**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 (DEVOITION & BENEDICTION):** Tues after 8AM Mass  
**ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN:** Wed after 5PM Mass, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for the sick in our community that they may find comfort and healing in Christ, especially:  
Nancy Smith | Verna Bartlett  
Patricia Dolley | Isabella Parke  
Larry Schnebly | Martha Corbett  
Clark Miller | Scott Barr  
Barbara Muelrath | Helene Grik  
Dr. Lawrence Marinelli | Lee Parker  
Mitchell Woods | Jack Radville  
Kathy O’Mara | Walt Dougher  
Blake King | Sheri Skulick  
Peter Champagne

**IN MEMORIAM**

Gloria Gryder | Florence Smith  
Kenneth Joseph Schantz

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

**HOLY MATRIMONY**

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

**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 8 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.

**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
### September 8, 2019 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Calendar, Mass Intentions & Readings**

#### This Week

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

**TUESDAY, September 10**
- 5:30 PM PH Men’s AA Meeting
- 11:30 AM ODK M.O.M. Meeting & Sandwich Making
- 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, September 11**
- 9:30 AM SK Mothers of Young Children
- 7:00 PM SK AMS Back to School Night - Upper School

**THURSDAY, September 12**
- 5:30 AM PH Men’s AA Meeting
- 9:00 AM OLMM Career BridgeBuilders Networking Group
- 10:45 AM SK Altar Society - Tour, Mass & Meeting
- 11:00 AM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 7:30 PM StMT LGBTQ Fellowship

**FRIDAY, September 13**
- 11:15 AM SpC Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 6:30 PM ODH Exceptional Kids Organization Dance

#### Next Weekend

**SATURDAY, September 14**
- 9:00 AM ODH SEALED. 1 Parent Day of Reflection
- 10:00 AM HFH AA Women’s Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B Latin Chant Class
- 12:00 PM ODH SEALED. 2 Parent Day of Reflection
- 7:30 PM SCH AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, September 15**
- 7:45 AM ODH Coffee and Donuts
- 8:00 AM SK K of C Blood Drive (until 1:00 PM)
- 10:00 AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
- 2:00 PM SK SEALED. 1 Confirmation
- 3:30 PM SK SEALED. 2 Confirmation

#### Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

**MONDAY, September 9 - St. Peter Claver**

- **Readings:** Col 1:24-23; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- **Readings:** Col 1:24-23; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

**TUESDAY, September 10**

- **Readings:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
- **Readings:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

**WEDNESDAY, September 11**

- **Readings:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- **Readings:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**THURSDAY, September 12**

- **Readings:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- **Readings:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**FRIDAY, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom**

- **Readings:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:27-38
- **Readings:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:27-38

**SATURDAY, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- **Readings:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- **Readings:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**SUNDAY, September 15 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **Readings:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or Lk 15:1-10
- **Readings:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or Lk 15:1-10

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**Facilities:**
- ODL-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 - SCH-School
- SHH-Sacred Heart House - SJ-St. Joseph’s Chapel - SK-St. Kateri
- SJD-St. Juan Diego - SMT-St. Mother Teresa - WC-Welcome Center

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

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**Change in Daily Mass Schedule**

Weekday “8AM Mass” has changed to an 8:10AM Mass. On Tuesdays, AMS lower grades (1st-4th) will attend 8:10AM Mass and on Fridays, AMS upper grades (5th-8th) will attend 8:10AM Mass. On these days, Mass will be celebrated at the main altar. Saturday morning Mass will remain at 8AM.
ATTENTION LOVERS OF THE OLD LATIN CHANTS

For those interested in singing the Latin chants of the Mass and learning its rich history in the Roman Church, there is a class in the Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room (up the back stairs from O’Donnell Hall).

We meet on Mondays, 5:00-7:00 PM and Saturdays 10:30 AM-12:00 PM.

Young and old and in-between are most welcome!! You do not need experience, but we will be singing!

Please text your RSVP to Bridget Alario, 310-748-9870

Sponsored by the Academy of the Two Hearts, an AMCC ministry.

AMS Used Uniform Sale
TODAY, September 8, 8-11 AM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Kids have sprouted again! It is time to take advantage of our Used Uniform overstock sale.

Great inventory of high quality items, in all sizes. Many of our items literally look brand new and some items still have the tags on them!

As always, all proceeds from this program go to supporting our school Library!

QUESTIONS? Debbi Drewry, debbidrewry@yahoo.com | 310-488-1265

Lucky 21 is Here!
Win an all-new 2019 JEEP CHEROKEE, $5,000 cash or other great cash prizes.
Buy your tickets today!

Lucky 21 ticket sales begin after all Masses this weekend. You can also buy tickets at the Welcome Center or download an order form at www.AmericanMartyrs.org.

Please support American Martyrs church, school, SRE and outreach programs by participating in one of the year’s biggest fundraisers.

Your Lucky 21 Co-Chairs,
Christina Cappetta, Camilla and Shaun Crosner, Kerry Thelen, Eloise O’Donnell, Bill & Caitlin Sweeney

Faith is a commitment to a way of life, not just a set of intellectual beliefs.

Sheila, our fifth grade teacher’s 8-year old daughter, wanted a puppy and she was begging at every opportunity and promising to take care of it. Knowing full well it would end up being her responsibility, the teacher made arrangements with her brother to dog-sit for a week while he was on vacation. The first few days went pretty well, but by the fourth day ‘doggy fatigue’ was setting in. It seems that the young dog enthusiast failed to account for multiple daily walks, feedings, bathing, playtime and ‘cleaning up.’ At the end of the week, Sheila informed her mom that she had changed her mind and would prefer goldfish instead.

Faith is a commitment to a way of life, not just a set of intellectual beliefs. More than just accepting the idea that Jesus is the Savior, faith means that we change so that we live by God’s standards, even when it is demanding, inconvenient or difficult. Our values and morals are the foundation of our lives and if we compromise them, we compromise our life, both temporal and eternal.

We live our faith when we follow the teaching and example of Jesus. Plus we have the Church, the sacraments, the example of the saints and the support of one another—all of which are part of our community of faith that lives and supports our baptismal commitment to follow the Lord. There is no ‘faith fatigue.’ Our God and our faith renew and strengthen us as we journey together.

~James Gaffney,
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MOMS-ONLY RETREAT DAY
REST
TREAT YO’SSELF TO AN AFTERNOON
WITH OUR COMMUNITY OF MOMS.
ENJOY SOME SELF-CARE AND
SPIRITUAL-MINDFULNESS.
Sat, Sept 14, 2pm-8pm
Our Lady of Fatima room
American Martyrs Church
JOANNE REES: MOYC@AMERICANMARTYRS.ORG
KRISTINA CAPPETTA: (718) 505-7405
ELIZABETH SERRANO: (310) 245-4459
*SPACE IS LIMITED; RSVP REQUIRED.*
*FREE-WILL OFFERINGS ACCEPTED.*
**Pancake Breakfast!**

**Pancake Breakfast Ministry** is serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee in O’Donnell Hall after 7AM, 8AM and 9:30AM Masses.

*Please pay at the door. $6/ adults, $4/ children under 12, $25/ family (2 adults w/children).*

**NEXT WEEK: Mother Outreach Ministry** will host Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

**Mothers of Young Children**

**Wednesday, September 11**

9:30–11:00AM, St. Kateri

*Please join us for our first meeting of 2019!*

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

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

**Altar Society**

**Welcome Back!**

Please join us for our first meeting of the new year on **Thursday, September 12** for a Guided Tour of the Stained Glass windows in our beautiful church!

- Meet & Greet at American Martyrs at 10:45AM
- Tour begins at 11:00AM
- Mass at 12:10PM
- Light lunch to follow in St. Kateri

All are welcome!
We hope to see you there.

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

**Senior Fellowship Group**

Membership Renewal is **Tuesday, September 17** at Judy’s Gazebo Gardens. Membership dues are $5.00

Gates open at 10:00AM, *(games included with lots of prizes!)* and then Brown Bag Lunch. Member

RSVP to Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804, for more info.

**Historical Ministry:**

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

**Silent Auction Donations**

Cultural opportunities abound in our great city and throughout the Los Angeles area!

Do you have season tickets to the theatre, Hollywood Bowl, concert tickets to upcoming shows or the ability to arrange a tour of a special museum collection?

If so, please consider a donation to our upcoming Parish Fair Silent Auction. If you don’t have tickets in hand, we can help you create a wonderful display to showcase your donation.

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

**Catholic Homeschooling Families**

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

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

**Scrip.etc**

It’s time for the annual **Re-Registration for Ralphs**

All Ralphs contributions to our scrip program ended on August 31. All members **MUST RE-REGISTER** for the new term at www.ralphs.com on September 1, or thereafter.

Whether you go to the store or do your shopping online, purchase scrip for these vendors before you shop and your dollars will also fund our schools and ministries! Thank you!

**Scrip Hours:**

- **Weekdays:** 8AM-4PM (Fridays til 1PM)
- **Sunday:** 8:30AM - 11:30AM

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

**Upcoming Workshops - Career BridgeBuilders**

*All are welcome; there is no fee.*

Please RSVP: text 310-779-6099, or to the email below.

**Career BridgeBuilders Networking Group**

**Thursday, September 12, 9:00–11:00AM**

*Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room*

Whether you are considering a career change, or in the middle of a job search, launch your search with Career BridgeBuilders. Participants will network, discuss challenges, share best practices and energize your search efforts.

**New Workshops begin soon.** Follow CareerBridgeBuilders on LinkedIn for more information.

**For More Information:** Andrea Connolly, careerbridgebuilders@AmericanMartyrs.org or check out our group on LinkedIn

*Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org*
Stephen Ministry
Deacon Dick & Patti Williams, 310-545-8244

Are you tired of carrying your cross?

Jesus tells us we must carry our own cross in order to become his disciple, but there are times when the crosses we bear are unbearable unless we have help. Are you ready to ask for help? Are you ready to work through those things that burden you with someone who cares for you?

It's amazing how our lives can change when we're not alone. A Stephen Minister will be your kind, patient companion who will listen, care, encourage, and pray with you.

Call the confidential Stephen Ministry line, 310-545-8244. Deacon Dick and Patti Williams will meet with you to explore whether a Stephen Minister may be a good fit for you.

Care Notes Can Help You Cope

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

Walking With God Through Grief and Loss
Finding Your Way After the Death of a Spouse

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.

Stewardship... moving us closer to God

This weekend's Gospel is another hard one: “If anyone follows me without hating his father, his mother...” Wow! Jesus lived a life of love and tolerance. Where did this hate thing come from?

This word hate sent me on an internet search about how it was used in biblical Hebrew. I came across two very interesting reflections on this Sunday’s Gospel. Both of them addressed the structure of the Hebrew language at the time the Gospels were written. One result from a site that dealt with Hebrew New Testament Studies said it best: “Biblical Hebrew tends to express two things, which may be of different degrees like ‘first’ and ‘second’, as extremes such as ‘first’ and ‘last’. In this way love and hate whilst appearing as opposites may in fact be related by terms such as ‘love more’ and ‘love less’”. This made sense to me and reminded me of a similar discourse in Matthew’s Gospel where Jesus says: "Whoever loved father and mother more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37). As an added note, a little further in Luke’s Gospel Jesus firmly emphasizes the duty of honoring father and mother (Luke 18:20) and, in regard to husband and wife, He says that they must be of one flesh.

Now things were getting clearer. Matthew’s passage also got me to realize that Jesus was basically talking about a marriage (a covenant) between us and Him. In a true marriage, two people commit their lives to each other with God at the center. After God, they make each other first in everything, even to the point of loving each other more than their parents. This extends to other parts of their lives such as careers, status and many other earthly things.

God knows that if we do not live by putting Him first, we will be absorbed very easily by cares that distract us and wear us down. We were put on this earth to continue Christ’s work as part of the Body of Christ, that must be our focus. We were also made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life helps us achieve both of those goals.

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
Commission Chair: Jim Kaltsas
SJ0@AmericanMartyrs.org

M25 Outreach - St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Join Matthew 25 on Saturday, September 14 to feed the homeless and needy in the St. Lawrence of Brindisi community.

Volunteers meet at O'Donnell Hall at 8:00AM to prepare lunches, pack donations of clothing and toiletries, and then carpool to St. Lawrence to distribute these meals. Donations of clothing, toiletry products, and books are appreciated.

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

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

Matthew 25 meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00PM. Please join us to see how you can get involved in service!

Our September meeting is TOMORROW, Tuesday, September 10 (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 Welcome Fall
Friday, September 13
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

Heal The Bay Beach Clean-up
Join Matthew 25 at the Manhattan Beach Pier on Saturday, September 21
10:00AM - 12 noon

Meet us near the lifeguard stand next to the bike path for a talk about ocean pollution before the cleanup begins.

Earn service hours, get involved in a project with family or friends, and learn more about why Care for God's Creation includes knowledge of what you can do to help keep the beaches healthy.

No need to RSVP, but it's encouraged to get waiver forms taken care of and send out info packages.

Contact: Alexandria Scaltrito, ascaltriti@gmail.com

Faith and prayer
do not resolve problems, but enable one to address them with a new light and strength. • Pope Benedict XVI

Matthew 25 Outreach - Saturday Blessings
Saturday Blessings needs help to feed, clothe and share our hearts with the Downtown LA Homeless.

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

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

We are in URGENT need of these items:
- Women's Size L and XL clothing

And always in need of:
- Tennis shoes - gently used
- Mens boxers and socks - NEW
- Warm jackets
- Mens Medium & Large; t-shirts & sweatshirts
- Mens jeans, sweatpants, jackets
- Womens XL and XXL; jeans, sweatpants, uggs

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

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**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 **Sunday, September 8 at 7:00PM in St. Kateri.**
**Questions:** Contact Deacon Fred Rose, 424-327-9610 or deaconfred@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Monday Morning Faith Sharing**
Please join us as we begin our new session tomorrow, **September 9.** We meet weekly, on **Mondays, from 9:00-11:00AM** in the Parish House.

**Ministry Contact:** Joanne Dispoto, jodispoto@gmail.com

**Sunday Scripture Readings with Fr. Joe**
Do you have a desire to better understand the readings and how they apply in our daily lives? Join us for lively talk and discussion. All are welcome, no advance work necessary.

**Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM, beginning September 18**
**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room**

**Questions?** Call Mary Ann Millar, 310-374-9894

**Faith Enrichment & Prayer**

**Bible Studies**
**Tuesday Morning Scripture Group (begins September 10)**
**Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00AM, in the Spirituality Center**
**Contact:** Alvin Fletcher, 310-379-5241

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

**Monday Morning Faith Sharing (begins September 9)**
**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

**Tuesday Morning Scripture Study**
Our Fall sessions begins **Tuesday, September 10 with the 7-session Little Rock Scripture Study, “Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospel.”**

All four gospels call readers to become faithful followers of Christ, but each gospel has a special focus on Christ. Patrick J. Hartin in “Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospel” finds the following:
- in Matthew’s gospel a spirituality based on Christ’s transformative presence within us
- in Mark is found the challenge of martyrdom;
- in Luke the call to embrace the poor;
- in John disciples are called to contemplative virtues springing from grace and love.

The study set includes the Study Guide and a Commentary.

**We meet in the Spirituality Center on Tuesdays, 9:15AM-11AM (770 17th Street). No need to register, just show up!**
**Contact:** Al Fletcher, 310-379-5241 | alvinjerry@hotmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE**
**Saturday, October 12**
**9:00AM - 12:00noon**

LinC Small Group Ministry presents our **Morning Breakfast, Prayer and Reflection** with Bishop Marc Trudeau

All High School, Young Adults, and Adults are welcome.

**More Info?** Contact **LinC Director, Matthew Leon,**
Matthew.Leon@AmericanMartyrs.org

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

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

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

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

**Youth Ministry**

**CONFIRMATION**

Attention SEALED. 1 & 2 Parents!
We will host our Parent Day of Reflection for all parents of Confirmation candidates on Saturday, September 14 in O’Donnell Hall.

SEALED. 1 Parents, 9AM-11AM
SEALED. 2 Parents, 12NOON-2PM

RSVP through your welcome email after you officially register your child!

Confirmation Registration is still open and will close soon! If you have not yet registered your Freshman for SEALED, 1, you can register online at our Confirmation page! Calendar and meeting details will be sent to you after registration is completed.

**FIRST DAY OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

SEALED. 1
Next Sunday, September 15, at 2:00PM in O’Donnell Hall

SEALED. 2
Next Sunday, September 15, at 3:30PM in O’Donnell Hall

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

American Martyrs Life Teen will host our first Life Night on Sunday, September 22 in the Gym from 6:15-7:45PM. All teens in high school (grades 9-12) are welcome!

Teen Tuesday Bible Study will begin again after summer break on Tuesday, September 17, from 6:00-7:15PM, in the Holy Family House.

**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)**

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

**Families in Faith**

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.

**Presentation of Bibles**

All AMS and SRE 6th graders and their families are encouraged to attend the 5:00PM Mass, today, Sunday, September 8 for our annual Presentation of Bibles.

Our parish presents a Bible to and blesses every 6th grader in acknowledgment of their commitment to studying the Bible this year.

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

Prayer is not just spending time with God. It is partly that - but if it ends there, it is fruitless.

No, prayer is dynamic. AUTHENTIC PRAYER CHANGES US - unmask us, strips us, indicates where growth is needed. Authentic prayer never leads us to complacency but needles us, make us uneasy at times. It leads us to true self-knowledge, to true humility.

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

Teach your children the concept of “total body safety”

Teaching the concept of “total body safety” encompasses all parts of the body, including the head, mouth, legs and arms, which are usually overlooked. Child abuse perpetrators can use any part of the body to stimulate a child or young person, or to arouse themselves.

Additionally, it is important to stress to teens the importance of “total body safety” in their relationships with others. Tell them, “Just because a person is a close friend, or even a girlfriend or boyfriend, that does not give them a right to touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.”

For more information, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Beyond the Myth of the Bathing Suit,” at http://www.larchdiocese.org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.

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

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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!
Kathy Glynn, SundayPreschool@AmericanMartyrs.org

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Pray for us! Pray for our priests!
Pray for the conversion of sinners.
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St. Teresa of Avila
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Gym, Field & Athletics
Lou Ann Selsky, 424-327-9578 | Gym@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 and Thursday, 8:00-10:00 pm
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 pm
Intermediate skill levels and recreational play.
John Wargnier, 310-796-1058 | johnwargnier@AmericanMartyrs.org

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Lou Ann Selsky, 424-327-9578 or lselsky@AmericanMartyrs.org

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

American Martyrs Rosary available in the Welcome Center
Blue Glass ♦ Walnut ♦ Rosewood ♦ Pearl

Give the gift of Prayer
Beyond Our Parish

LMU CENTER FOR RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

"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

ACCW DISTRICT MEETING - Tuesday, September 24, 9:30AM -1:30PM

The Southwestern District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area, at St. James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach.

Registration begins at 9:30AM, followed by our speaker, Lindy Wynne who will speak on "Pro Life: Discovering every life, including yours," then we will celebrate Mass, and have lunch, concluding at 1:30PM.

Pre-paid registration is $15. Make checks payable and mail to: Nancy Cebra. 2367 Jefferson #112 Torrance, CA 90501.
Registration deadline is Friday, September 20.

QUESTIONS? Contact July Parnin, 310-374-9804

Every Catholic Woman is a member of ACCW and there are NO DUES.

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor

Presents the 22nd Annual

Make it a Habit

Friday, September 6, 2019
6 p.m. No Host cocktail reception
7 p.m. Dinner followed by live auction

Trump National Golf Club
Los Angeles
1 Trump National Dr.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

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

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

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.

CATHOLIC CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Annual Catholic Co-ed Softball League 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.

Wednesday, September 18, 7:00PM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room

Come hear the story of Emily a formerly homeless woman who suffered mental illness. She will tell you from the most reliable point of view what is like living on the streets, what works and what does not work.

Join us and learn how we can really fight homelessness.

RSVP at Eventbrite, search MBSAFE
E-mail: MBSAFE@outlook.com

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
**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.

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

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**End-of-Summer UCLA Blood Drive**

**Sunday September 15**

8 AM - 1 PM  Saint Kateri Room

Sign up with any Knights of Columbus

To schedule an appointment on-line, please visit: [www.ucedonor.com](http://www.ucedonor.com)

- Click on Blood Drives, enter Account Name: American Martyrs Church
- Click on American Martyrs Church Saint Kateri Room to view the appointment times, and schedule to make an appointment as a First time donor

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**Appreciation Pancake Breakfast**

**FREE to All Emergency Personnel (With ID or Uniform)**

**Sunday, September 8**

O’Donnell Hall

Pancake Breakfast 7:45am –11:00 am

(Pancakes, eggs, sausages, coffee, orange juice, milk, tea)

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