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

Associate Pastors
Rev. Joseph Kammerer
Rev. Rick Prindle

Deacons
Fred Rose, Derek Brown
Chris Amantea, Dick Williams

Business Manager
Bob Hodges

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

Weekday Mass
Monday / Wednesday / Friday:
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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No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Luke 16:13
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

**Parish Facilities**

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

**Parish Center:**  
700 15th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

**Welcome Center:**  
310-545-5651  
Mon-Thurs, 8:00am-6:00pm | Fri, 8:00am-5:00pm  
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 St. Kateri entrance

**Blessed Virgin Mary Wing:**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
Ground level - enter from Plaza.

For the 2nd floor meeting rooms, enter 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. Joseph Kammerer  
**Sun 7:00AM:** Fr. Rick Prindle  
**8:00AM:** Fr. Joseph Kammerer  
**9:30AM:** Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)  
**11:30AM:** Msgr. John Barry  
**5:00PM:** Fr. Rick Prindle

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 will 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

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

Sgt Giriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
CPT Maureen Bannon - 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
2d Lt Dominic Lucenti - U.S. Air Force
1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
CDR Mike McIlroy Mullen - U.S. Navy
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

**Daily Prayers of the Church**

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel  
Mon-Fri, 7AM-8PM | Sat, 7AM-5PM | Sun, 1PM-5PM

For off-hour access contact TBritten@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Daily Rosary:**  
Mon - Sat, 7:30AM

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

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

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

**Pray for the Sick**

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

Deacon Fred Rose  
Deacon Chris & Yvonne Amantea

Nancy Smith  
Deacon Derek & Terri Brown

Helene Grik  
RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org

Dr. Lawrence Marinelli  
Radios for our Community

George Acosta, Jr.  
Tommy Acosta

Thomas Johnson  
Joseph O’Leary

Barrett Baker  
Ruth Baker

David Weber  
Deacon George T. Johnson

Mitchell Woods  
Deacon Michael R. Johnson

Kathy O’Mara  
Deacon Ronald M. Johnson

Blake King  
Deacon Michael T. Johnson

Sheri Skulick  
Deacon James T. Johnson

Peter Champagne  
Deacon Paul T. Johnson

Ted Shaw  
Deacon Robert T. Johnson

**In Memoriam**

Robert Salazar  
Deacon John Cleland

Carolyn Dirks  
Bette Coleman

John Gutt  
Patricia Pina

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

**Holy Matrimony**

Congratulations:

John Leonard and Meghan Beck
Lee Wizda and Alex Katchadourian

First Banns

Frank Marino and Allison Pike

**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, October 13 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 22, 2019 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, September 23**
- 9:00 AM  PH  Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 5:00 PM  B&B  Latin Chant Class
- 7:00 PM  ODLMM  Career Bridge Builders Workshop
- 7:00 PM  ODLMM  Al-Anon Meeting

**TUESDAY, September 24**
- 5:30 AM  PH  Men’s AA Meeting
- 9:00 AM  ODLMM  Career Bridge Builders Workshop
- 3:30 PM  PH  Legion of Mary
- 3:45 PM  SCH  SRE Grades 1-6
- 6:00 PM  PHF  Teen Tuesday
- 6:30 PM  ODLMM  Parkinson’s Resource Support Group
- 7:00 PM  SCH  Women’s AA Meeting
- 7:30 PM  StMT  Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, September 25**
- 9:30 AM  SK  Mothers of Young Children
- 10:00 AM  ODLMM  Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
- 3:45 PM  SCH  SRE Grades 1-6
- 7:30 PM  SK  RCIA

**THURSDAY, September 26**
- 5:30 AM  PH  Men’s AA Meeting
- 11:00 AM  SpC  Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings

**FRIDAY, September 27**
- 11:15 AM  SpC  Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM  SpC  Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings

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

**FACILITIES:**
- B&B-Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room
- CH-Church
- GYM-Gym
- HH-Holy Family House
- ODLMM-Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- OLF-Our Lady of Fatima
- SPC-Spirituality Center
- SpC-Spirituality Garden
- SpL-Spirituality Center Library
- SCH-School
- SHH-Sacred Heart House
- SJC-St. Joseph’s Chapel
- SK-St. Kateri
- SUD-St. Juan Diego
- STMT-St. Mother Teresa
- WC-Welcome Center

**CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekday “8AM Mass” has changed to an 8:10 AM Mass.

On Tuesdays, AMS lower grades (1st-4th) will attend 8:10 AM Mass and on Fridays, AMS upper grades (5th-8th) will attend 8:10 AM Mass. On these days, Mass will be celebrated at the main altar.

Saturday morning Mass will remain at 8AM.

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**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, September 28**
- 10:00 AM  HHH  AA Women’s Meeting
- 10:30 AM  B&B  Latin Chant Class
- 5:00 PM  Plz  Food Drive
- 7:30 PM  SCH  AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, September 29**
- After all Masses  Plz  Food Drive
- 7:45 AM  ODLMM  Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00 AM  SpC  Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
- 10:45 AM  SCH  Sunday SRE
- 6:30 PM  PH  Fr. Joe’s Theology Roundtable

**MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

**READINGS:** Ez 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab; 2cd-3; 4-5; 6; Lk 8:16-18

8:10  Margaret Overton † (Woods, Overton, Dickie Family)
12:10  LaVerne Allen † (Allen Daughters)
5:00  Patrick Johnson † (Patrick & Pamela O’Mara)

**TUESDAY, September 24**

**READINGS:** Ez 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

6:30  Dorothy Higi † (Tom & Jean Willson)
8:10  Eugene & Jeanne Lynch (Dave & Marty Radanovich)
12:10  Al Taylor & Mary Ann Taylor (Jeanette O’Donnell)
5:00  Jim McCarty † (Peggy & Dick Hansen)

**WEDNESDAY, September 25**

**READINGS:** Ez 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn; 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

8:10  Helen MacRae † (Gunderman Family)
12:10  Annabelle Gurbach † (Holtze Family)
5:00  Alphonse M. Filek † (Anne & Ki Filek & D. Holnagel)

**THURSDAY, September 26**

**READINGS:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

6:30  Fr. Jim Magee (Tom Klimasz)
8:10  Laurence Surnes Moreland † (Dave & Marty Radanovich)
12:10  John Donatucci (Colleen Donatucci)
5:00  Special Intention

**FRIDAY, September 27**

**READINGS:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4, 5-6 and 9b; Lk 9:18-22

8:10  Avelina Cabal † (Joyce C. Payne)
12:10  James Padden † (Tom & Anne Smet)
5:00  Bill Chalk † (Jan Chalk)

**SATURDAY, September 28**

**READINGS:** Zec 2:5-9; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

8:00  Scott Biernot (Stamolis Family)
5:00  Vince Honold † (Larry & Helene Grik)

**SUNDAY, September 29 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**READINGS:** Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

7:00  Irineo Sia † (Lillian Storer)
8:00  Bob Trango † (Eastom Family)
9:30  For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
11:30  Tom Martin † (Shane & Pacini Families)
5:00  Ernest & Neva Galins † (Firmin & Gallins Family)

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
The 2018 Parish Fair is just around the corner!
Saturday & Sunday, October 19-20

Parish Fair Volunteers Needed
The 49th Annual American Martyrs Parish Fair is around the corner and we are looking for volunteers to staff the many amazing booths!
Visit www.AMParishFair.org to register, sign up for a shift to be a part of this wonderful, parish weekend!
Questions about scheduling a shift, or need more info about volunteering?
Contact us: FairStaffing@AmericanMartyrs.org

Divine Sweets & Treats
Baked Goods & Treats Needed!
Divine Sweets & Treats needs your donations of baked goods to sell Saturday & Sunday at the Fair.
Be a part of a great Parish Fair tradition. Cakes, cookies, pies... ALL sweets and treats accepted!
Our success depends on your generosity! Drop-off on Friday afternoon at the School Hall during set-up or anytime Saturday or Sunday.
Questions? Call Anne, 310-344-3670 or Beth, 310 871-6008.

"SuperSize" Your Prize!
"SuperSize" is a great upgrade option for kids 'of all ages' to win more valuable prizes when they win games at any of the booths!
How it Works When you win at a booth that has the SuperSize option, you can "SuperSize" your prize by getting a SuperSize ticket. Simply fill out your ticket with your contact info and enter it into the drawings occurring regularly at the SuperSize booth.
There is no limit to the number of times a person may enter and all tickets remain in the drawings until the end of the Fair. Winners will be selected throughout the day Saturday and Sunday and need not be present to win.
Calling All Parents Parents - please explain to your kids in advance about the SuperSize drawings and come up with a family plan on how to plan exciting new prizes!
Donate Scrip For Super Size? It's easy! While at the scrip office, you can donate gift cards directly to the "Super Size" prizes collection - just drop them in the box on the counter.
We appreciate any size donation - thank you!
Lisa Baker (310-869-5303)

Silent Auction Donations
Do you need a get away?
Please visit the Silent Auction this fall and see our array of fantastic vacation opportunities. We still need more though!
If you have a vacation home, condo or time share you would like to share with us we would so appreciate it. We are happy to create a gift certificate and beautiful display to showcase your donation. Also, airline miles are always appreciated to add to any destination get away. Many thanks!!
Call Tina Sarafa, 310-502-5792, if you have questions.

Tweet Tweet!
Be an Early Bird and qualify for bonus drawings!
Purchase your Lucky 21 tickets today and you could win a $100 Gas Card and extra Lucky 21 Tickets in our Early Bird drawing!
You will also be fully entered to win an all-new 2019 JEEP CHEROKEE, $5,000 cash or other great cash prizes in our main drawing!
Lucky 21 tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend.
You can also buy tickets at the Welcome Center or download an order form at www.AmericanMartyrs.org.
Enter by 1:00PM Thursday, September 26 and you may win one of our great Early Bird Prizes. Winner will be pulled after 9:30AM Mass, Sunday, September 29.
• Two winners will each receive a $100 gas card
• Two winners will each receive a pair of Lucky 21 tickets
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, Kristina Cappetta, 978-505-7405

The 2018 Parish Fair
is just around the corner!
Saturday & Sunday, October 19-20
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall

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

NEXT WEEK:
Mothers of Young Children will host Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall after the 7am, 8am, and 9:30am Masses.

Mothers of Young Children

Wednesday, September 25
9:30–11:00am, St. Kateri

Our guest speaker will be Michelle Tangeman, a Family and Child Therapist, who will speak about handling child tantrums and will be open to answer any questions.

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

Upcoming Workshops - Career Bridge Builders

All are welcome; there is no fee.

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

Developing Your Story - Grace Moniz
Tuesday, September 24, 9:00am–11:00am
A practical application of story-writing to develop awareness about oneself and one's career direction and to form the foundation of a resume and the achievements contained therein.

Tips to Rock That Interview - Andrea Connolly
Thursday, October 3, 9:00–11:00am
Top tips to rock that next interview and land a job offer. We will discuss the do's and don'ts.

Career Strategy - Grace Moniz
Thursday, October 10, 9:00–11:00am
Developing a career strategy and crafting a plan will keep you stay focused and ensure progress that's on track.

Job Market Trends and Marketing Your Search - Andrea Connolly
Thursday, October 17, 9:00–11:00am
Now may be a good time to make that job change. We will discuss market trends how to define your target company list.

Career Bridge Builders Networking Group
Thursday, October 24, 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 CBB. Participants will network, discuss challenges, share best practices and energize your search efforts.

All sessions are in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room.

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

Scrip etc

Need some new gear for Fall Sports?

We are stocked with scrip for Dick’s Sporting Goods, REI and SuperSports. Stop by the office and pick up scrip before you shop at these stores so that your purchases can earn money for our schools and ministries.

Scrip Hours:
Weekdays: 8am – 4pm (Fridays til 1pm)
Sunday: 8:30am – 11:30am

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

**BEGINNING AGAIN – SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

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

The next meeting is **Tuesday, September 17, 7:00-9:00 PM** in the Holy Family House. The topic is "Trust."

**Questions?** Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651

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**ALL ARE WELCOME AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**

The mirror is a simple reflection of an image. The soul is a reflection of how much we accept God’s love. He is in all of us and that is mirrored in how much we love Him in others.

We lovingly welcome those in the LGBTQ+ community of all ages and their families, for support and faith sharing on the 2nd Thursday of each month, in St. Mother Teresa room.

**Our next meeting is Thursday, October 10, at 7:30pm.**

**Questions?** Colleen Finnegan, metwou@pacbell.net

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**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**Deacon Dick & Patti Williams, 310-545-8244**

**We cannot serve two masters, so let’s stop serving fear and anxiety!**

There are so many of us who are hurting or lonely and need someone to talk to. Has the crisis in your life started taking over? Could you use some help letting go of your problems so you can get back to seeing the goodness in life again? Stephen Ministers are here to help anyone who has the courage to ask for assistance. If you know of a person in crisis, suggest that a Stephen Minister can help.

For more information, there are brochures in the back of the church or call our confidential phone line, 310-545-8244 and a Stephen Minister will contact you.

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**CARE NOTES CAN HELP YOU COPE**

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

- Cherishing Your Memories of a Loved One
- Grieving the Death of Your Brother or Sister

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.
Matthew 25 Outreach - Santa Monica

On Saturday, September 28, Matthew 25 will go to Santa Monica (OPCC at 503 Olympic Blvd) to serve those in need. We meet in the AMC parking lot at 7:00AM and return about noon.

We greatly need gently used or new clothing including jeans, shirts, shoes and jackets - plus small containers of hygiene products including deodorant, sunscreen, toothbrushes, etc. Clothes can be left at the Parish Office or at the storage lockers in the underground parking near the stairs. Used school backpacks are also a welcome donation for the homeless clients.

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

Ongoing Outreach with Matthew 25

Contact: Matthew25@AmericanMartyrs.org
PJ Murphy, 310-430-5676

LA Catholic Worker:

2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of every month, 7AM - 1:00PM
Contact: Diane Dumond, dumonddiane@gmail.com (Tuesdays)
Paul Jacoby, pjjacoby2@verizon.net (Thursdays)

Hearts for the Hungry

Saturday Blessings: Every Saturday to downtown LA
Contact: PJ Murphy, 310-430-5676
pjmurphy90266@gmail.com

St. Francis Center: 1st Saturday of every month
Contact: Matt Conway, matt.conway.1618@gmail.com

St. Lawrence of Brindisi: 2nd Saturday of every month,
Contact: Jim Quilliam, jimquilliam@outlook.com

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

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 meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00PM.
Please join us to see how you can get involved in service!
Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 8 in the Parish House.

Life & Family Ministry

American Martyrs Catholic Church
O’Donnell Hall
DOORS OPEN 7:00PM | FREE ADMISSION
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED | SHORT DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW
Questions: Contact Debbi Drewry, 310-488-1265 or debbidrewry@yahoo.com

Join Our Fall Prayer Vigil, September 23 – November 3

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

We are looking for volunteers to join us for 1-2 hours of prayer and outreach during the 40-day vigils. There are 2 Vigil locations:

FPA Women’s Health (formerly Family Planning Associates Medical Group)
• 24241 Hawthorne Blvd, Unit 201, Torrance, CA 90505
  40DaysforLife.com/Torrance
• 12304 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA
  40DaysforLife.com/LosAngeles

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

We believe this film is appropriate for 13 year olds and above; however, parents should discern for themselves. As there is no nudity, sexual conduct or foul language, the R rating that Unplanned received is for violence, affirming that abortion is violent as there is no other violence in the movie.

WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING
HAVE YOU SEEN IT?
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 7:30 PM
American Martyrs Catholic Church
O’Donnell Hall
DOORS OPEN 7:00PM | FREE ADMISSION
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED | SHORT DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW
Questions: Contact Debbi Drewry, 310-488-1265 or debbidrewry@yahoo.com
Faith Formation

Sunday Scripture Readings with Fr. Joe
Do you have a desire to better understand the readings and how they apply in your daily life? Join us for a talk and lively discussion.
A prior reading of the upcoming Sunday readings is suggested. All are welcome.

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30AM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room
Questions? Mary Ann Millar, 310-374-9894

Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
Our Fall sessions have begun 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

Silent Meditation - The Prayer of the Heart
Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Lord, keeping him at the center of your being? Are you interested in learning about meditation? Are you someone who already meditates and would like to share this prayer practice with a faith community?

Silent Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer and is often referred to as ‘the prayer of the heart’. It is found throughout the ages of the Christian tradition and today is widely recognized as a form of prayer that is relevant and much needed for modern people. It is a prayer of silence, stillness, and attention. In meditation we allow the mind and body to become still and silent so we can be in the presence of Christ in us. We learn in this way to become less distracted and more present to God and ourselves and to those we live and work with.

Let the truth be in your hearts, as it will be if you practice meditation, and you will see clearly what love we are bound to have for our neighbor. - St. Teresa of Avila

Join us Friday mornings in St. Joseph’s Chapel at the Spirituality Center. (Use Pacific Avenue entrance).

11:15 - 11:25AM Optional: Time for Questions/Instruction
11:25 - 11:30AM Opening Reflection
11:30 - 11:55AM Silent Meditation
11:55 - 12:00NOON Closing Prayer

All are welcome!
Ministry Contact: Beverly Busby 310-376-2056

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

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

Sunday Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
Wednesday, 10:00-11:30AM, in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Monday Morning Faith Sharing
Mondays, 9:00-11:00AM, in the Parish House
Contact: Joanne Dispoto, jodispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

Silent Meditation
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
**Faith Formation**

**CONFIRMATION**

**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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**SEALED. 1, Session 2** - Sunday, October 13, at 3:30PM

**SEALED. 2, Session 2** - Sunday, October 6, at 3:30PM

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Teen Tuesday Bible Study** - every Tuesday, 6:00-7:15 PM, in the Holy Family House.

**Confirmation:**

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

**Youth Ministry:**

Matthew Leon, matthew.leon@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**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.

*St. Teresa of Avila*

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**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

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**Families in Faith**

**SRE Classes begin this week!**

Our SRE Program provides Religious Education classes for children and teens in Grades 1-8.

**Grades 1-6** begin Tuesday, September 24 and Wednesday, September 25, in the school classrooms from 3:45-4:45 PM.

**Sunday SRE Grades 1-8** begins today, September 22 in the school classrooms, at 10:45 AM.

Our Families in Faith site has links to apply online for our classes and calendars. [www.familiesinfaith.weebly.com](http://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.

**Director of Religious Education:** Patti Williams, 310-546-4734

PWilliams@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

The Archdiocese is participating in an independent compensation program for victim-survivors of sexual abuse of minors by priests.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles, along with five other dioceses in California, will be participating in an independent program to offer persons who were victims of abuse as minors by diocesan priests, access to compensation as well as access to counseling services if they chose. Those harmed many years ago and barred from filing lawsuits because of civil statutes of limitations will be eligible to make claims under the Independent Compensation Program for Victim-Survivors of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests.

The Archdiocese’s participation in the program is part of a long-standing commitment to supporting and compensating victims of abuse, the protection of children and the vulnerable, and the prevention of abuse and misconduct in Catholic parishes, schools and ministries. Nationally recognized mediators and private compensation program administrators, Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros will administer the program.

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

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Faith-based books for kids are for reading in the Cry Room or in the Church. Please return the books to the cart in the Cry Room at the end of Mass.

Book donations are accepted; drop them off at the Welcome Center; books with themes other than faith will be donated to our sister parish, St. Lawrence of Brindisi.

**Contact:** Mary Hornickel, 310-466-3820

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Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
Independent Compensation Program for Victim-Survivors of Abuse by Diocesan Clergy (ICP) To Begin Sept. 16, 2019

As part of our long-standing commitment to provide pastoral care and to support the healing process for victim-survivors, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, along with five other dioceses in California, is participating in the new Independent Compensation Program by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Diocese of Fresno, Diocese of Orange, Diocese of Sacramento, Diocese of San Bernardino, and Diocese of San Diego for Victim-Survivors of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests (ICP). The ICP is administered independently of the Church by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, widely recognized as premier dispute resolution administrators in the country.

The program will begin accepting registrations on Monday, September 16, 2019, from any person who has been sexually abused as a minor by diocesan priests of the participating dioceses, no matter when that abuse might have occurred. Funding for the program in our Archdiocese will come from self-insured reserves, monies set aside for this purpose. We pray that this new program might provide another avenue toward healing and hope.

For more information on the ICP, please visit www.californiadiocesesicp.com after September 16.
GUATEMALA TRIP NOVENA  
SEPTEMBER 18-26, 2019

PLEASE JOIN OUR AMERICAN MARTYRS COMMUNITY AS WE PRAY FOR OUR 20 MISSIONARIES

DAY 1 - As the AMC Knights of Columbus and Msgr. Barry travel to Guatemala today we seek the intercession of St. Christopher for their safe travels.
†  Dear St. Christopher, protect this team of Holy Helpers flying to Cuilapa, answering Your call to serve. Carry them safely to their destination.

God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares as well as in the private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen.
(Courtesy USCCB)

DAY 2 - As the AMC Knights of Columbus and Monsignor Barry start various construction projects in Guatemala today we ask for the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker in helping them to begin.
†  Dear St. Joseph the Worker, inspire them to work as you did with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given them to support. Teach them to see in their fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them.

We pray together: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor....

DAY 3 - Much of the work being done on this project will be done with the holy hands of volunteers.
†  Let us reflect on Psalm 90:17 “May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of their hands.” Guide the hands of these men to perfectly design these buildings in accord with the needs of those who will use them. Sing: “He’s given us holy hands, He works through these hands and so these hands are holy.”

We pray together: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor....

DAY 4 - Many of us are blessed to know the safety and security our homes bring to our lives. We pray for the group of volunteers working to bring this gift to a family in need.
†  Guide our AMC Missionaries and other volunteers who begin the work on this project, to use their holy hands to build shelter for a family in the City of Cuilapa. Help them to work together as a faith filled family.

We pray together: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor....

DAY 5 - The children of our community have state of the art tools to learn and a beautiful facility to attend classes. Cuilapa’s Hogar de la Nina serves as a makeshift school and orphanage.
†  We pray for this school that educates children and also serves as a home to orphans. Guide our AMC Missionaries to complete repairs needed to make it a safe and secure place.

We pray together: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor....

DAY 6 - Today work on the home build begins for Sandra, a single mother of two, battling cancer and caring for two daughters one that lives with cerebral palsy.
†  Lord, heal Sandra of her cancer and guide the holy hands of our AMC Missionaries to build an accessible home, that allows her daughter to be more comfortable.

We pray together: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor....

DAY 7 - Offer thanks to God for our church building in which we gather for Mass each weekend. In Cuilapa there is no building - only a gathering place.
†  Lord guide our AMC Missionaries to transform this holy ground of worship, to a building consecrated as a house of worship built with the holy hands of volunteers.

We pray together: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor....

DAY 8 - On the last day of work on the three projects in Cuilapa, the AMC Missionaries finish the work on the two homes and a church building.
†  May the Knights of Columbus and other charitable organizations continue to work to help poor people in areas around the world. For all those who journeyed virtually with them, may God inspire them to serve in their own communities.

We pray together: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor....

DAY 9 - Today our AMC Missionaries travel home, saying goodbye to their new brothers and sisters in Christ.
†  God return our holy men home to us. As a community we pray for the people in Cuilapa to have their faith strengthened by the outpouring of support from our American Martyrs community. May we always strive to be in solidarity with people living on the margins in society.

We pray together: God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor....
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE IS NEXT WEEKEND

One-pound bags of beans and rice continue to be staple foods that go a long way in the St. Lawrence community, as are these other items:

- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Beans
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned meats
- Instant mashed potato mix
- Soups
- Peanut butter
- Oatmeal
- Rice
- Lentils
- Pasta
- Mac ‘n’ cheese
- Canned fruit
- Tuna
- Jam

Your Sunday newspaper inserts and coupons can help save hundreds of dollars each week. Bring the coupons you receive in the mail or newspaper to the Food Drive table. Thank you!

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

RCIA meets on Wednesdays in St. Kateri at 7:30pm