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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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If they will not listen to
Moses and the prophets,
ever will they be persuaded
if someone should rise from the dead.

Luke 16:31
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

Parish Facilities

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

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

Welcome Center, 310-545-5651
Mon-Thurs, 8am-5pm | Fri, 8am-5pm
Sat, 4:30-6:30pm | Sun, 8:30am-1pm & 4:30-6:30pm

Elevator from Plaza/Welcome Center to Parish Offices/Deegan 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
7:00am: Msgr. John Barry (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

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
Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.
CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army

SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
2d Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force

1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
CDR Mike McIlroy Mullen - U.S. Navy

PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army
SGT 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

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

Deacon Fred Rose               Nancy Smith
Martha Corbett                 Helene Grik
Dr. Lawrence Marinelli         Fr. Michael Meyer
George Acosta, Jr.             Nancy Austin
John Gutt                      Barrett Baker
Mitchell Woods                 Kathy O'Mara
Blake King                     Sheri Skulick
Peter Champagne

In Memoriam

John F. Peyton                     Bette Louise Coleman
David Weber                        Thomas Edward Johnson
Karen Sweeney                      Grant Wesley Neilson
Dirk Legare                        Patrick Boland
Peter Bernard Danzer              Anne Murtagh
Tim McGuire                       Joe Scholz

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

Holy Matrimony

Second 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
## This Week

### MONDAY, September 30

- **9:00 AM** PH  Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- **7:00 PM** HFH  Al-Anon Meeting

### TUESDAY, October 1

- **5:30 AM** PH  Men's AA Meeting
- **10:00 AM** OLMM  Senior Fellowship Group
- **3:30 PM** PH  Legion of Mary
- **3:45 PM** SCH  SRE Grades 1-6
- **6:00 PM** HFH  Teen Tuesday
- **7:00 PM** HFH  Beginning Again
- **7:00 PM** OLMM  Bereavement Support Group
- **7:00 PM** PH  Matthew 25 Meeting
- **7:00 PM** SCH  Women's AA Meeting
- **7:30 PM** StMT  Al-Anon Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, October 2

- **8:00 AM** SK  AMPA Meeting
- **10:00 AM** OLMM  Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
- **3:45 PM** SCH  SRE Grades 1-6
- **7:30 PM** SK  RCIA

### THURSDAY, October 3

- **5:30 AM** PH  Men's AA Meeting
- **9:00 AM** OLMM  Career BridgeBuilders Workshop
- **9:00 AM** HFH  Mothers Outreach Ministry
- **11:00 AM** SpC  Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings

### FRIDAY, October 4

- **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 · 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 · SCH-School · SHH-Sacred Heart House · JKC-St. Joseph's Chapel · SK-St. Kateri · StJ-D- St. Juan Diego · StMT-St. Mother Teresa · WC-Welcome Center

## Next Weekend

### SATURDAY, October 5

- **10:00 AM** HFH  AA Women's Meeting
- **10:30 AM** B&B  Latin Chant Class
- **6:30 PM** ODH  Empty Bowls Fundraiser
- **7:30 PM** SCH  AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, October 6

- **7:45 AM** ODH  Pancake Breakfast
- **9:30 AM** OLMM  Children's Liturgy
- **10:00 AM** SpL  Spiritual Library *(until 4:00 PM)*
- **1:30 PM** PH  Alzheimer’s Support Group
- **3:30 PM** SK  SEALED. 2 Confirmation
- **7:00 PM** ODH  T&T Mass

## Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, September 30 - St. Jerome

- **Readings:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
  - **8:10** Rev. Timothy Rawle †
  - **12:10** Mildred Betton † (Catherine Harris)
  - **5:00** David Ott (Jon Rager)

### TUESDAY, October 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

- **Readings:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56
  - **6:30** Robin Sandler-Ross † (Tom Klimasz)
  - **8:10** Maureen McPharlin † (Komick Family)
  - **12:10** Ralph Hayne † (Gary & Judy Gonser)
  - **5:00** Walter Housey, C.M. † (Jerry Jackson)

### WEDNESDAY, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

- **Readings:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 18:1-5, 10
  - **8:10** Dr. Art Donovan † (Patti Williams)
  - **12:10** Robert Ades † (Mary Anne Ades)
  - **5:00** Jack Fulkerson † (Bunco Group)

### THURSDAY, October 3

- **Readings:** Neh 8:1-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk 10:1-12
  - **6:30** Delos Brown † (Jerry Jackson)
  - **8:10** Fred Stoker † (Boushell Family)
  - **12:10** Sandy & Ethan Wong (Randy Urista)
  - **5:00** Special Intention

### FRIDAY, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

- **Readings:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-3, 4-5, 6, 7b; Mt 18:1-5, 10
  - **8:10** Maura Harrington † (Icaza Family)
  - **12:10** Pauline Madera † (Mary Anne Ades)
  - **5:00** Jim Padden † (Dave & Marty Radanovich)

### SATURDAY, October 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

- **Readings:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24
  - **8:00** Saturnia M. Velasco † (Carmelo & Elizabeth Quilang)
  - **5:00** Madeline Moret † (Sheekey Family)

### SUNDAY, October 6 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Readings:** Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
  - **7:00** Melissa & Randy Shenefiel † (Lois Kumm)
  - **8:00** Nelben B. Cantes † (Cheryl & Brian Burdiak)
  - **9:30** For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  - **11:30** Jim Sheekey † (Sheekey Family)
  - **5:00** Anna Dell’Oro † (Regina & Roberto Dell'Oro)
The 2019 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 many 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 win 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)

Does American Martyrs Have Talent?
ONLY... IF... YOU SHOW UP... AND TAKE YOUR STAGE!
E-mail ParishFair@AmericanMartyrs.org with subject line "AMGT" or find more info at the Parish Fair page on the website.

Saturday Night Dinner
Join us October 20 at 6:00pm for this wonderful adults-only night filled with food, live music, and dancing.
Featuring a new open floor plan with a cocktail lounge type feel, it's a great opportunity to meet more families and parishioners and to celebrate our wonderful community of faith, family, and friends....
Purchase tickets and tables at American Martyrs.org and click on the parish fair link.
Questions? Contact Meghan Walsh at SaturdayNightDinner@AmericanMartyrs.org

Silent Auction Donations
Doesn't a massage sound divine?
The silent auction is looking for donations to help make our health and beauty section successful.
Gift certificates for spa or beauty services would be much appreciated. A donation of some of your favorite products makes a wonderful gift basket. We are happy to create a basket full of your favorite things.
Call Tina Sarafa, 310-502-5792, if you have questions.

It is not too late to be an Early Bird winner!
Win a $100 Gas Card or Lucky 21 tickets in our 2nd 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!
Enter by 1:00pm Thursday, October 3 and you may win one of our great Early Bird Prizes. Winner will be pulled after 9:30AM Mass, Sunday, October 6.

- Two winners will each receive a $100 gas card
- Two winners will each receive a pair of Lucky 21 tickets

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.
Your Lucky 21 Co-Chair,
Kristina Cappetta, 978-505-7405
**Parish Life**

**Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall**

*MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN* is hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

**NEXT WEEK: Pancake Breakfast Ministry** is serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee in O’Donnell Hall after the 7:00, 8:00, and 9:30AM Masses.

**Seniors Brunch**

Social Seniors Brunch is **TODAY, September 29** at 1:00PM at Judy Parnin’s house (1911 Perry Ave, Redondo Beach)

RSVP to Thelma, 310-621-1690 or Magda, 323-447-0565.

**Mothers of Young Children**

**Wednesday, October 9**

9:30–11:00AM, Holy Family House

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Kathleen Ostrum, a fellow parishioner and Pediatric Doctor at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

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

**Senior Fellowship Group**

Welcome to our "Game Days" at 10:00AM every 1st Tuesday of the month, followed by a Potluck Lunch at 12NOON (bring a dish for 6-8 people for the lunch.)

Our next Game Day is **Tuesday, October 1** in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room.

New Members welcome and would be a pleasant surprise.

**Questions?** Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804.

**Arlene’s Lighthouse**

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 is **Friday, October 11** at 6:00PM in the Parish House.

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.

All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

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

**Upcoming Workshops - Career Bridge Builders**

**All are welcome; there is no fee.**

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

**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 tract.

**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.

**Scrip etc**

**Needed some new gear for Fall Sports?**

We are stocked with scrip for **Dick’s Sporting Goods, REI** and **Super Sports**. 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

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
Our readings each weekend are rich in messages on how to live a righteous life. Looking back at the messages this summer, we had some very specific life-style recommendations. In July the message urged us to be involved in our faith and our Parish; in August it was to be focused on God and disciplined in our faith life; the message in early September was to be humble.

This weekend we have a message in the same vein that deals with not being complacent in our lives and indifferent to the needs of others. Pope Francis has even dubbed indifference as a “modern sin.” In a homily earlier this year, the Pope describes a scene that is very much like our Gospel story of Lazarus. It was captured in a photograph that hangs on the wall of the Office of Papal Charities. Pope said the photo, taken by a professional photographer, shows well-dressed people leaving a restaurant in Rome as a homeless woman lifts her hand to beg for alms. The picture shows the restaurant patrons looking straight ahead so that their gaze would not meet that of the homeless woman. This, the Pope said “is the culture of indifference.”

Later in the same homily, the Pontiff said “It is true that the opposite of love is hate, but that many people are not aware of this unconscious hate. The more-common opposite of the love of God, of God’s compassion, is indifference.” He explained that indifferent people are satisfied and that they lack nothing. They have assured their place in this life and the next, and since they go to Mass every Sunday, they are good Christians. Yet many of us are indifferent to the hardships of others and look the other way.

God’s message is very clear; we must get off the couch and put the gifts He has given us to work. The Second Reading from St. Paul tells us how to free ourselves of this complacency. Paul instructs us to:

- Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.
- Compete well for the faith.
- Lay hold of eternal life, to which [we] were called.
- Keep [God’s] commandment without stain or reproach.

We are all members of the Body of Christ. By being indifferent or demeaning to a member of the Body, we hurt the entire Body.

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

Stewardship... moving us closer to God

Knights of Columbus thanks the American Martyrs community for the outstanding support for last Sunday’s Blood Drive. 54 pints of blood were donated to help save lives!

Stewardship
Commission Chair: Dennis Labriola
Stewardship@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, October 1, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Holy Family House. The topic is “Relatedness.”

Questions? Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651

All are Welcome at American Martyrs
We are all made in His image. As we stand facing the altar during Mass, His words ring in our ears “My sheep hear my voice says the Lord. I know them and they know Me. Alleluia.” All are welcome to receive His Mercy.

All ages and their families in the LGBTQ+ community are welcome to join in our dialogue to build understanding and support 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

Stephen Ministry
Deacon Dick & Patti Williams, 310-545-8244

Stephen Ministers Are:
- Loving
- Individuals
- Supporting
- Hose
- Xpressing a
- Need

If you are struggling and need someone to listen, call Stephen Ministry at 310-545-8244 and a Stephen Minister will contact you. Our conversations are completely confidential.

Care Notes Can Help You Cope
Check out the Care Note rack in the Church vestibule. There are many topics, including:

- A Healing Year: 12 Essentials for the First Month of Grief
- Prayers for Coping With Cancer

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.
Matthew 25 Ministry is serving at the St. Francis Center grocery service on Saturday, October 5. The Center (www.sfcla.org) serves impoverished adults and children in the South Park and Garment District neighborhoods of downtown LA.

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

To reserve your spot, please RSVP by Tuesday, Oct 1, to Matt Conway, matt.conway.1618@gmail.com, and to John Harder, john.harder.3rd@gmail.com. Give your name and state that you will participate with American Martyrs on Oct 5.

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 1 in the Parish House.

“Greening” the Fair

Large gatherings like the Fair are wonderful for our community! They strengthen relationships, raise funds for those in need, and give us a sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves. But we can’t ignore the impact these events can have on our precious environment.

Here are some simple things we can all do to help:

• Bring our own reusable water bottles to fill up at the new hydration station
• Use recycling bins and food reclamation bins. These food “contributions” can be turned into biofuel.
• Send all food donations for “Sweets and Treats” on paper plates, reusable containers, or foil. No single use plastics.

Congratulate booth chairs who have the Green Ribbon awards displayed at their booths. They have made real efforts to Green the Fair!
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, October 13 at 7:00PM in St. Kateri.
Questions: Contact Deacon Fred Rose, 424-327-9610 or deaconfred@AmericanMartyrs.org

Theology Roundtable with Fr. Joe
TONIGHT, September 29 at 6:30PM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room
Please come and join in the conversations, discussions, and question and answers, and share your thoughts - all which are about our faith.

Speak up and share and learn from each other.
Fr. Joe can set us straight and help us to understand the teachings and substance of our Catholic faith.
Each week, the participants in the roundtable will select a “general” subject for the next meeting.
Questions? Contact Herman Cenci, 310-594-2001 or Lee Dolley, 310-977-7704

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

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 - 12:00PM Closing Prayer
All are welcome!
MINISTRY CONTACT: Beverly Busby 310-376-2056

Faith Enrichment & Prayer

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

Sunday Scripture 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
YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFFIRMATION

Registration is still open and will close soon! If you have not yet registered your Freshman for SEALED, 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, 6:00-7:15PM, in the Holy Family House.

Confirmation:

Follow us!

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

Youth Ministry:

Matthew Leon, matthew.leon@AmericanMartyrs.org

Sunday Preschool Registration for 2019-20 is 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

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Understanding community grooming

Like the psychological grooming we discussed last week, community grooming is another way a predator inserts himself into the life of his child victim. In community grooming, the predator develops a rapport with the community surrounding his victims, appearing to be kind, generous, and caring. This can often lead to increased levels of trust from adults around the victim, and increased access to the victim.

The predator uses manipulation and lies to build a false image of good, which makes it harder for victims to come forward to express discomfort or report an allegation. For more information on community grooming, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “The Stockholm Syndrome and Victims of Abuse, Part II” at http://www.la-archdiocese.org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.

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

FAMILIES IN FAITH

Children's Liturgy - Next Week, October 6 at 9:30AM Mass

We invite all children, grades 1-6, to join us for a liturgy prepared just for you.

We meet the 1st Sunday of the month during the 9:30AM Mass in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

All children are welcome and parents can stay as well!

SRE Classes for Grades 1-6

Tues/Wed, 3:45-4:45pm
October 1/2
October 8/9

Sunday SRE Grades 1-8
10:45AM-11:45AM
October 13
October 27

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF TEACHERS OR CATECHISTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR!

Our ministry is full of fun and we look forward to you adding to the joy! We offer training and support for you to share your faith with the young people of our community. Weekday programs and Sunday as well are great opportunities to serve.

Call or email Patti Williams, you will be glad you did!

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

JOIN THE NEW AMERICAN MARTYRS YOUTH MASS CHOIR

Grades 2 and up
Rehearsals on Wednesdays 3:15-4 PM in the School Hall
Monthly Saturday 5 PM Masses

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.
PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION SERVING OUR ELDERS AT MARYCREST MANOR.

We are presently looking to fill the Director of Nursing position. We are also hiring CNAs and LVNs. Join our passionate team of caregivers who bring the love and compassion of Christ to those most in need.

A Skilled Nursing Facility, 10664 St. James Dr, Culver City, Calif. 90230 | 310-838-2778 ext. 212
**Monthly Food Drive is THIS WEEKEND**

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

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

Your Sunday newspaper inserts and coupons can help save hundreds of dollars each week. Bring the 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, October 6, 7:00pm**

**O’Donnell Hall**

Please join us for
- Praise and worship at 6:45
- Mass at 7:00pm and Social afterwards.

**Questions? Contact Monica Leon mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org**

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**October is Respect Life Month!**

*This year, we have many events planned to build a culture of life in our community and world!*

**Respect Life Sunday, Candle Lighting - October 5/6 at all Masses**

**"Unplanned" Movie Screening - Saturday, October 12 7:30pm in O’Donnell Hall**

Come watch the hit movie Unplanned, the inspiring true story of one woman’s journey of transformation from planned parenthood to becoming an inspiring pro-life advocate. Refreshments and discussion to follow.

**Coffee and Donuts - October 13 (after 7AM, 8AM and 9:30AM Masses)**

Join the Life and Family Ministry for Coffee and Donuts. Learn about the work of our ministry. We are looking for volunteers to support our work of protecting life and growing faith filled families in our community and beyond!

**Other events in the community:**

**Rosary Procession to Shrine of the Unborn - October 13 at 2:00pm at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City**

Participate in a moving rosary procession from the Mausoleum to the beautiful shrine. A short prayer service will be held followed by singing of hymns. For more information contact Terri Sabosky, 310-937-1003.

**40 Days for Life Vigil - September 25-November 3**

24-hour prayer and outreach for the unborn and those wounded by abortion in front of the FPA clinic at 24241 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance. Find more info and sign-up at 40daysforlife.com/Torrance.

*The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of God and to share in Eucharistic communion, and thus to grow in love and become ever more fully a temple in which the Spirit dwells.*

- Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia