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, 8:10AM, 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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**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 Office:**  
700 15th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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

**Elevator from Plaza/Welcome Center to Parish Offices/Deegan 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 - entrance 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.

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**Next Weekend’s Mass Celebrants**

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

**5:00pm:** Msgr. John Barry

**7:00pm:** Fr. Joseph Kammerer

**8:00am:** Fr. Rick Prindle

**9:30am:** Fr. Joseph Kammerer (Livestream)

**11:30am:** Fr. Rick Prindle

**5:00pm:** Fr. Ed Beck, C.P.

This schedule is subject to change.

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**RESERVING A FACILITY**

Email your facility request (or for a table outside weekend Masses) including the date, time, # of people attending, purpose of the event, and a contact name, phone, and email.

We make every effort to reserve a space to accommodate your needs. Church and Sacraments have priority for use of our facilities. We do not use our facilities for private parties.

Email: Facilities@AmericanMartyrs.org

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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

- Nancy Smith
- Virginia Freedman
- Richard Mancuso
- Isaac Morales
- Martha Corbett
- Dr. Lawrence Marinelli
- Rachel Hamilton
- Jack Radville
- Sharron Schaffer
- Sheri Skulick
- Mitchell Woods
- Alan Krippner
- Rosa Awad
- Corrine Brewer
- Drake Walker
- Helene Grik
- Alice Henning
- Jack Winkler
- Ann Filek
- Blake King
- Peter Champagne
- Robert Myrtle

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**In Memoriam**

Wayne Sanger
Peter Bowen
John Mitchell
Kathy O’Mara

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

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**Holy Matrimony**

**Congratulations:**

- Frank Marino and Allison Pike
- Ryan Coleman and Caitlyn Huttering
- Stephen Spencer and Marie Brillo

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**Sacramental Information**

**Infant Baptism:** 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 1:00pm

Complete the Family Information Form online at our website and then contact Deacon Fred Rose, 310-545-5651.

Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required.

Next class is Sunday, 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.

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**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, October 21
- 9:00 AM PH: Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 7:00 PM HFH: Al-Anon Meeting

### TUESDAY, October 22
- 5:30 AM PH: Men's AA Meeting
- 9:15 AM SpC: Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 3:30 PM PH: Legion of Mary
- 4:15 PM SCH: SRE Grades 1-6
- 6:00 PM HFH: Teen Tuesday
- 6:30 PM OLMM: Parkinson's Resource Support Group
- 7:00 PM SCH: Women's AA Meeting
- 7:30 PM StMT: Al-Anon Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, October 23
- 9:30 AM SK: Mothers of Young Children
- 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 24
- 5:30 AM PH: Men's AA Meeting
- 9:00 AM OLMM: Career BridgeBuilders Workshop
- 11:00 AM SpC: Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings

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

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

## Facilities:
- ODK-O'Donnell Kitchen - OL-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 - SJC-St. Joseph's Chapel - SK-St. Kateri
- SJU-St. Juan Diego - StMT-St. Mother Teresa - WC-Welcome Center

## Planned Giving
Do you have an appreciated asset that you would like to turn into income today, but you don't want to pay the capital gains taxes? You have options.
For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

## Next Weekend

### SATURDAY, October 26
- 10:00 AM HFH: 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, October 27
- After all Masses Plz: Food Drive
- 7:45 AM ODH: Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00 AM SpL: Spirituality Garden (until 4:00 PM)
- 6:30 PM OLMM: Fr. Joe's Theology Roundtable

## Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, October 21
**Readings:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21
- 8:10 James Padden † (Kretzmer Family)
- 12:10 Brent Leroux † (Colleen Donatucci)
- 5:00 Nonito & Bel Zamora

### TUESDAY, October 22 - St. John Paul II
**Readings:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
- 6:30 Bob Burdett † (Don & Edna Murphy)
- 8:10 Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo Masoller Sr. & Eduardo Masoller Jr. † (Ildi & Don Halloran)
- 12:10 Maura Harrington † (Nancy & Dave Kinninger)
- 5:00 George Seinbacher † (Ki & Anne Filek)

### WEDNESDAY, October 23 - St. John of Capistrano
**Readings:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53
- 8:10 Ludvina Pietraszewski † (Sharon & Glenn Suarez)
- 12:10 Maria Kelly (Diane Carpenter)
- 5:00 Shana Klimczko (Lois Kumm)

### THURSDAY, October 24 - St. Anthony Marie de Claret
**Readings:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59
- 6:30 Dirk ten Grotenhuis † (Jeef ten Grotenhuis)
- 8:10 Mary Jane Chianta † (Nat & La Famiglia)
- 12:10 Jenna Stubbs † (Rosemary Henderson)
- 5:00 Special Intention

### FRIDAY, October 25
**Readings:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59
- 8:10 Judy & Gary Gonser (Pat Holt)
- 12:10 Lee Parker † (Michael Schmitt)
- 5:00 Jane Cash † (Renay & Dennis Labriola)

### SATURDAY, October 26
**Readings:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
- 8:00 Alexander Leadbetter † (Ann Leadbetter)
- 5:00 Dr. Thomas Condon † (Suarez Family)

### SUNDAY, October 27 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
**Readings:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23, 2Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14
- 7:00 Greg Stratton † (Dave & Nancy Kinwinger)
- 8:00 Allan Graff † (Dora Lopez)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 Jenna Stubbs † (Carol Quinlan)
- 5:00 Joe Scholz † (Richard Scholtz & Patty Bellas)

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World Mission Sunday Collection is This Weekend

This week is our call to support the Church in the mission-lands, celebrated this year during Extraordinary Mission Month, the purpose of which is to bring all baptized Christians to a deeper level of faith and understanding of our shared role as missionaries.


November - Our Month for Remembering the Dead

Our feasts of All Saints (Nov. 1) and All Souls (Nov. 2) usher in the month of November, when we profess our solidarity with the saints and ancestors; with those on whose shoulders we stand. Catholics have a long history of praying for our deceased brothers and sisters. It is our way of continuing our relationship with them and assisting them on their journey to heaven. In all our liturgical prayers we have intercessory prayers for “those who have gone before us.”

Both feasts remind us that as followers of Jesus we have a BIG family that reaches beyond the grave and beyond our time in life called the Communion of Saints, our models of Christian virtues and moral living. All of this helps us grow in readiness to acknowledge, with St. Francis, that death is a sister to us, another of God’s servants:

We praise You, Lord, for Sister Death, from whom no-one living can escape….
Blessed are those that she finds doing Your Will. No second death can do them harm.
- St. Francis of Assisi, “Canticle of the Sun”

Mass of Remembrance - Monday, November 4 at 7:00PM

We invite our entire parish community to join us in remembering all the faithful departed, especially those who have assisted us in life, so that they can receive our prayerful support in their death.

Those who have lost a loved one in the last year are invited to bring a photo of the deceased to place on the altar during this special Mass.

Please Join us for a Will Planning Seminar

Have you been putting off establishing a Will and other important documents as part of your estate plan? You are not alone!

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, legal and financial professionals, will join us to discuss these important topics:

◊ The importance of having a Will and or Trust, Power of Attorney and other critical documents
◊ Catholic teachings on Advance Healthcare Directives
◊ Including Charitable Giving in your estate plans
◊ Free Legal and Financial Consultation

Wednesday, November 14
1:00PM and 7:00PM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Room
Please RSVP at the Welcome Center or 310-545-5651

Family to Family Sign-ups are the Weekends of November 2/3 and 9/10

The Family to Family project began 16 years ago and is a Thanksgiving and Christmas tradition at American Martyrs. We sponsor families from our sister parish, St. Lawrence of Brindisi in Watts with gifts for the holidays. Without us, they may not have a Thanksgiving meal or a Christmas for their families. Please stop by our tables to sponsor a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas and learn more.

Sign ups will be held before and after all Masses the weekends of November 2/3 and 9/10. We will also be selling Thanksgiving cards and El Super scrip so please bring cash or check if you want to purchase those at the sign-up tables. We also need volunteers to help with sign-ups.

If you’ve sponsored a family in the past, you know that the gift is truly given back to you by the project. And if you haven’t participated previously, we encourage you to do so this year.

We also need volunteers to help with sign-ups! If interested, please email f2f@AmericanMartyrs.org.

Thank you,
Michele & Kurt Neesley, and Pam McCarthy
F2F Co-Chairs
Join us for Breakfast at The Fair

Divine Sweets and Treats is serving breakfast today in the School Hall, following the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

Please join us for delicious homemade egg casseroles, pastries and donuts, juice, and coffee. You will find something for every member of the family!

**NEXT WEEK: Italian Catholic Federation** will serve Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

Mothers of Young Children

**Wednesday, October 23**

9:30–11:00AM, St. Kateri

Please join us for our annual Halloween party!! Have your children wear their costumes and come ready to trick or treat!

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

Seniors Brunch

Social Seniors Brunch is **Next Sunday, October 27** at 1:00PM at Panera Bread (1511 Hawthorne Blvd. at Redondo Beach)

RSVP to Thelma, 310-621-1690 or Magda, 323-447-0577.

**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, October 24, 9:00–11:00AM**

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

**SAVE THE DATE - Sunday November 10 at 5:00PM for the Annual Veterans Day Recognition Mass**

**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

**VETERANS DAY**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our parish’s 5th Annual Mass, celebrated by Msgr. Barry, in recognition of family and friends who have served in the military.

If you have a deceased veteran in your family who you would like listed on the “Veterans Wall,” submit their name and branch of service by Friday, November 1 to Neil Gafney, neil@gafney.net.

The sanctuary will be patriotically decorated to honor those veterans who have gone before us. Please bring photos or other memorabilia for display on the memorial tables.

We invite you all to join us in celebrating the veterans in our community in this Mass, and tradition based on values supported by our veterans efforts.

**Do you have YOUR TICKET to win a new 2019 JEEP CHEROKEE?**

**How About $5,000 cash?**

Tickets will be sold up until the winning ticket is pulled on Sunday, October 20 at the Parish Fair.

**Get your tickets at the Lucky 21 tables in front of the Gym.**

Your participation helps support American Martyrs church, school, SRE and outreach programs

Your Lucky 21 Co-Chair, Kristina Cappetta, 978-505-7405

**Questions about the Fair?**

Contact us at ParishFair@AmericanMartyrs.org or contact one of the Chairs directly:

Kristen Scherlacher, kscherlacher@AmericanMartyrs.org
Mike Kersey, mkersey@AmericanMartyrs.org
Beth Bayerd, beth.bayerd@AmericanMartyrs.org
Our first reading from Exodus makes me glad Moses isn’t alive today. Why? Because he would dominate social media! Can you imagine the Facebook posts, Tweets, and Instagram that would go viral? Things such as, “Moses unhurt in burning bush encounter” or “Moses embarrasses pharaoh in snake victory.” There would also be mention of water from a rock and manna from heaven. Sure he had a lot of help from God but he also knew when he needed help and wasn’t too proud to ask for it.

In this first reading, Moses and God are aiding the Israelites as they engage the Amalek nation in a battle. In his wisdom, Moses anticipated that he would need sup-port from his community as they engaged in this battle. He brought Aaron and Hur with him for support (quite literally.) As he began to grow weary, Moses relied on the two to hold his arms up until the battle was won.

Moses asked for help in other situations. In Chapter 4 of Exodus, Moses objects to the Lord’s request that he talk to the King of Egypt. Moses felt he was “slow of speech and tongue” so the Lord sends Moses' brother, Aaron, to help him with the encounter. Additionally, in Numbers 11:16 we hear Moses ask for help in leading the large number of Israelites. The Lord tells Moses to gather seventy elders, taking some of Moses’ spirit and transferring it to the elders. So Moses’ burden (span of control) was lightened.

Moses also seemed to have a knack of using people’s gifts. In the battle with the Amalek, Moses did not lead the army. He gave that job to Joshua, a leader and commander, who would eventually replace Moses following his death.

As modern-day stewards and members of the Body of Christ we would do well to follow the model of Moses. Let us use our God-given gifts to help others where we can, and know that there may be times that we may need help from other “members” of the Body. Let’s also be humble enough to pray for God’s help. Our Lord Himself calls us to persistent prayer, as the widow is persistent, in today’s Gospel passage from Luke.

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
**Life & Family Ministry**

**October is Respect Life Month**

If you’ve considered adopting, if you’ve thought about fostering (or even if you haven’t), if you’d like to learn how you can help serve children in need…. then SAVE THIS DATE!

2ND ANNUAL ADOPTION / FOSTER EXPO
November 5, 6:00-8:00PM
O’Donnell Hall

- Interact with adoption, foster & prevention professionals
- Meet adoptive and foster parents & volunteers
- Learn the many ways you can help be the solution to the foster crisis

**Attending Agencies Spotlight:**

- **CASA**
  Advocate for Children. Change a child’s life.
  Court-appointed special advocate (CASA) make a life-changing difference for children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

  Each volunteer is appointed by a judge to advocate for a child’s best interest in court. Our volunteers help judges develop a fuller picture of each child’s life. Their advocacy enables judges to make the most well-informed decision for each child.

- **Fostering Hope**
  Fostering Hope LA’s mission is to pair youth who are aging out of the Foster Care system with a volunteer Christian Mentor who has committed to a 12-month journey walking alongside these youth.

There are still two more weeks (through November 3) of our Fall Prayer Vigil - 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, both at 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

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org

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**Matthew 25 Outreach - Santa Monica**

On Saturday, October 26, 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.

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**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 Halloween Haunt Bash**

Friday, October 25
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

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**Will you Help the Hungry?**

Looking for a way to help those in need?
Do you have an hour to give?

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

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

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

**October 22, in O’Donnell Hall**

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

Theology Roundtable with Fr. Joe
Next Sunday, October 27 at 6:30PM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room

Please come and join in the conversations, and 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 select a “general” subject for the next meeting.

Questions? Contact Herman Cenci, 310-594-2001 or Lee Dolley, 310-977-7704

Tuesday Morning Scripture Study

Our next session begins October 29 with an 8-week study, “Romans: The Gospel of Salvation.”

Paul’s letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Romans: The Gospel of Salvation is a new eight-week Bible study that will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

Our first class is in the Parish House - Tuesday, October 29, 9:15AM-11AM.

After that, we meet in the Spirituality Center (770 17th Street) on Tuesdays, 9:15AM-11AM. No need to register, just show up!

Contact: Al Fletcher, 310-379-5241 | alvinjerry@hotmail.com

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

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
Faith Formation

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**SEALED. 1, Session 3 - November 3, at 3:30PM**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**Life Night - TONIGHT, October 20**

*Attention all High School teens!!* Join us at our next Life Night on from 6:15-7:45PM in St. Kateri.

*Life Nights are open to all high school teenagers so bring a friend and we will see you then.*

**Confirmation:**

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

**Youth Ministry:**

- Matthew Leon, matthew.leon@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**FAMILIES IN FAITH**

The apostles ask Jesus to “increase our faith.” The greatest thing we can do as parents is to ask that the gift of faith be given to our children. Yes, God will work through us, but God will be the primary instrument. We may feel our faith is weak, but with God, all things are possible.

**SRE Classes for Grades 1-6**

**Tues/Wed, 3:45-4:45pm**

October 22/23
November 5/6

**Sunday SRE Grades 1-8**

10:45AM-11:45AM
November 3

We look forward to families gathering at the Parish Fair this month for a wonderful weekend.

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

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**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

**Know the signs of denial**

Denial is a commonly used defense mechanism for abuse victims. Because they want to believe that things will go back to normal, victims often feel trapped into just allowing the situation to play out. Fear of change can be overwhelming, especially if the victim has been manipulated by his or her abuser.

Victims may also struggle with accepting what’s happening because they know their abuser closely, as a family member or friend. It’s important to recognize the signs of denial and how to break through those barriers that can keep a victim from true healing.


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

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**You may still register for Sunday Preschool.**

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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**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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**Friday, November 1**

**is All Saints Day,**

a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics

*The Mass schedule for All Saints Day is:*

**Thursday, October 31**

5:00PM Vigil Mass

**Friday, November 1**

6:30AM, 8:10AM, 12:10PM, 5:00PM and 7:30PM
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.

Stop by the Welcome Center to see our new Spiritually Inspired Jewelry Collection.

We have a wide variety of necklaces and bracelets, items for Baptism and a new selection of Men’s items.

A Sign Language Interpreter is available for Sunday 5:00pm Mass, weddings, and funerals. Please call Gigi 310-528-9024.

Casa De Los Angelitos Maternity Home, 310-325-8208
24 Hour Pregnancy Helpline, 310-787-HELP
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING LINE, 800-355-2545
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY Heather Banis, 213-637-7650
October 19 is the Feast Day of Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions

Pope Pius XI canonized “The North American Martyrs” – eight Jesuit missionaries who gave up their lives in order to preach the Gospel to the Native Americans - on June 29, 1930. That same year, a small parish of some 40 families was established in the seaside community of Manhattan Beach, and in honor of the new saints, it was named American Martyrs Church.

The eight French Jesuit martyrs left comfortable middle class lives in Renaissance France for the deep, lush forests of the “New World” nearly 400 years ago. Father Jean de Brebeuf, a giant man in both stature and holiness, was one of the first to arrive. He was followed by Fathers Charles Garnier, Isaac Jogues, Gabriel Lalemant, Antoine Daniel, and Noel Chabanel. Two Jesuit Brothers, Rene Goupil and Jean de la Lande, joined the efforts to convert the Native Americans.

The “Blackrobes” were zealous missionaries. They lived among the Iroquois, learned their language and customs, and endured incredible hardships in order to save souls for Christ through Baptism. The missionaries described the Huron and Mohawk Native Americans they ministered to as “warlike and cruel,” a people who exposed their children from birth to “the most atrocious carnage and the most barbarous spectacles.” The Jesuits were undaunted. After christening a dying child, St. Jean de Brebeuf once exclaimed: “For this one single occasion I would travel all the way from France; I would cross the great ocean to win one little soul for Our Lord!”

Father de Brebeuf and his fellow Jesuits met their deaths between the years 1642 and 1649. Most were tortured mercilessly. All the martyrs followed the example Jesus set as he endured his own death on the cross. They suffered in virtual silence and died with a sense of serenity which dumbfounded their executioners.

The power of the Jesuits’ teaching and the love they felt for the Native Americans was inspirational. Many of the Native Americans they converted also suffered martyrdom.

A passage in “Relation,” the reports the Jesuits sent back to their Superior General, noted the resolve with which the Native American converts met their own brutal deaths.

Though the American Martyrs lived and died nearly four centuries ago, the message they brought to the New World – the message of the transforming power of Christ’s love – lives on today in our parish.

† The North American Martyrs, please pray for us †
Monthly Food Drive is NEXT 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!

SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION

GYM AUCTION CLOSING TIMES
1:00PM  CHILDREN & BABY
1:30PM  FOOD, KITCHEN & CASUAL LIVING
2:00PM  HOLIDAY, ELECTRONICS, ENTERTAINMENT, TEEN & PHOTOGRAPHY
2:30PM  SPORTS, MEN, WOMEN, HEALTH & BEAUTY
3:00PM  RELIGIOUS, FINE LIVING & WINE
3:30PM  FRONT LOBBY & OUTSIDE ITEMS
(BIKES, STROLLERS & OUTDOOR FURNITURE)

4:00PM ONLINE AUCTION CLOSES

BID NUMBERS - NEW THIS YEAR!!
Pre-register for both your Gym Auction and your Online Auction bid numbers at AMParishFair.com.
It is a single registration for BOTH auctions.
Upon successful registration, you will receive 2 messages (via text & email). One message will include your bidder number for the Gym Auction. The other message will include a personalized link to bid in the Online Auction. When the auctions open, both these messages will be re-sent to you.
If you already have a Cause Mobile account, you can select “Login to Cause Mobile” in Payment Method to populate your registration form. If you don’t have a Cause Mobile account, registering for the auctions will create one for you.
Register now to save time at the Fair!

2 WAYS TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE A WINNER
WEBSITE: Winners will be posted to the AMC website starting at 5:30PM Sunday. Click the SILENT AUCTION WINNER BOARD link.
TEXT MESSAGE/EMAILS: A text message and email indicating you have won will be sent; include a cell phone /email when you register for your bid number.

ITEM PICK-UP AND PAYMENT
Doors are open for check out Sunday, 6-10PM and Monday, 7AM-12NOON
Please make every effort to pick-up your items on Sunday.
All winning items will be charged to your credit card on file. You may switch to check or cash at the Gym check-out.
All items must be PICKED UP by NOON on Monday. After NOON on Monday all unclaimed items will be charged to your credit card on file & donated to St. Lawrence of Brindisi.