Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2019

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

Weekday Mass: Mon/Wed/Fri: 8:10AM, 12:10PM and 5PM | Tues/Thurs: 6:30AM, 8:10AM, 12:10PM and 5PM | Sat: 8AM

Holy Day Mass: Vigil: 5PM | Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8:10AM, 12:10PM, 5PM and 7:30PM

Reconciliation: Tues/Thurs: 7AM-7:15AM | Wed/Fri: 5:30PM-6PM | Sat: 8:30AM-9AM, 4PM-4:30PM

Eves of Holy Days: 4PM-4:30PM | Confessions by request at anytime; call Rectory for appointment.

Christ the King stained glass window above the entry of our church

@AmericanMartyrsCatholicCommunity  @MsgrJohnBarry  @AmericanMartyrs  @AmericanMartyrsChurch
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

Parish Facilities

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

Parish 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. Joseph Kammerer
Sun 7:00am: Fr. Rick Prindle
8:00am: Fr. Joseph Kammerer
9:30am: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
11:30am: Fr. Rick Prindle
5:00pm: Fr. Tom Kelly
7:00pm: 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

Daily Prayers of the Church
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Mon-Fri, 7am-8pm | Sat, 7am-5pm | Sun, 1pm-5pm
For off-hour access contact TBritton@AmericanMartyrs.org

Daily Rosary: Mon - Sat, 7:30am
Morning Prayer: Tues after 6:30am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (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:

Fr. Bill Bourke
Nancy Smith
Helene Grik
Mitchell Woods
Blake King
Martha Corbett
Sheri Skulick
Peter & Carol Champagne
Sheila Benevutti
Rachel Hamilton
Anne Filek
Sharron Schaffer
Lucia Ames
Anthony Napolitano, Sr.
Jon Strauss

Memorial
Michael Newmann
Sylvia Velasco
James Brannan
Nick Herold

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

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, December 8 at 7:00pm.

Adult Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist (RCIA)
Deacon Derek & Terri Brown, RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults welcomes and prepares adults for full participation in the sacramental life of the Church.
Classes begin in September.

Marriage - Contact Rectory at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick - Celebrated at various times throughout the year. Call the Rectory anytime in case of serious illness.
Mass Intentions - Request in person at the Welcome Center.
Prayers for the Sick and Deceased - Contact the Rectory with the names of family members who are ill or deceased.
Funeral Planning - Contact the Rectory to arrange Funeral or Memorial Services.
Bereavement Support - Deacon Chris & Yvonne Amantea
camantea@AmericanMartyrs.org | yamantea@AmericanMartyrs.org

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.
Jonathan Concetti - U.S.M.C.
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
1st Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army
Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.
Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
Brendan Quinn - U.S. Navy
LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

In Memoriam
Michael Newmann
Sylvia Velasco
James Brannan
Nick Herold

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

**MONDAY, November 25**
- 9:00 AM PH  Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 5:00 PM B&B  Latin Chant Class
- 7:00 PM HFH  Al-Anon Meeting

**TUESDAY, November 26**
- 5:30 AM PH  Men’s AA Meeting
- 9:15 AM SpC  Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 3:30 PM PH  Legion of Mary
- 6:00 PM HFH  Teen Tuesday
- 7:00 PM CH  South Bay Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- 7:00 PM SCH  Women’s AA Meeting
- 7:30 PM StMT  Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, November 27**
- 10:00 AM OLMM  Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe

**THURSDAY, November 28**
- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
- 5:30 AM PH  Men’s AA Meeting

**FRIDAY, November 29**
- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
- 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.

**2020 RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS**
are available in the vestibule of the church. Suggested donation is $3. Please place your donation in the "Poor Box."

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, November 30**
- 10:00 AM HFH  AA Women’s Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B  Latin Chant Class
- 7:30 PM SCH  AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, December 1**
- 7:45 AM ODH  Coffee and Donuts
- 9:30 AM OLMM  Children’s Liturgy
- 10:00 AM SpC  Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
- 1:30 PM PH  Alzheimer’s Support Group
- 3:30 PM SK  SEALED. 1 Confirmation
- 7:00 PM ODH  T&T Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria**
**READINGS:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
- 8:00 All Souls Novena
- 12:10 Jeannette Corrao † (9:30 AM Choir)
- 5:00 Jack Fulkerson †  (Dottie and Dave Arias)

**TUESDAY, November 26**
**READINGS:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
- 6:30 James Essman †  (Tonnies Family)
- 8:00 Alan Stassi †  (Patti and Dick Williams)
- 12:10 All Souls Novena
- 5:00 Carol Stark †  (Tom Klimasz)

**WEDNESDAY, November 27**
**READINGS:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
- 8:00 William Core †  (Tom Klimasz)
- 12:10 All Souls Novena
- 5:00 George Barry, Sr. †

**THURSDAY, November 28 - Thanksgiving**
**READINGS:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28
- 9:30 All Souls Novena

**FRIDAY, November 29**
**READINGS:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
- 8:00 All Souls Novena

**SATURDAY, November 30 - St. Andrew**
**READINGS:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
- 8:00 All Souls Novena
- 5:00 Elias Kuncar †  (Gunderman Family)

**SUNDAY, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent**
**READINGS:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
- 7:00 Judy Vavrek †  (Tom Vavrek)
- 8:00 Ray Montanez †  (Louanne Donahue)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 Michael Roughen and Family †  (Alanda Lennox)
- 5:00 Patricia Filaseta †  (Julie Warnock)

We are collecting blank Christmas cards (English language) and 2020 calendars. During the holiday season, the cards are made available to diners at the Catholic Worker’s Hippie Kitchen to send to family and friends.

We are also collecting small religious items (medal, rosaries, crosses, prayer cards, etc) to give through our outreach programs and to those in need.

Please drop these items at the Welcome Center.

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
Catholic Community Foundation-LA
Make a Greater Impact and Enjoy Immediate Tax Benefits

Open a Donor-Advised Fund with CCF-LA
Take an immediate tax deduction and make an impact later with thoughtful charitable grants to American Martyrs and other charities of your choice. CFF-LA is a Catholic donor advised fund that provides individualized financial management services and competitive, socially responsible investment pool returns.

Transfer an existing DAF from your current provider to CCF-LA
If you already have a Donor Advised Fund, you can easily transfer your current fund to CCF-LA. You will enjoy the same tax benefits, but will know that your fund is responsibly invested and your grants thoughtfully managed.

For more information, contact Timithie Norman, Director of Development, at 213-426-1187 or visit www.catholiccf-la.org

If you shop at the Vons in downtown Manhattan Beach, please know that all "Turkey Bucks" donated go towards Thanksgiving Family Meals that are provided to American Martyrs for distribution to those in our community (including our sister parish, St. Lawrence of Brindisi).

If you know of someone who needs a Thanksgiving Family Dinner, please contact PCSecretary@AmericanMartyrs.org.

Door Prizes for Seniors' Christmas Dinner

Monsignor’s elves are collecting Scrip and Gift Cards to be given as door prizes at the Annual Seniors’ Christmas Dinner.

Door prizes/donations can be left at the Welcome Center. Thank you for supporting our seniors!

To volunteer to help at the dinner, contact SeniorChristmasDinner@AmericanMartyrs.org.

Seniors' Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30PM
(for those who qualify by age for social security)

The 36th Annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner hosted by Msgr. Barry will be Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30PM in O’Donnell Hall. Dinner is complimentary.
To volunteer for this event, please contact SeniorChristmasDinner@AmericanMartyrs.org.

Seniors' Christmas Dinner Registration Form

For question or cancellations, please contact the rectory at 310-545-5651

Name ____________________________________________________________
Phone __________________________________________________________
I can provide transportation ________ I need transportation ___________
Address _________________________________________________________

Please drop this form in next Sunday's collection or leave it at the Welcome Center

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 27
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall

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

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

Parish Offices Closed

All parish offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. There will only be a 9:30AM Mass on Thanksgiving and an 8:00AM Mass on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Seniors Brunch

Social Seniors Brunch is TODAY, November 24 at 1:00PM at Marmalade Cafe (2014 E. Park Place, in Plaza El Segundo.) RSVP to Thelma, 310-621-1619 or Magda, 323-447-0565.

Mothers of Young Children

Wednesday, December 4
9:30–11:00AM, St. Kateri

Our guest speaker will be from Art to Grow, and will have a fun craft for all the kids to participate.

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 BridgeBuilders

All are welcome; there is no fee.

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

CBB will not meet the week of Thanksgiving.

Resume Essentials Workshop

Thursday, December 5, 9:00AM–11:00AM

In a competitive environment, it’s important to stand out. Learn the fundamentals of the resume and how to develop a compelling resume that showcases the essence of who you are.

Resume Essentials Working Session

Thursday, December 12, 9:00AM–11:00AM

Feedback is an important part of developing a compelling resume. You will have an opportunity to share your resume, provide and receive feedback and work on your resume. Be sure to bring copies of your resume to share with the group and your laptop.

All CBB 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

November is Join a Choir month!

All of our music groups are inviting people who like to sing and experience a deeper spirituality to join us.

(One rehearsal and one Mass per week). For more info, contact Bill Svarda, 310-640-8505 | bsvarda@AmericanMartyrs.org

Let’s gather to celebrate the season!

Altar Society Christmas Luncheon
Friday December 6
Doors open at 11am

All are invited!

Fun Raffle Baskets filled with all sorts of goodies including a Smart TV!

Entertainment: Always Adorable AM Kindergarten Students & Amazing Vocalist Dennis Flowers

$20 per person

RSVP by Monday, December 2 to: Stacy Ewart, 310.809.1422 | Peggy Stark, 310.613.5851

Scrip.etc

Looking for something extra special for your holiday meals?

GROW, one of our favorite local vendors (and Parish Fair sponsor), has beautiful Charcuterie Boards, plus fruits, vegetables, and just about everything else you would need for your Thanksgiving and Christmas table.

And they will deliver!

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
The New Year begins next Sunday- can you believe it?!

I’m not talking about the typical calendar, but the church calendar. Today is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year and next Sunday, the first week of Advent, we start our new Liturgical Year. How appropriate it is that the U.S. holiday of Thanksgiving comes at the end of the church year! This Thursday, I will gather with family and friends, and reflect on the blessings I have received in the past year. However, despite my blessings, I often find it hard to really feel thankful for what I have received. I’m going to try something new this time. Maybe you’d like to try it as well.

When we gather at table for our Thanksgiving dinner, I am going to share a personal reflection on how my family and friends have blessed me this year. My hope is that others at the table will join me. In the process, we will create an environment of Thankfulness.

Stewardship is the offspring of Thankfulness, Generosity and Gratitude. Some of you may remember Msgr. Barry talking about his own experience in Guatemala. He and others from American Martyrs were working side by side with a local woman to build a new house. She was so grateful! In her thankfulness, she felt compelled to give out of her minimal resources. She did not have much meat in her household, yet she gave Msgr. a chicken for him and the other workers! What a beautiful example of Stewardship!

If you have not yet filled out your 2020 Stewardship commitment, Thanksgiving weekend might be the perfect time to do this. In our family, we fill out the commitment card online. Right after dinner, we open a laptop computer, go to the AmericanMartyrs.org website, navigate to “Our Parish” and then to the “Stewardship” link and click there. This takes us to “Our Annual Renewal” page where we can click on the link for the online form, “Link to online Commitment Card”.

Colossians 1:12, “Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”

If you love our active parish, BE our active parish. Out of your Thankfulness, prayerfully consider your gifts and how you might generously share them this new year. Thank you for all you do!

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
Matthew 25 Outreach - Santa Monica

On Saturday, November 30, 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.

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, December 3 in the Parish House.

We are always looking for volunteers at the dance. Come be with us for a few hours as we share in the joy of Exceptional Kids with Special Needs and Gifts.

EKPTO Holiday Dress-up Dance

Friday, December 6
O'Donnell Hall, 7:00-9:00PM

$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

Life & Family Ministry

Wanting to learn how to help kids in foster care or how to get started with the adoption or foster process, people from churches all over the South Bay came to American Martyrs on November 5 for our 2nd Annual Adoption / Foster Expo!

Matthew 25 Outreach - Saturday Blessings

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

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

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

We are in need of these items:
- Mens sneakers
- Mens jeans
- Sweatpants, sweatshirts
- Warm jackets
- Blankets
- Sleeping Bags
- Tents

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

### Men’s Cornerstone Retreat

**WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER CORNERSTONE?**

Are you searching for a community of like-minded individuals? Are you going through a challenging time in your life and seek support?

Are you looking for ways to take your faith to the next level?

If one or more of the above resonate with you, we welcome you to join us **Friday, January 31-Saturday, February 1, 2020** to explore Men’s Cornerstone.

For more information come to our tables outside mass in December or visit: AmericanMartyrs.org > Exploring My Faith > Men’s Cornerstone Retreat.

**Questions?** Contact Jason Samson, 562-453-6656 | MensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org or Mike Wilk, 310-292-7774 | MikeWilk@am-rem.com

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### Women’s Cornerstone Retreat - Save the Date!

**February 7-8, 2020**

5pm Friday - 8pm Saturday

You are invited to join us for a spiritual retreat to engage in reflection and revitalize your relationship with God.

The Women’s Cornerstone Weekend will be February 7-8, 2020. Enrollment begins online December 1 and after Masses the weekend of December 7-8.

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with other ordinary women in our community and with God. Free yourself from your daily routine and consider the gift of Cornerstone.

For additional info, contact Paolina Amadio, 310-439-8764 or WomensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org

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### Theology Roundtable with Fr. Joe

**TONIGHT, November 24 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

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### Our Month for Remembering the Dead

Our feasts of All Saints and All Souls ushered 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:

**Scrolls of the Dead**

As is our tradition, our parish displays large scrolls with the names of parishioners and family members who have died during the past year. The names that have been called in to the rectory and placed in the Prayer of the Faithful are listed on the scrolls. When taken down, the scrolls will be cut up, so that families may retrieve the individual name(s) of their loved one(s).

**Book of the Dead**

The Book of the Deceased is processed to the altar with the gifts during our Sunday liturgies. It keeps an informal record of our deceased family and friends. Parishioners are invited to enter the names of loved ones who now rest in the Lord by visiting the rectory office.
**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**
SEALLED. 1, Session 4 - Sunday, December 1, at 3:30PM

**YOUTH MINISTRY**
Teen Tuesday Bible Study - every Tuesday, 6:00-7:15PM, 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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**Families in Faith**

Thanks to all our AMS and SRE students who brought in their **Box of Joy** for the Cross Catholic Outreach.

**Children’s Liturgy** - NEXT WEEK, Dec 1 at the 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, Tues/Wed**
Grades 1-6, 3:45-4:45pm | Grades 7-8, 7:15-8:30PM
Dec 3/4
Dec 10/11

**Sunday SRE**, Grades 1-8, 10:45AM-11:45AM
Dec 1

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**Safeguard the Children**

Building active listening skills with children

Building your active listening skills with the children in your life can help you communicate more effectively with them, and it can also clue you in to any suspicious or potentially dangerous relationships in their lives. Active listening lets the speaker know that you have heard, understood, and valued what he or she said. Often, children don’t feel this way, but with a few easy tactics, you can change that, building a relationship of trust and respect.

As an active listener, be sure to make eye contact while the child is speaking. Ask follow-up questions and check in to make sure you both understand what’s being said. Avoid “yes or no” questions and instead ask open-ended questions that will keep the conversation going.

For more tips, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Children are to be Seen and Heard,” at http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.

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

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**Christmas Carol Sing-Along in the church**

All are Welcome
Saturday, December 7, 2019
4:00PM
American Martyrs Church

Please invite your friends and neighbors join us in the church for some Holiday Cheer!
## Contact Information

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### Independent Compensation Program for Victim-Survivors of Abuse by Diocesan Clergy

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 began 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.
What is the Annual Christmas Project?

- An American Martyrs PARISH tradition that brings our faith community together to collect wish-list items that are, in turn, distributed to various local organizations who serve less fortunate families at Christmas.
- An opportunity for all parishioners to share the joy of giving with those whose children might not otherwise receive Christmas gifts, or families that might not have a decent meal on the table on Christmas Day.

Who receives the collected items?
The Christmas Project serves local families in need. Organizations that help us distribute the gifts are groups such as St. Margaret’s Center that serve local families who have requested assistance and local schools within the LA archdiocese. Food and toiletries are donated to the St. Lawrence of Brindisi food pantry and the Downtown Women’s Center.

What items are needed?
- UNWRAPPED! NEW Toys (no stuffed animals)
  for Infants to Teens (see list to right)
- Non-perishable Food (see list to right)
- NEW Non Food Items  (see list to right)
- NEW Bedding / Blankets / Linens
- Cash / Scrip donations.

When and where is the Christmas Project?
- Saturday, December 7 - from 2:00pm to help set-up O'Donnell Hall, until 7:00pm to collect donations after Mass.
- Sunday, December 8 - after morning Masses, in O’Donnell Hall until 1:00pm. Bring your donations and stay around to wrap presents, fill family wish lists, sort food, and get in the Christmas spirit with your fellow parishioners!

We thank God that American Martyrs has always shown a deep concern for others and that we have been able to express our gratitude to God for the gifts we receive through our readiness to share.

With sincere gratitude and blessings,

Rev. Msgr. John F. Barry
9:30AM Thanksgiving Day Mass
& Bread-Sharing afterwards in O’Donnell Hall
Thursday, November 28
(This will be the only Mass on Thanksgiving day.)

You may bring the bread and/or wine that you will serve at your dinner to be blessed at the Mass.

Join us in O’Donnell Hall after Mass to enjoy a Bread Sharing with your fellow parishioners. Beverages will be provided.

Drop off your baked goods in O’Donnell Hall before Mass.

To begin our Parish Christmas Project, everyone is encouraged to bring a gift-wrapped toy to Mass on Thanksgiving Day (please attach a tag noting the gender/age of the child who should receive the gift.)

You will take the gift to the altar during the offertory.

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
- Oatmeal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Rice
- Lentils
- Pasta
- Spaghetti
- Mac ‘n’ cheese
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit
- Beans
- Lentils
- Canned meats
- Pasta
- Soups
- Tuna
- Spaghetti sauce
- Mac ‘n’ cheese
- Canned meats
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- 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!