SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  

December 8, 2019

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 & 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: 8:30AM-9AM | 4-4:30PM
Eves of Holy Days: 4-4:30PM
Confessions by request anytime;
call Rectory for appointment.

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NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM,
OUR JOURNEY TOO
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

PARISH FACILITIES

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

PARISH CENTER:
700 15th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Welcome Center, 310-545-5651
Mon-Thurs, 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 - 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. Tom Kelly
SUN 7:00AM: Msgr. John Barry
8:00AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer
9:30AM: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
11:30AM: Fr. Rick Prindle
5:00PM: Fr. Rick Prindle

This schedule is subject to change.

We are happy that you have joined us today. If you are traveling, we hope you find our Catholic home welcoming.
If you are new to the area, we hope you return to celebrate with us, and please consider joining our parish community.

Stop by our Welcome Center for more info or visit us at www.AmericanMartyrs.org.

RESERVING A FACILITY

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

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

Email: Facilities@AmericanMartyrs.org

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

Sgt Ciricaco 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
2d Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force
1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
Brendan Quinn - U.S. Navy
LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

We are collecting blank Christmas cards (English language) and 2023 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 to those in need.

Please drop these items at the Welcome Center.

IN MEMORIAM
Barry Ott
Sheila Benvenuto
Fr. Bill Bourke

Barbara Muelrath
Anthony Napolitano, Sr.
Dennis Derby

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

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:

Deacon Scott Palmer
Nancy Smith
Mitchell Woods
Lucia Ames
Sheri Skulick
Rachel Hamilton
Sharron Schaffer
Don Merritt
Kathy Brunick
Helene Grik
Blake King
Martha Corbett
Peter & Carol Champagne
Anne Filek
April Moroso

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### This Week

**MONDAY, December 9**
- 8:00 AM SK AMPA Meeting
- 9:00 AM PH Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 5:00 PM B&B Latin Chant Class
- 6:30 PM ODH Italian Catholic Federation
- 7:00 PM HFH Al-Anon Meeting

**TUESDAY, December 10**
- 5:30 AM PH Men's AA Meeting
- 9:15 AM SpC Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 3:30 PM PH Legion of Mary
- 3:45 PM SCH SRE Grades 1-6
- 6:00 PM HFH Teen Tuesday
- 7:00 PM SCH Women's AA Meeting
- 7:15 PM SCH Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM StMT St. Mother Teresa

**WEDNESDAY, December 11**
- 10:00 AM OLMM Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
- 11:00 AM SpC Matthew 25 Sat. Blessings Clothes Sorting
- 3:45 PM SCH SRE Grades 1-6
- 7:15 PM SCH Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM SK RCIA

**THURSDAY, December 12**
- 5:30 AM PH Men's AA Meeting
- 9:00 AM OLMM Career BridgeBuilders Workshop

**FRIDAY, December 13**
- 11:15 AM SpC Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 6:00 PM PH Arlene's Lighthouse

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

### Facilities:
- B&B-Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room · CH-Church · GYM-Gym
- 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-Parish Center Plaza · SpC-Spirituality Center
- SpL-Spirituality Center Library · SCH-School · SK-St. Kateri
- SJU-St. Juan Diego · STMT-St. Mother Teresa · WC-Welcome Center

### Planned Giving

Have you considered American Martyrs Church or School as a partial beneficiary of your IRA, deferred compensation or 401(k)? These can be some of the best assets to leave to charity because they can be fully taxed if left to your heirs. For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

### Next Weekend

**SATURDAY, December 14**
- 8:00 AM PH Matthew 25 Sandwich Making
- 10:00 AM HFH AA Women’s Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B Latin Chant Class
- 7:30 PM SCH AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, December 15**
- 7:45 AM ODH Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00 AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
- 6:15 PM SK AMYM Life Night

### Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

**MONDAY, December 9 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Readings:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

- 8:10 Rev. Msgr. William O'Donnell †
- 12:10 Jack Fulkerson † (Patti Williams)
- 5:00 Richard Goodin † (Goodin Family)

**TUESDAY, December 10**

**Readings:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:12-14

- 6:30 Mark Rooney † (Mary Ruane)
- 8:10 Marcia Harkins † (Thomas Burke)
- 12:10 Maura Harrington † (Bill Schneider & Family)
- 5:00 Etie Moghissi † (Mahaney Family)

**WEDNESDAY, December 11 - St. Damascus I**

**Readings:** Is 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

- 8:10 Patrick Joseph "PJ" Smith † (Gunderman Family)
- 12:10 Wayne Janzen † (Kevin & Gerilynn Barr)
- 5:00 Jake Cleland † (Lichtenberg Family)

**THURSDAY, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Readings:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

- 6:30 Linda Kay Lewis Hall † (Tom Klimasz)
- 8:10 Mary McGraw † (Lucy Hanahan, Da Giau)
- 12:10 Deacon Fred Rose † (Gebele Family)
- 5:00 Special Intention

**FRIDAY, December 13 - St. Lucy**

**Readings:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3-4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

- 8:10 Carmelo & Elizabeth Quillang
- 12:10 Patty Dunn † (Tom & Debbie Feeley)
- 5:00 Thelma Luzier † (Joanne & Larry Conley)

**SATURDAY, December 14 - St. John of the Cross**

**Readings:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:22a and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

- 8:00 John Overton † (Woods, Overton, Dickie Family)
- 5:00 Dr. Anthony P. (Tony) Raia † (Davidson, Galins & Raia Family)

**SUNDAY, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent**

**Readings:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 10-11; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

- 7:00 Margie Loftus † (Shalvoy Family)
- 8:00 Cetha Ericson † (Ericson Family)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 Dr. John Plut † (Stephany Plut Prodromides)
- 5:00 Albina Horvat † (Steve Horvat)
**Join a Choir!**

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 | wesvarda@socal.rr.com

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**Advent Candles Are Available in the Welcome Center**

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. Bring your pink candle. Advent candle sets are $5/box.

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**Year-End Planning**

As 2019 comes to an end, we naturally reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to American Martyrs Church. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits provide an added incentive to make a gift at the year’s end. A gift can also help support American Martyrs for years to come.

There are many different ways of contributing a gift. However, a few of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are by cash donation or electronic donation through Faith Direct (www.faithdirect.net). You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as appreciated stock or other investments, real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts.

**IRA Charitable Giving**

If you are age 70½ or older and have an individual retirement account (IRA), you have the unique opportunity to satisfy your required minimum distribution and support the important ministries of American Martyrs at the same time - by directly rolling funds over from your IRA to the Parish as a gift.

Once you reach age 70½, you are required to take a minimum distribution annually from your retirement account(s). Rolling over this distribution to American Martyrs is extremely tax-efficient. A charitable IRA rollover not only lowers your tax liability, but also allows for donating a larger gift to our church at no additional cost to you.

Bob Hodges, our business manager, can answer any questions you may have.

**Why Are Gifts of Appreciated Assets So Valuable?**

What is the best asset you can give to American Martyrs? From a tax perspective, gifts of securities, real estate or other assets that have gone up in value are the hands-down winners. Why? Because you receive a double tax benefit: you can deduct the full fair market value of their appreciated assets – if owned more than one year – and save again by avoiding all capital gains taxes on your “paper profit.”

Bob Hodges, Parish Business Manager
310-545-5651 | bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**Scrip etc**

*Tis the Season* - Let us help make your Christmas shopping a bit easier! We have a fantastic selection of gift cards for both local and national vendors. Gift cards are a great gift for friends, family, customers, teens and the hard-to-shop-for.

We have or order anything you have seen at the grocery store kiosks. The bonus is that with every purchase from us, you are supporting our schools and ministries.

**Call Us For Your Special Orders or Business Gifts**

**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
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall
Christmas Project are hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:
Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious
Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings.

Your gift to today’s special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious.

Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime.

Italian Catholic Federation
Please join us at our 2nd Annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 9 at 6:30PM in O’Donnell Hall.

We will have a catered Italian dinner by Lomeli’s Italian Restaurant in Gardena. It will be a festive evening as we enjoy good food, family and friends. There will be children’s activities organized by a Virtus trained volunteer and Santa will be stopping by with gifts for the children.

Dinner tickets: Adults $20; Children $10. Since this is a catered even, please RSVP by 7:00PM on Sunday, December 8 by calling Monica Rossi, 310-795-9755.

Mothers of Young Children
Wednesday, December 18
9:30–11:00AM, St. Kateri

Please join us with your kids for our annual Christmas party and Book Exchange!

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

Remembering Your Loved Ones
The names from the Scrolls of the Dead banners that hung in the church during the month of November have been cut from the scrolls and are available for family members to take home. They are in baskets, in alphabetical order, in the vestibule of the church.

Stop by the Welcome Center on Monday, December 9, from 8AM-12NOON to visit our Pop-Up Shop
Spiritually Inspired Jewelry Collection!

Beautiful Christmas Gifts
Browse items that are available specifically for Christmas including earrings, special necklaces, medals, and more.

The designer, Lucy DaGaiau, will be here to answer questions about specific saint medals or other custom items.

Arlene’s Lighthouse
Our next meeting is Friday, December 13 at 6:00PM in the Holy Family House.

Our group meets once a month to play games, sing, pray do crafts and have dinner. It is a social event for kids with disability and their families. We invite everyone to come and hang out with our kids, and establish bonds of friendship.

Thank you for your support to our ministry. We hope to see you there!

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

Upcoming Workshops - Career BridgeBuilders
All are welcome; there is no fee.
Please RSVP by text 310-779-6099, or to the email below.

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.

Christmas Breakfast Potluck
Thursday, Dec 19, 9:00AM–11:00AM, in St. Mother Teresa room
As we celebrate Christmas and the year comes to a close, join us for our final meeting of the year, for a holiday breakfast potluck. Please be sure to RSVP with Andrea.

Kickoff 2020 with Career BridgeBuilders
Thursday, January 9, 9:00AM–11:00AM
Kick off the New Year by energizing your career. During this session we will reflect on the lessons of 2019 and focus on setting priorities for 2020 that will help in your job search.

CBB workshops are in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room.

For More Information: Andrea Connolly, careerbridgebuilders@AmericanMartyrs.org or check out our group on LinkedIn
We have a little more than two weeks before Christmas and from the traffic on the streets and the piles of catalogues in the mailbox, I’d say that Christmas gift buying is well underway. I got a glimpse of a very impressive gift in a story in “The Little Burgundy Book” that was available during our Annual renewal. The story was titled, “A Meeting with a Saniasi” and it follows:

A man went out for a walk and met a person they call in India a saniasi. They are holy persons, like wandering monks who understand that the whole world is their home, the sky is their roof, and God will look after them.

When the man met the saniasi, he said, “I can’t believe this. I had a dream last night, and God said to me, ‘Tomorrow you will meet a saniasi and he will give you a precious stone, and you will become a rich man’.”

The saniasi said, “Well, let me look in my sack here and see if I can find a stone like that.” He rummaged around and said, “Maybe this would be what you were talking about.” The man couldn’t believe his eyes. It was the largest diamond he had ever seen or even heard of. The saniasi said, “I found this in the forest. You’re welcome to it.” He gave it to the man, then walked away.

The man took the diamond home, filled with excitement. He sat at home with this precious diamond all day enjoying it . . . and thinking. When evening came, he got up, walked out to the woods where the saniasi was, and gave him back the diamond, saying, “Instead of this, I want something else from you that will make me even richer.” The saniasi said, “What is it?” The man said, “I want you to give me the treasure that makes it possible for you to give this diamond away.” (Little Burgundy Book- Diocese of Saginaw)

I’m at the point where giving and receiving “things” is nice but I would be richer because someone used their God-given gifts as a gift, similar to what was described in the story. Such as a conversation without cell phone interruptions, some homemade cookies, enjoying an inspirational speaker series together, and so on. This Advent, in preparation for Christmas, let’s be good stewards and give more of ourselves rather than things.

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

**Stewardship ... moving us closer to God**

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

The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 17, 7:00-9:00PM** in the Holy Family House. **Join us for our Holiday Gathering.**

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

**All are Welcome at American Martyrs**

American Martyrs opens its doors to all, welcoming our differences and sameness, so that we can grow together in understanding and love.

All ages and their families in the LGBTQ+ community are welcome to join in our dialogue to build understanding and support. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, in the St. Mother Teresa room, at 7:30PM.

**No December meeting; our next meeting is January 9.**

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

**Pastoral Care**

**Beginning Again - Separated or Divorced**

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**Stephen Ministry**

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

**Are you feeling anxious for the holidays?**

The holidays can be a wonderful time, but also a time of great stress from the flood of activities, preparations, and financial outlays. Like Noah in today’s gospel, it feels like “the flood came and carried them all away.” A Stephen Minister can help you through these times.

Stephen Ministers visit with you once a week to give you someone to vent with, pray with, and keep yourself together. Stephen Ministry relationships can be for a short while or for a long time.

If you would like to explore having a Stephen Minister in your life, please leave a message on the confidential phone line 310-545-8244, and Deacon Dick and Patti Williams will return your call to set up a time to talk.

**Care Notes Can Help You Cope**

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

- Prayers That Bring Comfort in Times of Grief
- Getting Help With an Addiction

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.
**Commission Chair: Jim Kaltsas**  
*SJ0@AmericanMartyrs.org*

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### M25 Outreach - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Join Matthew 25 on **Saturday, December 14** to feed the homeless and needy in the St. Lawrence of Brindisi community.

**Volunteers meet in Parish House at 8:00AM to prepare lunches, pack donations of clothing and toiletries, and then carpool to St. Lawrence to distribute these meals. **Donations of clothing, toiletry products, and books are appreciated**.

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

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

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### Knights of Columbus

We have a beautiful Knights of Columbus Hall for rent for your event - it can accommodate up to 150 people for a sit down dinner.

Catering and full bar services are available. Available to all. Discount for events hosted by a Knight of Columbus.

For info and a quote go to [www.kofc4567.org](http://www.kofc4567.org) and fill out the rental information.

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### Ongoing Outreach with Matthew 25

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

**LA Catholic Worker:**  
2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of every month, 7AM - 1:00PM  
**Contact:** Diane Dumond, dumond.diane@gmail.com (Tuesdays)  
Paul Jacoby, pgjacoby2@verizon.net (Thursdays)

**Hearts for the Hungry**

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

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

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

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

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### Life & Family Ministry

Support our local Pregnancy Help Center by volunteering January 18 or 19, 2020 for the annual **Baby Bottle Drive**.

The Life and Family Ministry needs support in distributing baby bottles at the end of each weekend Mass. The time commitment is limited, but your impact will be great!

Contact Marie Bentler, bentlermarie33@gmail.com for more information or sign up at: [https://tinyurl.com/yy8v8vas](https://tinyurl.com/yy8v8vas)

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

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### Items Needed for Catholic Worker

Every 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month a group from American Martyrs goes to the Catholic Worker Skid Row to help serve at the Soup Kitchen.

The following toiletry/food containers are needed on an ongoing basis. They can be left at the lockers at the bottom of the stairs in the underground parking.

- Shampoo & conditioner (all sizes)
- Bar soap / liquid hand soap
- Body lotion
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (all sizes, all brands)
- **Large plastic containers for food** (16 oz. or larger)  
  *PLEASE NO GLASS OR METAL CANS*

These additional items are also useful:

- Canes
- Stamps - “Forever” and $1.10
- Socks - New men’s Med/Lg white and black full size
- Open toe sandals - strapped or slide (no flip flops)
- Calendars
- Rain ponchos - inexpensive, lightweight
- New reading glasses (1.0-3.5)
- Disposable razors

These items may also be left at the lockers at the bottom of the stairs, or bring directly to the Catholic Worker House (632 N. Britannia St, Los Angeles 90033-1722).

Visit [www.lacatholicworker.org](http://www.lacatholicworker.org) for more information.

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*Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org*
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 you will be contacted for an appointment.

For information and schedule of classes, go online to www.AmericanMartyrs.org | Sacraments | Baptism.

Next class is TONIGHT, December 8 at 7:00pm in St. Kateri.
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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 you will be contacted for an appointment.

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**YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**Life Night -TODAY, December 15**
Join us tonight, 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**

**SRE Classes have one more session and then are on break until the second week of January.**

**SRE Classes, Tues/Wed**
Grades 1-6, 3:45-4:45pm | Grades 7-8, 7:15-8:30PM
Dec 10/11
Christmas Break
Jan 7/8

**Sunday SRE, Grades 1-8, 10:45AM-11:45AM**
Dec 15
Christmas Break
Jan 12

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

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**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

**Independent Compensation Program for Victim-Survivors of Abuse by Diocesan Clergy (ICP)**

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 Independent Compensation Program 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 is accepting registrations 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.

For more information on the ICP, visit www.californiadiocesesicp.com

For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.
American Martyrs Rosary available in the Welcome Center

Blue Glass † Walnut † Rosewood † Pearl

Give the gift of Prayer

Be sure to follow American Martyrs social media to listen to the inaugural five episodes of the NEW DIGITAL DISCIPLES PODCAST hosted by Msgr. John Barry.

Hear conversations about faith and family with guests who serve our parish - and are growing their relationship with God. You will find insight, inspiration and ideas for living as a Digital Disciple of Christ.

We want to hear what you think about it! Be sure to like, comment or share your feedback.

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
**PREGNANCY HELP CENTER - Volunteer Positions Available**
The Pregnancy Help Center, a pro-life pregnancy medical clinic in Torrance, is looking for volunteers to fill some key positions such as
- RNs (especially Mondays and some Saturdays)
- Receptionist/Greeter (especially Mondays/Fridays)
- Client Advocates.
You will be assisting women facing unplanned pregnancies.
You do not need experience, just a passion for helping women and their pre-born children.
To learn more about these positions, please contact Jennifer at 310-320-8976 or jlegrand@phctorrance.org.

**ADVENT REFLECTION QUESTIONS**
**2nd Week of Advent:**
John the Baptist is called the “herald” who announces that the Messiah is coming.

- **In what ways do you find yourself being a herald of the Gospel through your faith and actions?**
- **How does our parish help you prepare the way of the Lord?**

Source: LinC’s Advent resource, Waiting with Joy by Sister Donna L. Ciangio, OP

**WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING -**
Sunday, December 8, 6:30-8:00PM
St. James School, O’Gorman Center

If you have lost a child or grandchild, consider honoring them at the annual Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting Ceremony.
This event occurs worldwide and will take place at St. James School’s O’Gorman Center, 4624 Garnet Street, Torrance (enter from Anza). It is free; candles and hot drinks will be provided. You may bring cookies to share.

**St. Margaret’s Center Christmas Program**
St. Margaret’s Center is seeking volunteers for our annual Christmas Program that will take place on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Lennox Middle School in Lennox, CA (near Inglewood, CA). 1,000 low-income children and their parents will participate.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS AND DAYS:**
December 11th, 12th & 13th: 9:30 am to 6 pm (partial days o.k.)
at Lennox Middle School, (11033 Buford Ave, Lennox, CA 90304):
- Sorting toys
- Preparing goody bags
- Decorating
- Helping with set-up

December 14th – Christmas Program
3 shifts available: 1) 8:30 am -1:30 pm, 2) 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm, 3) clean-up only: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Please note: You must pre-register online to volunteer
Register at: [https://forms.gle/Tn1Nc2x8eY6sDnF7Z](https://forms.gle/Tn1Nc2x8eY6sDnF7Z)

**For More Information**
- Email smcxmas@gmail.com
- [https://sites.google.com/site/smcxmas/](https://sites.google.com/site/smcxmas/)
- Call (310)672-2208

If you are unable to volunteer, there are other ways you can help! You can make a donation or host a toy drive. For more information visit our website: [https://sites.google.com/site/smcxmas/wish-list](https://sites.google.com/site/smcxmas/wish-list)
Advent Penance Celebration
The peace of God guards our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.

Please join us for our communal Advent Penance Celebrations
Monday, December 16, 7:30 PM, in the Church
Tuesday, December 17, 7:30 PM, St. James, Redondo Beach

Thursday, December 12
is the Feast Day of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

PARISH CHRISTMAS PROJECT

THIS WEEKEND
SATURDAY AFTER 5:00PM MASS
SUNDAY UNTIL 1:00PM

This is the weekend to bring gifts for all ages and non-perishable foods to benefit the less fortunate.

Volunteers are needed to join in the fun of wrapping gifts.

This is a wonderful family project!

See you in O'Donnell Hall!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24
4:00PM in the Church
4:00PM in O'Donnell Hall
6:00PM • 8:00PM
10:30PM
(Christmas Carols begin at 10PM)

There is no Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day, December 25
7:30AM • 9:30AM
11:30AM • 1:00PM

No 5PM Mass on Christmas Day