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

Weekday Mass
Monday / Wednesday / Friday:

8:10 AM, 12:10 PM, 5 PM
Tuesday / Thursday:
6:30 AM, 8:10 AM, 12:10 PM & 5 PM
Saturday: 8 AM

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

Reconciliation (Penance)
Tues/Thurs: 7-7:15 AM
Wed/Fri: 5:30-6 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM-4:40 PM
Eves of Holy Days: 4-4:30 PM
Confessions by request anytime;
call Rectory for appointment.

700 15th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
(310) 545-5651
AmericanMartyrs.org

@AmericanMartyrs
CatholicCommunity
@MsgrJohnBarry
@AmericanMartyrs
@MsgrJohnBarry
@AmericanMartyrsChurch

Nazareth to Bethlehem,
Our Journey Too

December 15, 2019
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 PREESCHOOL
310-802-8149 | 1705 Laurel Ave, MB, 90266

GYM - 310-802-8720 | 701 15th Street

HOLY FAMILY HOUSE - Use O’Donnell parking structure. Cross 15th St., past Gym, through gate, and up the stairs on the left side to the front door.

PARISH HOUSE - 659 15th Street

SACRED HEART HOUSE - Use O’Donnell parking structure. Cross 15th St., and enter the schoolyard, and walk to the far side.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER - 770 17th Street
Use O’Donnell parking structure, and walk to 17th St.

Next Weekend’s Mass Celebrants

SAT 5:00PM: Fr. Rick Prindle
Sun 7:00AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer
8:00AM: Fr. Rick Prindle
9:30AM: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
11:30AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer
5:00PM: Msgr. John Barry

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

American Martyrs Catholic Community

Daily Prayers of the Church

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL
Mon-Fri, 7-8PM | Sat, 7-8PM | Sun, 1-5PM
For off-hour access contact TBriltn@AmericanMartyrs.org

DAILY ROSARY: Mon - Sat, 5:00AM

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:

Kathy Brunick | Nancy Smith
Helene Grik | Pat Ruth
Elise Whitworth | Patrick McLaughlin
Juan Bererra | Craig McCormick
Veronica Bererra | Sheila Rothstein
Alexa Grollman | Eileen Smith
Blake King | Lucia Ames
Martha Corbett | Sheri Skulick
Peter & Carol Champagne |
Rachel Hamilton | Anne Filek
Sharron Schaffer | Dave McCarthy
Don Merritt | Carmen Brenna
Tom Bushman

In Memoriam

Mitchell Woods | Diane Kelly
Bob Muckley | Luciano Parodi
Eileen Seelig | Kelly Kenny
Diana Satoris | Jeanne Lynch
Keith Cowrie

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

Holy Matrimony

First Banns
Robert Lopez and Ruby-Ann Manalaysay

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, January 12 at 7:00PM.

Adult Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist (RCIA)

Deacon Derek & Terri Brown, RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults welcomes and prepares adults for full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Classes begin in September.

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

Anointing of the Sick - Celebrated at various times throughout the year. Call the Rectory anytime in case of serious illness.

Mass Intentions - Request in person at the Welcome Center.

Prayers for the Sick and Deceased - Contact the Rectory with the names of family members who are ill or deceased.

Funeral Planning - Contact the Rectory to arrange Funeral or Memorial Services.

Bereavement Support

Deacon Chris & Yvonne Amantea
camantea@AmericanMartyrs.org | yamantea@AmericanMartyrs.org
### THIS WEEK

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9:00 AM</td>
<td>PH</td>
<td>Monday Morning Faith Sharing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00 PM</td>
<td>B&amp;B</td>
<td>Latin Chant Class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>HFH</td>
<td>Alzheimer's Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:30 PM</td>
<td>CH</td>
<td>Advent Communal Penance Service</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TUESDAY, December 17**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5:30 AM</td>
<td>PH</td>
<td>Men's AA Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:15 AM</td>
<td>SpC</td>
<td>Tuesday Morning Scripture Study</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td>OLMM</td>
<td>Senior Fellowship Group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:00 PM</td>
<td>ODK</td>
<td>M.O.M. Sandwich Making</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3:30 PM</td>
<td>PH</td>
<td>Legion of Mary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6:00 PM</td>
<td>HFH</td>
<td>Teen Tuesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>HFH</td>
<td>Beginning Again</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>OLMM</td>
<td>Bereavement Support Group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:00 PM</td>
<td>SCH</td>
<td>Women's AA Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:30 PM</td>
<td>StMT</td>
<td>Alzheimer's Meeting</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**WEDNESDAY, December 18**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9:30 AM</td>
<td>SK</td>
<td>Mothers of Young Children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td>OLMM</td>
<td>Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 AM</td>
<td>SpC</td>
<td>Matthew 25 Sat. Blessings Clothes Sorting</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**THURSDAY, December 19**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5:30 AM</td>
<td>PH</td>
<td>Men's AA Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:00 AM</td>
<td>OLMM</td>
<td>Career BridgeBuilders Christmas Potluck</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**FRIDAY, December 20**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11:15 AM</td>
<td>SpC</td>
<td>Silent Meditation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3:00 PM</td>
<td>SpC</td>
<td>Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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
- **StJD** - St. Juan Diego
- **StMT** - St. Mother Teresa
- **WC** - Welcome Center

### Planned Giving

Do you intend to remember American Martyrs Church or School in your will or trust? Don't put it off until later.

The government already has a plan for you if you do not make one that includes your own charitable intent.

For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

---

### NEXT WEEKEND

**SATURDAY, December 21**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td>HFH</td>
<td>AA Women's Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30 AM</td>
<td>B&amp;B</td>
<td>Latin Chant Class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7:30 PM</td>
<td>SCH</td>
<td>AA Meeting</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SUNDAY, December 22**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Ministry</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7:45 AM</td>
<td>WC</td>
<td>Coffee and Donuts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td>SpL</td>
<td>Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

### Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

**MONDAY, December 16**

**Readings:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8:10</td>
<td>Michael Shearer † (Drew Shearer)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:10</td>
<td>Lou Blaney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00</td>
<td>Lee Parker † (Darla &amp; Terry O'Reilly)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TUESDAY, December 17**

**Readings:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6:30</td>
<td>Walter Housey, C.M. † (Jerry Jackson)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:10</td>
<td>Alan Stassi † (Christine Ketz)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:10</td>
<td>Ed Rumsey † (Dorothy Rumsey)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00</td>
<td>Gary Grant Neilson † (Merlyn K. Neilson)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**WEDNESDAY, December 18**

**Readings:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8:10</td>
<td>Kevin Gilmartin † (Condon Family)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:10</td>
<td>Rosalinda and Patria Cabal (Joyce C. Payne)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00</td>
<td>James Essman † (Tonnies Family)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**THURSDAY, December 19**

**Readings:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6:30</td>
<td>Lee Parker † (John &amp; Christine Conway)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:10</td>
<td>Margaret &amp; John Overton † (Woods, Overton, Dickie Families)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:10</td>
<td>Howard Fausto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00</td>
<td>Special Intention</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**FRIDAY, December 20**

**Readings:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8:10</td>
<td>Lutgardo Relova, Sr. † (Merlyn R. Neilson)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:10</td>
<td>Jack Fulkerson † (Dave &amp; Doreen Harrington)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00</td>
<td>Nonito &amp; Bel Zamora</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SATURDAY, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius**

**Readings:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8:00</td>
<td>Joe Scholz † (Gunderman Family)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00</td>
<td>Special Intention</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SUNDAY, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Readings:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7:00</td>
<td>Rosie Morton † (Book Club Friends)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:10</td>
<td>Deacon Fred Rose (Kathy West)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:30</td>
<td>For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:30</td>
<td>Jan (&quot;Yon&quot;) Jacobs † (John Clifford)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00</td>
<td>Robert Ades † (Mary Anne Ades)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
**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.”

**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.

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. Contact Timithie Norman, Director of Development, at 213-426-1187 or visit www.catholiccf-la.org

**Thank You**

Since the American Martyrs community has become directly involved in the Wreaths Across America campaign, we have **TRIPLED** the number of wreaths.

This year we raised funds to purchase 350 wreaths. Thank you for your support of this special project. A very special thanks to the parish Knights of Columbus who spearheaded the campaign. Thank you again, Father Tom Kelly.

**Please join us on Saturday, December 14 at 9:00 AM at the Los Angeles National Cemetery in west LA for the wreath laying ceremony.**

**Parish Offices Holiday Hours**

**Monday, December 23**
Welcome Center, 8AM - 6PM
Rectory, 9AM - 5PM

**Tuesday, December 24**
Welcome Center, 8AM - 12NOON
Rectory, 9AM - 12NOON

**Wednesday, December 25**
All parish offices will be closed on Christmas Day.

**Thursday - Friday, December 26-27**
Welcome Center, 8:30AM - 5PM
Rectory, 9AM - 5PM

**Saturday, December 28**
Rectory, 10AM - 1PM
Welcome Center, 4:30 - 6:30PM

**Sunday, December 29**
Welcome Center, 8:30AM - 1PM and 4:30 - 6:30PM

**Monday, December 30**
Welcome Center, 8:30AM - 5PM
Rectory, 9AM - 5PM

**Tuesday, December 31**
Welcome Center, 8:30AM - 12NOON
Rectory, 9AM - 12NOON

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**
All parish offices will be closed on New Year’s Day.

**Thursday - Friday, January 2-3**
Welcome Center, 8:30AM - 5PM
Rectory, 9AM - 5PM

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 to those in need. Please drop these items at the Welcome Center.
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall

Women’s Cornerstone are hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

Next Week: Join us in the Welcome Center for Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

Advent Candles are Available in the Welcome Center ($5/box)

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Bring your last blue candle.

Senior Fellowship Group

Join us on Tuesday, December 17 in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room for another fun "Game Day" at 10:00AM. Bring your own brown bag lunch for the noon break. Dessert and beverages provided.

Please join the fun! Questions? Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804.

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

Upcoming Workshops - Career BridgeBuilders

All are welcome; there is no fee.

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

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

Scrip, etc

Tis the Season

Skip the crowds and the mall!

Visit the Scrip Desk in the Welcome Center!

Make your Christmas shopping easier - we have a fantastic selection of gift cards for both local and national vendors.

We have or can 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.

Amazon certificates in $10, $25 or $100 work for everyone!

If your business needs employee gifts, we have $25 cards for Vons or Target, plus seeS Candies certificates.

iTunes cards ($15 and $25) are a great gift for teenagers and anyone else with Apple gear, as are $25 Google Play certificates for Android users.

Need stocking stuffers for the legal age crowd - Erocles, Shellback, Grunions, and Rock & Brews!

For your sports fans, we have Dick’s, REI, and can get Nike, Under Armour, Adidas, Cabela’s, Bass Pro Shops.

Triology Spa in downtown MB is a popular holiday gift.

Planning to UBER over the season? Get UBER scrip and load your account, or gift to a loved one.

For your special holiday meals, we have Manhattan Meats, Grow the Produce Shop, Bristol Farms, Lazy Acres and Sprouts. For an eye-catching dessert without messing your kitchen, go to Beckers Bakery.

Ask us about eGifting! Order online with us and you can send the Gift Card by eMail! Great for out-of-town nieces and nephews!

Scrip Hours are:
Weekdays, 8AM - 4PM (Fridays til 1pm)
Sunday, 8:30AM - 11:30AM

Christmas Vacation Hours:
Monday, Dec 23 8AM - 4PM
Tuesday, Christmas Eve 8AM - 12NOON

Closed Christmas Day and the Day After Christmas
Thurs-Fri, Dec 26 and 27 9AM - 1PM
Sunday, Dec 29 8:30 - 11:30AM
Monday, Dec 30 9AM - 12NOON
Tues, New Year’s Eve 9AM - 12NOON

Closed New Year’s Day and January 2

Special Orders or Other Info: Contact the Scrip office at 424-327-9608 [ScripDesk@AmericanMartyrs.org]

2019 Charitable Contributions

As we approach the end of the year, please remember that in order to receive credit as 2019 charitable contributions, year-end donations must be received no later than December 31, 2019.

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish community.
The readings on this Gaudete Sunday are filled with reminders of God’s final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as good stewards as members of the Body of Christ.”

That was the beginning of a reflection I read about this weekend’s readings and, while I agree with it, it’s somewhat “lofty” and may discourage us from reading the Bible. Yet the Bible is a wonderful book, some say the best ever. It’s full of prophecies, love, sacrifices, prophecies-fulfilled, and acts of stewardship. For example, the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah paints a picture of what the long-awaited Savior will usher in: “the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag… the tongue of the mute will sing.”

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, connects the Isaiah prophecy with the arrival of Jesus, almost word for word. In this passage John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the long-awaited Messiah. John is in prison and not aware what is happening. Jesus’s reply is, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised…” It’s almost identical to the prophetic words in Isaiah. Yet Isaiah words were pronounced 700 years before the birth of Jesus!

All of this and much more is in our Bible and available to all of us if we just take some time to read it. So here are two suggestions. First, if you don’t have a Bible get one, and don’t get a fancy one. You want a Bible that you won’t mind writing notes in the margins or underlining. Then spent ten, maybe fifteen minutes a day reading it. Start wherever you want, possibly with a familiar passage. You’ll soon find yourself looking at the verses before and after the one with which you started. Second, give a Bible to your children, nieces, nephews and other close relatives and spend some time reading together. It’s a wonderful book that will generate discussion as diverse as any current topic.

By sharing a Bible and your reflections on the readings you will grow closer to God and closer to your fellow reader.

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
To all our volunteer angels... you made Family to Family and The Christmas Project amazing expressions of your generosity and faith...

Bless you & thank you.
Faith Formation

Men’s Cornerstone Retreat

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER CORNERSTONE?
Are you 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, please 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

Women’s Cornerstone Retreat

February 7-8, 2020
5PM Friday - 8PM Saturday

Registration options are.
• Register online at www.AmericanMartyrs.org
• Register in person after all Masses, next weekend, Dec 7-8
• Submit an Application to the Welcome Center
• Email the application to WomensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org

Applications are in the Welcome Center and Church Vestibule.
Give yourself the Gift of Cornerstone. Reflect and revitalize your relationship with God. Gather with ordinary women for this extraordinary experience!
For additional info, contact Paolina Amadio, 310-439-8764 or WomensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org

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 (no sessions December 20 or 27)
Friday, 11:15-12:00noon, in the Spirituality Center Chapel
(Please use Pacific Ave. entrance.)
Contact: Beverly Busby, 310-376-2056

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
Contact: Jenny Attanasio for referral, 310-545-5651

SPIRITUAL LIBRARY (The Upper Room)
Open Sunday, 10:00AM-4:00PM, in the Spirituality Center, 2nd floor
Contact: Anna, 310-374-0863 or Millie, 310-938-3125

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 - unMASKS US, STRIPS US, INDICATES WHERE GROWTH IS NEEDED. Authentic prayer never leads us to complacency but needles us, makes us uneasy at times. It leads us to true self-knowledge, to true humility.

St. Teresa of Avila

If you are looking to foster unity, discipleship and friendship, join our LinC community today!

LinC community registration is open for our 3 week Advent Series that continues thru the week of December 15.
You can search for an Existing Group online based on meeting location, time, or group type. If you would like to become a Host - just grab a few friends, a time and place to meet, and then find the curriculum on the website.

Please visit AmericanMartyrs.org, then click on Exploring my Faith and then LinC Small Faith Groups.

Questions or more Info?
Contact Matthew Leon at 310-545-5651 x9681 or LinC@AmericanMartyrs.org
**Faith Formations**

*December 15, 2019 | Third Sunday of Advent*

**Youth Ministry**

**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

Follow us:

@AAMLFTEEN

American-Martyrs-YM

@ANYMLFTEEN

AMTYLFEEN

**Families in Faith**

SRE Classes 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
January 7/8

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

January 12

**Director of Religious Education**: Patti Williams, 310-546-4734
PWilliams@AmericanMartyrs.org

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

Book donations are accepted at the Welcome Center.

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

**Safeguard the Children**

Basic guidelines for airport safety

Flying for the holidays is stressful, and it’s even more so when you add children to the equation. Airports are large, unfamiliar places flooded with crowds, and parents need to take extra precautions to make sure everyone arrives safely at their destination.

Consider taking a family airport selfie so you have a current picture of what everyone is wearing in case you get separated.

Talk to your children about “safe strangers” - TSA agents, flight attendants, trusted adults - they can ask for help. Go over the travel plans so that your children know where you’re going, what airline you’re flying, and where you should meet.


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

Find registration at our website, AmericanMartyrs.org

**Choir Director**: Ji Yeon Song, JSong@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Join the New American Martyrs Youth Mass Choir**

Grades 2 and up

Rehearsals on Wednesdays 3:15-4 PM

in the School Hall

Monthly Saturday 5 PM Masses

Find registration at our website, AmericanMartyrs.org

Pray for The Holy Father on December 13, 2019, The Fiftieth Anniversary of His Ordination to The Priesthood

Father of mercy, we come before you with gratitude for the fifty years of priesthood of Pope Francis, whom you have made Peter's successor.

Support him with the Spirit's gifts, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal and lead the church with wisdom and strength and courage.

May his example of long and faithful service be an inspiration to your priests and to all your faithful.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
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.
Advent Reflection Questions

3rd Week of Advent:
John the Baptist was looking for confirmation from Jesus that he was the “one” sent by God - a sort of “desert moment” - a bit of uncertainty.

- Have you ever experienced a “desert moment’ in your life? What was that like?
- What are the miracles that you have seen around you?

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

---

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.

---

University of Notre Dame CHORALE 2020 Winter Tour Concert
Ancient & Traditional Christmas Music
Gabrieli • Praetorius • Schubert • Schumann • Verdi • Stravinsky

7:00 PM • TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020
AMERICAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH
624 15TH STREET, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
The peace of God guards our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.

Please join us for our communal Advent Penance Celebrations

**Monday, December 16, 7:30PM, in the Church**

**Tuesday, December 17, 7:30PM, St. James, RB**

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Individual Confessions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, December 17</td>
<td>7:00 - 7:30AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday, December 18</td>
<td>5:30 - 6:00PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday, December 19</td>
<td>7:00 - 7:30AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, December 20</td>
<td>5:30 - 6:00PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday, December 21</td>
<td>8:30 - 9:00AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4:00 - 4:30PM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**No Confessions on Christmas Eve**

**Give a gift of a Prayer to a Loved One!**

CHRISTMAS NOVENA CARDS are available in the vestibule of the Church and at the Parish Office. Enroll your loved ones in a nine day Novena of Masses that begins on Christmas Day.

---

**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**