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

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We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

Parish Facilities

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

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

Welcome Center, 310-545-5651
Mon-Thurs, 8:00am-6pm | Fri, 8am-5pm
Sat, 8:30am-3:45pm | Sun, 8:30am-1pm & 4:30-6:30pm

Elevator from Plaza/Welcome Center to Parish Office/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/upsstairs 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. Joe Kammerer
Sun 7:00am: Fr. Rick Prindle
8:00am: Fr. Joe Kammerer
9:30am: Fr. Rick Prindle (Livestream)
11:30am: Fr. Tom Kelly
5:00pm: Fr. Joe Kammerer
This schedule is subject to change.

We are happy that you have joined us today. If you are traveling, we hope you find our Catholic home welcoming.
If you are new to the area, we hope you return to celebrate with us, and please consider joining our parish community.
Stop by our Welcome Center for more info or visit us at www.americanmartyrs.org.

Reserving a Facility

Email your facility request (or for a table outside weekend Masses) including the date, time, # of people attending, purpose of the event, and a contact name, phone and email.
We make every effort to reserve a space to accommodate your needs. Church and Sacraments have priority for use of our facilities. We do not use our facilities for private parties.
Email: Facilities@AmericanMartyrs.org

Armed Forces

We pray for those serving overseas in our Armed Forces, especially:
Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.
SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army

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

Holy Matrimony

Second Banns
Robert Lopez and Ruby-Ann Manalaysay

2020 Religious Art Calendars
are available in the vestibule of the church.
Suggested donation is $3.
Please place your donation in the “Poor Box.”

Sacramental Information

Infant Baptism - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 10:00pm
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

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:
Alicia Martinez Luna | Rochelle Marquardt
Nancy Smith | Helene Grik
Joyce Newburn | Don Merritt
Rick Mirabito | Craig McCormick
Colleen Clarry | Tom Busman
Elise Whithworth | Jack Radville
Blake King | Lucia Ames
Martha Corbett | Sheri Skullick
Peter Champagne | Rachel Hamilton
Anne Filek | Sharron Schaffer

In Memoriam

Kathy Brunick | Humberto Regaldo
Brian O’Donnell | Monica Keane
Keith Cowrie | Patricia Cervenka
Jeanne Lynch | Regina Lyons
Barbara Glynn | Mettie Herbert
Maria Valdez | Brendan Lynch
Austin Abram | Cole Lewis

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### Daily Mass Schedule for Christmas Week

**There is no 6:30AM Mass on Tuesday or Thursday this week.**

**There is only an 8:10AM and 5:00PM Mass (no 12:10) on the Thursday and Friday after Christmas.**

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### Planned Giving

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### Calendar, Mass Intentions & Readings

#### THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, December 23**

5:00PM B&B Latin Chant Class
7:00PM HFH Al-Anon Meeting

**TUESDAY, December 24**

5:30AM PH Men’s AA Meeting
7:00PM SCH Women’s AA Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, December 25**

**ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

**THURSDAY, December 26**

5:30AM PH Men’s AA Meeting

**FRIDAY, December 27**

3:00PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings Preparation

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, December 28**

10:00AM HFH AA Women’s Meeting
10:30AM B&B Latin Chant Class
7:30PM SCH AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, December 29**

10:00AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00PM)

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, December 23 - St. John of Kanty**

**Readings:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

8:10 Matea & Alfonso Ramirez † (Carmelo & Elizabeth Quilang)
12:10 David Lavin † (Joanne Hewitt)
5:00 Lydia Gale Thomas †

**TUESDAY, December 24**

**Readings:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

8:10 Carole Ondish † (Schiff Family)
12:10 Patrick Dang Pham † (Jennifer Pham)
4:00 Special Intention
6:00 Special Intention
8:00 Special Intention
10:30 Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord**

**Readings:**

- **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
- **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

7:30 Christmas Novena
9:30 Special Intention
11:30 For the Parishioners, Living & Deceased
1:00 Special Intention

**THURSDAY, December 26 - St. Stephen**

**Readings:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

8:10 Christmas Novena
5:00 Ryan Ruiz † (Emily Piemonte)

**FRIDAY, December 27 - St. John**

**Readings:** 1 Jn 1:4-5; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

8:10 Christmas Novena
5:00 Dirk ten Grotenhuis † (Jeff ten Grotenhuis)

**SATURDAY, December 28 - The Holy Innocents**

**Readings:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

8:00 Christmas Novena
5:00 Florence Hannaway † (Kristie & Ben Clery)

**SUNDAY, December 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Readings:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

7:00 Christmas Novena
8:00 Kathy O’Mara † (Larry & Helene Grik)
9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
11:30 Angela Valdez † (Paul & Nancy Stansbury)
5:00 Shellie Schmitt † (Michael Schmitt)

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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.”

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

BOB HODGES, PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER
310-545-5651 | bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

What is your most treasured gift?

Some gifts have a very symbolic meaning. They stand for an intangible quality that we cannot fully grasp or completely express. A piece of jewelry may symbolize my feelings of affection or a picture might express a friendship. These gifts are very personal and are often understood only by the person receiving them. These gifts are usually among our most cherished possessions and over time bring back memories of the best times of our lives.

What is your most treasured gift? What is the best gift you have given? This Christmas, find the gift that means something to you both. It should be something that captures a special moment, a significant value or a cherished dream, something that is meaningful to your relationship. Visit a cherished spot, or frame a special photo, or create a book of memories. The gift you give commemorates the love you share, a special gift from the One whose birth you celebrate. Give your love to Him and to one another.

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

There is NO Coffee and Donuts next weekend.

Upcoming Workshops - Career BridgeBuilders

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

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.

Create Focus in Your Job Search - Andrea Connolly

Part 1 - Thursday, January 16, 9:00AM–11:00AM
If you are in transition or considering a career move, now could be the right time. Before you update your resume, get back in touch with your personal attitudes about yourself, the many dimensions of your life, and set priorities. Establish personal boundaries and create focus in your life.

Part 2 - Thursday, January 23, 9:00AM–11:00AM
Get back in touch with your strengths, values, and passions. Create a mission and create focus in your life.

Developing Your Story - Grace Moniz
Tuesday, January 30, 9:00AM–11:00AM
A practical application of story-writing to develop awareness about oneself and one’s career direction and to form the foundation of a resume and the achievements contained therein.

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

For more information: Andrea Connolly, careerbridgebuilders@AmericanMartyrs.org or check out our group on LinkedIn

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.

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.

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 Sears, Target, and Rocks & Brews!

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 - ERCOLES, 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.

Trilogy 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!

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

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
We are down to the wire, three days to Christmas. Are you frazzled or happy? At peace or anxious? The Advent Season is all about preparing ourselves for God’s gift of Himself at Christmas. Yet each year, I get to this point in the season and I don’t feel quite prepared. I find myself so busy, that everything about me seems to be in a whirlwind.

As I reflected on my lack of peace in a season that should be joy filled, I remembered a book that I had not read in a while. I received the book, “The Precious Present” by Spencer Johnson as a gift a long time ago. This book is the tale of a young boy and an old man. The boy loved spending time with the old man. There was something special about the old man, but the boy did not know what it was. As time goes by, the old man leads the boy on a lifelong journey to discover the “precious present.” I knew the story, but I wanted to read it again.

The boy returns to the old man again and again. First as a boy, then as a young man, and finally as an unhappy not-so-young man. The old man explains the “precious present” this way:

“A person who receives such a gift is happy forever.”
“ar you knew the gift best when you were a small child, you have simply forgotten.”
“You can’t get it by wishing or looking anywhere.”
“When you have the present, you will be perfectly content to be where you are.”

Finally, the not-so-young man realized that the “precious present” was just that - the present, not the past; and not the future - but the “precious present”.

He told himself, “It is wise for me to think about the past and to learn from my past, but it is not wise for me to be in the past for that is how I lose myself.”

“It is also wise to think about the future and prepare for the future, but it is not wise for me to be in the future for that too is how I lose myself.” Once he recognized the “precious present”, he was happy. He chose to live in the PRESENT!

As a Christian steward, time is one of the greatest gifts we have. This Christmas, find someone to give the gift of your time so that together you might share The Precious Present in Jesus’s birth.

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

**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.

**Pastoral Care**

**Beginning Again - Separated or Divorced**

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

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Holy Family House. The topic is “Freedom.”

**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 7:30 PM.

**Our next meeting is January 9.**

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

**Stephen Ministry**

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

**Words of advice from friends**

“It Will Work Itself Out…”
“You Will Get Over It…”
“It’s Time To Move On…”

These words are meant to be delivered with care… but if you are facing a serious life crisis, these words won’t really help. Talking and sharing with someone who will actively listen to your problems will help.

Stephen Ministry provides confidential, Christian care to members of our parish who need a shoulder to lean on. Stephen Ministers are trained to actively listen and deliver the support you need to help you through a difficult time.

For more information, please call 310-545-8244.

**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:

**Responding to Life’s Challenges with Resilience and Strength Five Steps Toward Forgiveness**

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.
Matthew 25 Outreach - Santa Monica

On Saturday, December 28, 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 Outreach - Saturday Blessings

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

Every Saturday we meet at 5:45AM 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.

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 and fill out the rental information.

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/yy8v8v8as

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

Matthew 25 Outreach

Matthew 25 collects items for its outreach ministries around LA

You may leave these items IN THE LOCKERS at the bottom of the stairs in the parking garage. (Gently used or new, please)

- Men’s t-shirts, jeans, sneakers, jackets, sweatpants
- Women’s sneakers, clothes, accessories, sweatpants
- Kids clothes and shoes
- NEW socks or boxers/underwear
- Small travel-size toiletries
- Tents, sleeping bags
- Books for kids and young adults
- 16-32oz. plastic food containers with lids

No other items are needed, please.

Household goods, sporting equipment, sheets, bedding, toys, diapers, walkers, etc. can be donated to House of Yahweh, 4046 Marine Ave, Lawndale. Thank you!
**Faith Enrichment & Prayer**

**Bible Studies**
Tuesday Morning Scripture Group
Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00AM, in the Spirituality Center
Contact: Al 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 (on break until January 6)**
Mondays, 9:00-10:00AM, in the Parish House
Contact: Joanne Dispoto, jodispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

**Silent Meditation (no session December 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

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**TUESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**Discover the “Epic” Story of the Catholic Church**

*Epic: A Journey through Church History* is a captivating and fast-paced look at the story of the Catholic Church. Beginning with the lives of the apostles all the way up to the present day, Epic takes the immense history of the Church and simplifies it into twelve, color-coded time periods. In the course of twenty sessions, participants learn about the major people, places, and events that comprise the captivating story of Christianity.

**Join us for the Epic!** We will watch 20 videos and each participant will use a study set which costs $30.

**We meet in the Spirituality Center (770 17th Street) on Tuesdays, 9:15AM-11AM.**

**No registration, just show up on January 7!**

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

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**Faith Formation**

**Men’s Cornerstone Retreat**

**Why Should I Consider Cornerstone?**
Are 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**

**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

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**Interested in good books?**

Visit the UPPER ROOM in the Spirituality Center, 770 17th Street, M.B. ✨ Sundays, 10am - 4pm

The AMCC collection of 2500+ faith-based books, CDs and DVDs, is available for easy check-out.

See the complete list on the AMCC website under EXPLORING MY FAITH

Questions? Anna Jung, 310-374-0863 or Millie Maloney, 310-938-3125
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Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org

Faith  F o r m a t i o n

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

S R E  C l a s s e s  a r e  o n  b r e a k  u n t i l  t h e  s e c o n d  w e e k  o f  J a n u a r y.

S R E  C l a s s e s ,  T u e s / W e d
Grades 1-6, 3:45-4:45pm | Grades 7-8, 7:15-8:30pm
January 7/8

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PWilliams@AmericanMartyrs.org

Youth  M i n i S t r y

Y O U T H  M I N I S T R Y
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

S A F E G U A R D  T H E  C H I L D R E N
My body, my rules
In all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it can be easy for children to get overwhelmed - with parties and holiday get-togethers, they may be seeing lots of new or unfamiliar family members and friends. It’s important to remind children that they can say no to hugs, kisses, and other physical signs of affection if they are uncomfortable.

Review “my body, my rules,” and give children polite ways to decline any signs of affection that they don’t want to give or receive. A simple “no thank you” to a request for a hug, or deflecting to a high-five, gives a child important control over who touches him or her, and how he or she feels in any situation.

For more information, visit https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/reluctant-hugs-why-you-shouldnt-force-kids-to-show-physical/

For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.
EXTRACTION COMPLETE
Advent Reflection Questions

4th Week of Advent:

• What signs of God do you see around you?

• How do they remind you that God is with us - that God is with you??

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

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.
Psalm 24

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
Gabriel • 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
Parking and Welcoming on Christmas Eve at the 4PM & 6PM Masses

For anyone planning to attend one of the 4:00PM Masses on Christmas Eve (either in the Church or O’Donnell Hall), please be aware that those Masses are very heavily attended, and the parking lots are very busy.

We ask you to be sensitive to the needs of the elderly, the handicapped, and others most in need of a seat.

And please be gracious and especially welcoming to the many visitors we see at Christmas. This can be our Christmas gift to those persons.

Also be aware that access to all of our parking lots for these Mass times is different than normal.

- Deegan Place will be closed to through traffic from 1pm-6pm to increase safety.
- Handicapped drop-off is in front of the Welcome Center; the elevator will bring you to street level.
- There will be an Uber/Lyft drop-off zone in front of the gym - give your driver the address 701 15th Street.
- There will be personnel on the street and volunteers in the parking lots to direct you.
- The only entrance to the upper parking lot is on 15th, approach from the west.
- For the lower parking lot and the school lot, approach from the east/Laurel Ave.

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.

Please invite your family and friends to celebrate Christmas Mass with us

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

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Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

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*No 5:00PM Mass on Christmas Day*