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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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-5PM | Fri, 8AM-5PM
Sat, 4:30-6:30PM | Sun, 8:30AM-1PM & 4:30-6:30PM

ELEVATOR from Plaza/Welcome Center to Parish Offices/Deegan Pl. and Church crosswalk
PARISH OFFICES, Mon-Fri, 9AM-4:45PM
O’DONNELL HALL - Use Plaza entrance.
ST. KATERI ROOM - Use Deegan Pl. entrance or East parking lot entrance.
ELEVATOR to St. Kateri/upstairs rooms in Blessed Virgin Mary wing inside East St. Kateri entrance

BLESSING 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. Rick Prindle
SUN 7:00AM: Fr. Joseph Kammerer
8:00AM: Fr. Tom Kelly
9:30AM: Fr. Joseph Kammerer (Livestream)
11:30AM: Fr. Tom Kelly
5:00PM: Fr. Rick Prindle
7:00PM: Fr. Rick Prindle (T&T Mass)

This schedule is subject to change.

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

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

Armed Forces
We pray for those serving overseas in our Armed Forces, especially:
Sgt Cirico Ayala - U.S.M.C.
CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.
Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force
SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army

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

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

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:
Louise Raymond | Nancy Smith
Helene Grik | Colleen Clarry
Joyce Newburn | Katherine West
John Porter | Tom Bushman
Elise Whitworth | Jack Radville
Blake King | Sheri Skulick
Peter Champagne | Rick Mirabito
Rachel Hamilton

In Memoriam
Cale Lewis | Austin Abram
Mary McDonnell | Ann Habash
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Holy Matrimony
Third Banns
Robert Lopez and Ruby-An Manalaysay
First Banns
Brennan Chance and Stephanie Chavez

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

**MONDAY, December 30**
- 5:00PM  B&B  Latin Chant Class
- 7:00PM  HFH  Al-Anon Meeting

**TUESDAY, December 31**
- 5:30AM  PH  Men's AA Meeting
- 7:00PM  SCH  Women's AA Meeting
- 7:30PM  StMT  Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, January 1**
**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

**THURSDAY, January 2**
- 5:30AM  PH  Men's AA Meeting

**FRIDAY, January 3**
- 11:15AM  SpC  Silent Meditation
- 3:00PM  SpC  Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, January 4**
- 10:00AM  HFH  AA Women's Meeting
- 10:30AM  B&B  Latin Chant Class
- 7:30PM  SCH  AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, January 5**
- 7:45AM  WC  Coffee and Donuts
- 9:30AM  OLMM  Children's Liturgy
- 10:00AM  SpL  Spiritual Library (until 4:00PM)
- 1:30PM  PH  Alzheimer's Support Group
- 7:00PM  ODH  T&T Mass

**Daily Mass Schedule for New Year's Week**

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.

**Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week**

**MONDAY, December 30**
**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
- 8:10 Christmas Novena
- 12:10 Jake Cleland † (Lucy Hanahan Da Giau)
- 5:00 Avelina Cabal † (Joyce C. Payne)

**TUESDAY, December 31 - St. Sylvester I**
**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
- 8:10 Jim Paddon † (Darla & Terry O’Reilly)
- 12:10 Jim Buescher † (Bobbi Buescher)
- 5:00 Christmas Novena

**WEDNESDAY, January 1 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**
**Readings:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- 8:10 Christmas Novena
- 12:10 For Parishioners Living & Deceased
- 5:00 Ho & Anna To

**THURSDAY, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**
**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
- 8:10 Christmas Novena
- 5:00 Arthur Spring † (Lucenti Family)

**FRIDAY, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:29-36; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
- 8:10 Shawna Miller † (Tom Klimasz)
- 5:00 Oliva Family (Erin Phillips)

**SATURDAY, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
**Readings:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
- 8:00 Richard Robbins † (Kevin & Gerilynn Barr)
- 5:00 Robert Crabb † (Dave & Doreen Harrington)

**SUNDAY, January 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord**
**Readings:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
- 7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Alessio & Jeanina Colucci † (Marsella Family)
- 8:00 Mike Schafer † (Ericson Family)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 Virginia Ericson † (Dennis & Renay Labriola)
- 5:00 Grace & Avito Moniz (Terry & Monica Hughes)

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

*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
**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 Timothie 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
NO Coffee and Donuts this weekend.

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

2019 Charitable Contributions
Please remember that in order to receive credit as 2019 charitable contributions, year-end donations must be received no later than December 31, 2019.
Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

Parish Offices Holiday Hours
Sunday, December 29
Welcome Center, 8:30AM - 1PM and 4:30 - 6:30PM

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

Tuesday, December 31
Welcome Center, 8:30AM - 12NOON
All parish offices close at 12noon on New Year's Eve.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
All parish offices are closed on New Year's Day.

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

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

Kickoff 2020 with Career Bridge Builders
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

Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday, January 6
Each American Martyrs Pastoral Council meeting features an opportunity for parishioners to make suggestions or offer comments.

This session is available from 7-7:15PM. Join us on Monday, January 6, at 7:00PM in St. Kateri if you have a suggestion or comment.

For more information, contact Tom Hanrahan, PCPresident@AmericanMartyrs.org

Preschool Open House and Tours
American Martyrs Preschool invites you to come by the Preschool to see our beautiful environment and learn more about our philosophy and the "why" behind our curriculum.

Saturday, January 11, 10:00AM -12NOON (Adults only, please)
The Preschool Yard and Classrooms
1705 Laurel Avenue, Manhattan Beach

Small Group Tours of the preschool in action (for adults only, please) can be scheduled by calling 310-802-8149. Tours are 9:00AM on:

Friday, January 10
Wednesday, January 15 · Thursday, January 16
Tuesday, January 28 · Friday, January 31

We are flexible and do tours all the time though!

Questions? Call the preschool office at 310-802-8149.

Scrip.etc
Thank you to all the parishioners who supported our scrip gift card program this holiday season. We hope that our fundraising program made your shopping list a bit easier to manage.

We operate year-round so please use us as your gift card resource - holidays, birthdays, anniversaries - we have something for every occasion.

Planning to UBER for New Year's festivities? Get UBER scrip and load your account, or gift to a loved one.

For your special holiday meals, we have MANHATTAN MEATS, Bristol Farms, Lazy Acres, and sprouts. For an eye-catching dessert without messing your kitchen, go to Beckers Bakery.

Christmas Vacation Hours:
Sunday, Dec 29 8:30 - 11:30AM
Monday, Dec 30 9AM - 12NOON
Tuesday, New Year’s Eve 9AM - 12NOON

Closed New Year’s Day and January 2
Friday, Jan 3 9AM - 12NOON
Sunday, Jan 5 8:30 - 11:30AM

Special Orders or Other Info: Contact the Scrip office at 424-327-9608 | ScripDesk@AmericanMartyrs.org
Christmas Day has come and gone; the after-Christmas sales are winding down; and people are preparing to celebrate the arrival of a new decade. I like to think of this as the “Fifth Sunday of Advent” because the Christmas season continues until January 12 and ends with the Baptism of the Lord. For me Advent is all about peace and I struggle keeping that feeling because everything is focusing me toward the New Year.

So, here are two thoughts on this weekend when we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

My first thought is about Family. By honoring the Holy Family, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church, and the Body of Christ.

We can only guess what life was like for the Holy Family. I’m sure it would have involved normal daily tasks, some fun, and the usual challenges that face most families, even though we know each of them was an extraordinary person. I imagine that a key characteristic of their family was harmony, which means they were working toward a common goal. They seemed to be devoted to a single path and they worked to stay on that path. I suggest for you also

Be a Harmonious Family!

The second thought is about holiness. Being Holy is one of those “scary” concepts similar to being a disciple or a good steward and it means different things to different people. However, if we see the Holy Family as a model of family life, then it seems that we can see each of them as a model of holiness. Jesus, for example, led a life full of prayer, love, compassion, acceptance, and support for those on the fringes of society. All of these traits are well within our capabilities if we only concentrate on them. So now holiness doesn’t seem so scary. I suggest you also

Be a Holy Family!

Have a Blessed New Year!

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
M25 Outreach - St. Francis Center
Matthew 25 Ministry is serving at the St. Francis Center grocery service on Saturday, January 4. The Center (www.sfcla.org) serves impoverished adults and children in the South Park and Garment District neighborhoods of downtown LA.

We meet in the AMC parking lot at 8:45AM and carpool to the Center. Volunteers help sort through produce and grocery items, and distribute them to needy families, and return to American Martyrs by 1:00-1:30PM. Openings are available for up to 8 volunteers.

To reserve your spot, please RSVP by Tuesday, Dec 31, to Matt Conway, matt.conway.1618@gmail.com, and to John Harder, john.harder.3rd@gmail.com. Give your name and state that you will participate with American Martyrs on Jan 4.

M25 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
- Sleepings Bags
- Tents

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

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.
- 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!

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

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

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.
**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 Sunday, January 12 at 7:00PM in St. Kateri.**

**Questions:** Contact Deacon Fred Rose, 424-327-9610 or deaconfred@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**Women's Cornerstone Retreat**

**Seeing with God's Love**

**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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**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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**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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**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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**The greatest secret of the spiritual life is to be continually open to the guidance of the Spirit of the good God.**

*ST. JULIE BILLIART*
FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

SEALED. 1 Session 5
Sunday, January 12 at 3:30PM in O’Donnell Hall

SEALED. 2 Session 4
Sunday, January 26 at 3:30PM in O’Donnell Hall

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Life Night - Sunday, January 19
All High School teens are invited to join us at our next Life Night in St. Kateri from 6:15-7:45PM. 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

ATTENTION LOVERS OF THE OLD LATIN CHANTS

For those interested in singing the Latin chants of the Mass and learning its rich history in the Roman Church, there is a class in the Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room (up the back stairs from O’Donnell Hall).
We meet on Mondays, 5:00-7:00PM and Saturdays 10:30AM-12:00NOON.
Young and old and in-between are most welcome!! You do not need experience, but we will be singing!
Please text your RSVP to Bridget Alario, 310-748-9870
Sponsored by the Academy of the Two Hearts, an AMCC ministry.

FAMILIES IN FAITH

Children’s Liturgy - NEXT WEEK at the 9:30AM Mass
We invite all children, grades 1-6, to join us for a liturgy prepared just for you.
We meet the 1st Sunday of the month during the 9:30AM Mass in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.
All children are welcome and parents can stay as well!

SRE Classes 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

ATTENTION ALL TWENTIES & THIRTIES!

THE T&T MASS IS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 7:00PM O’DONNELL HALL
Please join us for
• Praise and worship at 6:45
• Mass at 7:00PM and Social afterwards.

QUESTIONS? Contact Monica Leon
mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Everyone is in charge of their own bodies
It is important to allow children to decline signs of physical affection if they are uncomfortable or don’t want to receive them. It’s also equally important to teach children that this rule works both ways - if someone does not want a hug or a kiss, that decision should be respected.
For young children who may be grabby or touchy-feely, this can be a tough lesson to instill, but it sets the groundwork for a critical understanding of the word “no” and how to react to it. Remind children about their own boundaries, and the boundaries of others, and reinforce ways to express love and friendship while respecting those boundaries.
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.

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ATTENTION LOVERS OF THE OLD LATIN CHANTS

For those interested in singing the Latin chants of the Mass and learning its rich history in the Roman Church, there is a class in the Sts. Brigid & Brendan Music Room (up the back stairs from O’Donnell Hall).
We meet on Mondays, 5:00-7:00PM and Saturdays 10:30AM-12:00NOON.
Young and old and in-between are most welcome!! You do not need experience, but we will be singing!
Please text your RSVP to Bridget Alario, 310-748-9870
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FALSH ENRICHMENT & PRAYER

BIBLE STUDIES
Tuesday Morning Scripture Group
Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00AM, in the Spirituality Center
CONTACT: Alvin Fletcher, 310-379-5241

Sunday Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
Wednesday, 10:00-11:30AM, in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

MONDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING
Mondays, 9:00-11:00AM, in the Parish House
CONTACT: Joanne Dispoto, jodispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

SILENT MEDITATION
Friday, 11:15-12:00NOON, in the Spirituality Center Chapel
(Please use Pacific Ave. entrance.)
CONTACT: Beverly Busby, 310-376-2056

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

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**INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR VICTIM-SURVIVORS OF ABUSE BY DIOCESAN CLERGY**

As part of our long-standing commitment to provide pastoral care and to support the healing process for victim-survivors, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, along with five other dioceses in California, is participating in the new Independent Compensation Program by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Diocese of Fresno, Diocese of Orange, Diocese of Sacramento, Diocese of San Bernardino, and Diocese of San Diego for Victim-Survivors of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests (ICP). The ICP is administered independently of the Church by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, widely recognized as premier dispute resolution administrators in the country.

The program began accepting registrations on Monday, September 16, 2019, from any person who has been sexually abused as a minor by diocesan priests of the participating dioceses, no matter when that abuse might have occurred. Funding for the program in our Archdiocese will come from self-insured reserves, monies set aside for this purpose. We pray that this new program might provide another avenue toward healing and hope.

For more information on the ICP, please visit [www.californiadiocesesicp.com](http://www.californiadiocesesicp.com).
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