After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Mt 3:16-17
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-Thu, 8:00am-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/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
310-545-8559 | 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. 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

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

Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army

PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army

Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.
SSG Staci Jeffer - U.S. Army

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 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 1britton@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:

Gwen Duffy  Blake King
Sheri Skulick  Peter Champagne
Rachel Hamilton  Elise Whitworth
Nancy Smith  Helene Grik
Joyce Newburn  Anne Filek
Xavier Galindo  Gonzalo Hensley
Francis Van Der Linden

In Memoriam

Audrey Knoblock  Laura Goodwin
Margaret Taylor  Amato Contino
Sylvia Velasco  Rochelle Marquardt

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

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations:
Robert Lopez and Ruby-Ann Manalaysay
Third Banns
Brennan Chance and Stephanie Chavez
### This Week

**Monday, January 13**
- 9:00 AM PH: Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 5:00 PM B&B: Latin Chant Class
- 7:00 PM HFH: Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 PM ODH: MBSAFE Movie Screening “A Night in Jail”

**Tuesday, January 14**
- 5:30 AM PH: Men’s AA Meeting
- 9:15 AM SP: Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 11:30 AM ODK: M.O.M. Sandwich Making
- 3:30 AM PH: Legion of Mary
- 3:45 PM SCH: SRE Grades 1-6
- 6:00 PM HFH: Teen Tuesday
- 7:00 PM PH: Matthew 25 Meeting
- 7:00 PM SCH: Women’s AA Meeting
- 7:15 PM SCH: Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM STMT: Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, January 15**
- 10:00 AM SK: Mission Bridge
- 10:00 AM OLMM: Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
- 11:00 AM SP: Matthew 25 Sat. Blessings Clothes Sorting
- 3:45 PM SCH: SRE Grades 1-6
- 7:00 PM ODH: AMS New Parent Information Night
- 7:15 PM SCH: Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM SK: RCIA

**Thursday, January 16**
- 5:30 AM PH: Men’s AA Meeting
- 8:00 AM OLMM: Ten Thousand Villages “Fair Trade Rug Event”
- 9:00 AM SK: Career BridgeBuilders Workshop

**Friday, January 17**
- 8:00 AM OLMM: Ten Thousand Villages “Fair Trade Rug Event”
- 11:15 AM SP: Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM SP: Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 6:00 PM HFH: Arlene’s Lighthouse

**Saturday, January 18**
- 8:00 AM OLMM: Ten Thousand Villages “Fair Trade Rug Event”
- 10:00 AM HFH: AA Women’s Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B: Latin Chant Class
- 7:30 PM SCH: AA Meeting

**Sunday, January 19**
- 7:45 AM ODH: Coffee and Donuts
- 8:00 AM OLMM: Ten Thousand Villages “Fair Trade Rug Event”
- 6:15 PM SK: AMYM Life Night

### Next Weekend

**Saturday, January 18**
- 8:00 AM OLMM: Ten Thousand Villages “Fair Trade Rug Event”
- 10:00 AM HFH: AA Women’s Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B: Latin Chant Class
- 7:30 PM SCH: AA Meeting

### Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

**Monday, January 13 - St. Hilary**
- Readings: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20
- 8:10 Harold Jahsmann † (Gunderman Family)
- 12:10 Patrick Dang Pham † (Jennifer Pham)
- 5:00 Luis Pineda † (Juan Sebastian & Jenny Pineda)

**Tuesday, January 14**
- Readings: 1 Sm 1:19-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ab; Mk 1:21-28
- 6:30 Elsie Clayton † (Edna & Don Murphy)
- 8:10 Dorothy Carey Lechter † (Bobbi Buescher)
- 12:10 Judith Cabal † (Joyce Payne)
- 5:00 Marcie Kneib † (Mike & Millie Maloney)

**Wednesday, January 15**
- Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
- 8:10 Kathleen Rita Johnson † (Ed Wolfe)
- 12:10 Tom & Therese Caso (Colleen Finnegan)
- 5:00 Joe Satori † (Kathy Saldamando)

**Thursday, January 16**
- Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- 6:30 Pat Denczek † (Agnes Lazaruk & Barbara Denczek)
- 8:10 Red Fredericks † (Ellie Whelan)
- 12:10 Jerry Schultz † (Condon Family)
- 5:00 Special Intention

**Friday, January 17 - St. Anthony**
- Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
- 8:00 Kit Wynn (Anne Marie & Dale Gebele)
- 5:00 Joe Scholz † (Spm Ushers)

**Saturday, January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
- 8:10 Kathy O’Mara † (The 9:30 Choir)
- 12:10 Ed Rumsey † (Dorothy Rumsey)
- 5:00 Lee Parker † (Eastom, Dorr, Rodriguez Families)

**Sunday, January 20**
- Readings: Is 54:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
- 7:00 Peter Bowen † (Boushell Family)
- 8:00 Leticia Talactac † (Schueller Family)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 Mary Ann Millar  (Altar Society)
- 5:00 Richard de la Sota, Jr. † (Rick & LouAnne de la Sota)

### Planned Giving

*Don’t cancel life insurance you no longer need!*  
By naming American Martyrs as beneficiary, you provide lasting financial support and possibly qualify for tax benefits as well. For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**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  
SUJD-St. Juan Diego · STMT-St. Mother Teresa · WC-Welcome Center

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**Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org**
Are you interested in having your child attend American Martyrs School for the 2020–21 school year?

Please join us for the following events:

**New Family Information Night**
**Wednesday, January 15, O’Donnell Hall**

Join us for this informative meeting. A presentation from our principal, Camryn Friel, followed by a Q&A. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the overall school program.

**Meet the Mustangs (for Prospective Families)**
**Friday, January 17 • Friday, February 5**

Please RSVP online at AmericanMartyrsSchool.org

A great opportunity to view the school in action. Starting at 8:45AM, parents are given schoolwide tours led by our 8th Grade Leadership Team. Administrators, as well as current students and parents, will be available to discuss our programs and answer your questions.

**Open House**
**Thursday, January 30**

On this evening during Catholic Schools Week, current school families visit their child’s classrooms. This is an opportunity for you and your child(ren) to explore the campus, visit all the classrooms, see student work and meet our teachers.

Application Deadline: All TK and Kinder Applications are due by 3:00PM on January 24, 2020.
**Pancake Breakfast!**

**Pancake Breakfast Ministry** is serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee in O'Donnell Hall after 7AM, 8AM and 9:30AM Masses.

*Please pay at the door.*


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

**Mothers of Young Children**

**Wednesday, January 22**

9:30–11:00AM, St. Kateri

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

**Arlene’s Lighthouse**

Our next meeting is **Friday, January 17** at 6:00PM in the Holy Family House.

Arlene’s Lighthouse is a small community made up of persons with intellectual disability, their families and friends, particularly young friends, who meet together on a regular basis in a Christian spirit, to share friendship, pray together, party, and celebrate life.

If your family has been touched by intellectual disability, or if you want to be a friend of our community, please feel free to join us.

For more information about Faith and Light, please go to [www.faithandlight.org](http://www.faithandlight.org).

Thank you for your support of our ministry.

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

**Catholic Homeschooling Families**

Holistic Homeschool Network is a Catholic based group that meets on Fridays each month for faith enrichment and fellowship. Some activities include adoration, making sandwiches for the homeless, stations of the cross, park days, holiday parties, field trips, mom’s night out and more.

**More Info?** Contact Gigi (AMC parishioner) 310-528-9024

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**FROM ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI**

Dear Sister Parish,

We are grateful for the many ways you show the love of God to us throughout the year. Without you we would not be able to provide the needed service to support the families in our community.

Thank you for supporting:

† our Lunch Counter, we served 10,000 meals
† the Food Pantry, we gave 2,400 bags of groceries
† the Family to Family project, 255 families received gifts
† and for the many volunteers who come to share their talents with us.

May God bless you with a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Teresa Perez
Director of Ministry of Caring

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**Upcoming Workshops – Career Bridge Builders**

*All are welcome; there is no fee.*

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

**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.

**Considering a Career in Education?**

**Tuesday, February 6, 9:00AM–11:00AM**

Are you considering transitioning into education as the next chapter of your career? EnCorps was founded to help professionals from STEM careers move into teaching. Our speaker, Bethany Orozco from EnCorps will explore the pros/cons of this career path, the importance of "your why," and offer specific resources on where to go next for more information.

**CBB workshops are held in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room, except for Thursday, January 16 which will be in St. Kateri**

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

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**Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org**
This weekend’s Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the close of our Christmas Season. But it doesn’t have to end if you carry some of the Hope, Faith, Joy, and Love of the season into 2020. How do we do that? The answer may be in our own Baptism.

Our Baptism, whether in infancy or later in life, made us members of the Catholic Church. We also became disciples of Jesus Christ and stewards of His mission to share His Good News with others. That sounds like a fairly daunting task, but it really isn’t. Here’s why.

Most of us easily share news about our family, our successes and even new purchases because those things are easy to share. But we shrink from sharing our faith and beliefs because we’re concerned others may think we are “pushy”. Yet we can share Jesus’ message in other ways and our readings today give us some suggestions. Our second reading from Acts reminds us of the Jesus we should imitate in the passage “He went about doing good.” Then in the Gospel from Matthew, we see another aspect of Jesus. This time, it’s His humility as He waits His turn with others seeking baptism. So, Jesus did good and was humble and maybe we should do the same. Now, that doesn’t seem so tough and those two traits are the embodiment of a disciple and steward.

Since we are still in New Year resolution season, today’s Feast is a perfect opportunity to consider these traits as we all strive to be Christ-like. Here’s a suggestion for this New Year, don’t go door-to-door or out to the streets proclaiming the Word of God, just yet. Simply live the Word of God by your life and be an example of what we believe. For me, a passage in the Bible that sums it up is John 13:35, “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

We can start to be disciples and stewards of Jesus by living a life of love and caring for others. This should be easy, since we are one family related through the Body of Christ.

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
Matthew 25 meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Please join us to see how you can get involved in service!

This month's meeting is Tuesday, January 14 (the 2nd Tuesday) in the Parish House.

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 5:45 AM in the O’Donnell Hall parking lot, arrive in DTLA at 6:30 AM and finish around 8:00 AM.

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.

Life & Family Ministry

Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance provides many free services, including ultrasound, to women facing the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy.

Please support them by picking up an empty baby bottle after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, January 18-19, and filling it with coins, bills or a check.

Return your full bottle the weekend of February 8-9. supportphctorrance.org/contribute/

Life and Family Ministry, contact Steve Perry, 818-800-5653 | LifeandFamily@AmericanMartyrs.org
Faith Formation

Infant Baptism Preparation
Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required to have your child baptized at American Martyrs. Complete the Family Information Form online at our website and then you will be contacted for an appointment. For information and schedule of classes, go online to www.AmericanMartyrs.org | Sacraments | Baptism.

Next class is TONIGHT, January 12 at 7:00PM in St. Kateri.

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

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

American Martyrs LinC Small Group Ministry will be hosting one-hour training sessions for anyone interested in hosting or starting a LinC small group faith community.

Training dates are:

Sunday, January 19
St. Mother Teresa room, 1-2PM

Wednesday, Jan 29,
St. Juan Diego room, 7-8PM

Sunday, February 16
St. Mother Teresa room, 1-2PM

Wednesday, February 19
St. Juan Diego room, 7-8PM

Our Lenten LinC series begins on Sunday, March 1; if you are interested in hosting or starting a LinC Small Group then this training is for you.

For more information or to get involved, please email Matthew Leon, LinC@AmericanMartyrs.org

Men's Cornerstone Alumni

Please come to a Cornerstone Alumni Inreach Meeting

Tuesday, January 21
in St. Kateri

Our Alumni Inreach this year will be having a special evening of Cornerstone conversation about our journey with God and how to listen to God, as we continue our journey in the new year.

It will be an evening for renewing the Cornerstone Brotherhood, listening to God’s word of renewal, and meeting and celebrating our hardworking 2020 Weekend Team.

Cornerstone Inreach Team Contact: Paul Stansbury, 310-892-8046

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.

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

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
Friday, 11:15-12:00PM, 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-1:00PM, in the Spirituality Center, 2nd floor
Contact: Anna, 310-374-0863 or Millie, 310-938-3125
**Youth Ministry**

### Confirmation Classes

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

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

### YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Life Night - Next Sunday, January 19**
All High School teens are invited to join us at our next Life Night in St. Kateri from 6:15-7:45 PM. Life Nights are open to all high school teenagers so bring a friend and we will see you then.

**Confirmation:**
Monica Leon,  
mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org

Nick Waggoner,  
nwaggoner@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Youth Ministry:**  
Matthew Leon, matthew.leon@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**Families in Faith**

**SRE Classes, Tues/Wed**  
Grades 1-6, 3:45-4:45 pm | Grades 7-8, 7:15-8:30 pm  
- January 14/15
- January 21/22
- January 28/29

**Sunday SRE, Grades 1-8**  
10:45 AM-11:45 AM  
- January 12
- January 26

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

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**Safeguard the Children**

*Scope out your local playground*

Children love playgrounds - so much space to explore and play - and so do parents - a great way to burn off energy! But before you send your children on their way, consider a few safety tips.

- Watch out for drawstrings and loose-fitting clothing. They can get caught and snagged in cracks or crevices on play equipment.
- Go over playground rules, both the posted ones and the ones for your own family. When you get there, check the equipment for any breaks or cracks that could be hazardous. Make sure you know the age recommendations for equipment.

For more safety tips, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Playground Safety Considerations” at http://www.la-archdiocese.org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx

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

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**The Religious Education Congress** will enrich and revitalize you!

Join us **February 20-23** at the Anaheim Convention Center (Youth Day is Thursday, February 20.) If you have never before attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. **All are welcome to attend!** Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Congress offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment.

There are more than 300 workshops, from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. Participants also enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of midday and evening concerts. **Come and be renewed by these Congress experiences.**

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! Register at [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) or call the information line, 213-637-7348, to request your own Guidebook.
NEW - Martyrs Men’s League Basketball

Mondays, 8:00PM
Start the new year out right! Get some exercise! Make some friends! Dunk on fools! Competitive, fun basketball - officiated games consisting of two 20-minute halves with a running clock. (Clock does stop in final two minutes if losing team trails by less than 10). There will be playoffs, and a championship, set for March 16.

E-mail martyrsmensleague@gmail.com with name, age, height, last level of organized basketball played and how often you play now. Entry fee of $125 collected at the first game.

SENIORS EXERCISE
Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:00AM (no charge)
30 min. senior aerobics / 30 min. senior yoga.
Always go at your own pace; the class is run by CD, not an instructor. Come have some fun with us!

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00-10:00PM
All players welcome, from beginners to advanced. Tuesdays are instructional; Thursdays are free play.
Rocky Wade, rockyvball1@hotmail.com

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S COED VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, 8:00-10:00PM
Intermediate skill levels and recreational play.
John Wargnier, 310-796-1058 | johnwargnier@AmericanMartyrs.org

GYM CONTACT:
Lou Ann Selsky, 424-327-9578 or lselsky@AmericanMartyrs.org

GYM & FIELD RESERVATIONS:
Contact Pat Breen, Gym Committee Chair
Gym@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.

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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.
Have you ever wanted a hand knotted rug? Not just any rug, but one with the quality to last a lifetime and the fair trade labor standards you demand?

Come and explore our large selection of Tribal, Bokhara and Persian rugs. From Classic to Contemporary in sizes from 2’x3’ to 10’x14’ and runners. All of the rugs are hand-knotted by fairly paid adults in Pakistan.

RUG EVENT

January 16–19 | January 22–26
American Martyrs Church | Ten Thousand Villages
1431 Deegan Place, MB | 1907 S. Catalina Ave, RB
310.465.1600
rugs.tenthousandvillages.com

CATHOLIC CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Greater South Bay Catholic Co-ed Adult (Ages 18+) Softball League seeks Players for their NEW & Exciting 2020 Season!

Games are Sunday afternoons in Torrance, February-June. Singles & couples are welcome; female players especially needed.

INTERESTED? Call/text Fred, 714-369-9516 | fredlawler@hotmail.com
or Jay, 310-925-2908 | jjsinmb@yahoo.com

The Dominican Laity – To Praise, To Bless, To Preach

The best New Year’s resolution you can make is to get closer to Jesus!

If you seek a richer and deeper spiritual life, the Dominican Laity is open to you. Through our prayer, study and community you will become an enthusiastic apostle equipped to meet today’s challenges.

We follow the way of life shown to us by St. Dominic, which is to know God as best we can so we can love Him as deeply as we can. We share that knowledge and love with everyone we meet.

If you’re interested in learning more about the Dominican Laity way of life, please contact us: Mike, 310-925-6205, or Tom, 310-365-2665. You can also visit our website: www.oplahitywest.org

God bless you!

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Come and learn how we can work together as a community to help.

Questions: mbsafe@outlook.com
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**Men's Cornerstone Retreat**

**Friday, Jan 31 - Saturday, Feb 1**

**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**, to explore Men's Cornerstone.

For more information 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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**The Knights of Columbus Blood Drive is TODAY**

**DROP-INS ARE WELCOME!!**

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, St. Kateri Room

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**Heal The Bay Beach Clean-up**

Join Matthew 25 at the Manhattan Beach Pier on **Next Saturday, January 18**

10:00 AM - 12 noon

Meet us near the lifeguard stand next to the bike path for a talk about ocean pollution before the cleanup begins.

Earn service hours, get involved in a project with family or friends, and learn more about why Care for God's Creation includes knowledge of what you can do to help keep the beaches healthy.

No need to RSVP, but it's encouraged to get waiver forms taken care of and send out info packages.

**Contact:** Alexandria Scaltrito, ascaltr@gmail.com

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**Women's Cornerstone Retreat**

The Women’s Cornerstone Weekend is February 7-8, 2020

Still Accepting Applications!

Deadline to Register has been extended to January 13, 2020

**Registration options:**
- Register online at AmericanMartyrs.org
- Submit an application to the Welcome Center
- Email application to WomensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org

Applications are available in the Welcome Center and in the church vestibule.

**Give yourself the Gift of Cornerstone.** Reflect and revitalize your relationship with God. Gather with ordinary women for this extraordinary experience!

**Contact:** Paolina Amadio, 310-439-8764 or WomensCornerstoneRetreat@AmericanMartyrs.org