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Rev. Rick Prindle

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Chris Amantea, Dick Williams

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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
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PARISH CENTER:
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Welcome Center: 310-545-5651
Mon-Thurs, 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/upstairs rooms in Blessed Virgin Mary wing inside East St. Kateri entrance

Blessed Virgin Mary Wing:
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal - Ground level - enter from Plaza
For the 2nd floor meeting rooms, use either of the eastside entrances - Blessed Virgin Mary or St. Kateri
Our Lady of Fatima
St. Juan Diego
St. Mother Teresa

American Martyrs School
310-545-8559 | 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. Joe Kammerer
Sun 7:00AM: Msgr. John Barry
8:00AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer
9:30AM: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
1 1:30AM: Fr. Rick Prindle
5:00PM: Fr. Rick Prindle

This schedule is subject to change.

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

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

Armed Forces
We pray for those serving overseas in our Armed Forces, especially:
Sgt Ciriaaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.
Jonathan Concetti - U.S.M.C.
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army
1LT Austin Harding - U.S. Air Force
SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
2d Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force
1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
Brendan Quinn - U.S. Navy
Ryan Quinn - U.S. Air Force
LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

Daily Prayers of the Church
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Mon-Fri, 7AM-8PM | Sat, 7AM-5PM | Sun, 1PM-5PM
For off-hour access contact TBrittton@AmericanMartyrs.org

Daily Rosary: Mon - Sat, 7:30AM

Morning Prayer: Tues after 6:30AM Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Devotion & Benediction):
Tues during 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:
Tom Kennedy Colleen Clarry
Bardy Ryan Alfredo de los Santos, Jr.
Edna Murphy Martha Corbett
Jack Radville Sheri Skulick
Peter Champagne Rachel Hamilton
Rita Nicoll Helene Grik
Anne Filek

In Memoriam

Wendy McLaughlin John McCormick
John Hicks Manoel Beserra DaSilva
Bill Caton Gwen Duffy
Nancy Smith Martha Girbau
Evan Whitworth Christopher Cravitz
Tom Wallender Veronica McLaughlin

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

Sacramental Information

Infant Baptism - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 1:00PM
Complete the Family Information Form online at our website, and then you will be contacted by our Baptism ministry.
Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required.
Next class is Sunday, February 9 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
**February 16, 2020 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**This Week**

**MONDAY, February 17**

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

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

**TUESDAY, February 18**

5:30 AM  PH  Men’s AA Meeting
9:15 AM  SpC  Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
10:00 AM  OLMM  Senior Fellowship Group
3:30 PM  PH  Legion of Mary
6:00 PM  HFH  Teen Tuesday
7:00 PM  HFH  Beginning Again
7:00 PM  OLMM  Bereavement Support Group
7:00 PM  SCH  Women’s AA Meeting
7:30 PM  StMT  Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, February 19**

10:00 AM  OLMM  Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
7:30 PM  SK  RCIA

**THURSDAY, February 20**

5:30 AM  PH  Men’s AA Meeting
9:00 AM  OLMM  Career BridgeBuilders Workshop

**FRIDAY, February 21**

11:15 AM  SpC  Silent Meditation
3:00 PM  SpC  Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
6:00 PM  PH  Arlene’s Lighthouse

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, February 22**

8:00 AM  SK  T&T (Twenties & Thirties) Retreat
10:00 AM  HFH  Women’s AA Meeting
10:30 AM  B&B  Latin Chant Class
5:00 PM  Plz  Food Drive
7:30 PM  SCH  AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, February 23**

7:45 AM  ODH  Coffee and Donuts
10:00 AM  SpL  Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
10:45 AM  SCH  Sunday SRE
6:30 PM  PH  Fr. Joe’s Theology Roundtable

**Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week**

**MONDAY, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

Readings: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
8:10  Ed Rumsey †  (Dorothy Rumsey)

**TUESDAY, February 18**

Readings: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
6:30  Lee Parker †  (Wayne & Debra Duncan)
8:10  Mary Pat Dorr †  (Dorr Family)
12:10  Joe Scholz †  (John & Anne Oliver)
5:00  Charles Doherty †  (Emily Piemonte)

**WEDNESDAY, February 19**

Readings: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
8:10  Mike Schafer †  (John & Christine Conway)
12:10  Jack Fulkerson †  (Pat Holt)
5:00  Ken Gilbert †  (Leslie Hayne)

**THURSDAY, February 20**

Readings: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33
6:30  Wayne Anthony & Maria Sanger †  (Mary Tracey)
8:10  Max Widmer †  (Ildi Halloran)
12:10  Jeff Armstrong †  (Pat & Peggy Breen)
5:00  Special Intention

**FRIDAY, February 21 - St. Peter Damian**

Readings: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34-9:1
8:10  William Elliott †  (Claudia Elliott)
12:10  Robert Ades †  (Mary Anne Ades)
5:00  Wayne Ringeisen †  (John Melican)

**SATURDAY, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
8:00  Les Wiggins †  (Don & Edna Murphy)
5:00  Rhonda Hoffarth  (Stewardship Commission)

**SUNDAY, February 23 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
7:00  Lauren Carey †  (Laura & James Hirschmann)
8:00  Kathleen Fischer †  (Komick Family)
9:30  For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
11:30  Virginia Ericson †  (Busby Family)
5:00  Patricia “Pat” Reisch †  (John Clifford)

**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

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

**Planned Giving**

Have you considered American Martyrs Church or School as a partial beneficiary of your IRA, deferred compensation or 401(k)? These can be some of the best assets to leave to charity because they can be fully taxed if left to your heirs.

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

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
Archbishop Gomez invites every Catholic to make their annual commitment to Together in Mission.

This year's theme, "Our Story is Alive," reminds us that our gifts to Together in Mission are an active demonstration of our faith and love for those in our Archdiocese who need our support.

Last weekend, our speaker, Marc Maye, spoke to us about the HOPE that Together in Mission brings to parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese, and reminded us that "it takes a village to raise a child."

We ask all families - those who have given in the past, and those who have never made a gift - to prayerfully consider making a commitment to this year's campaign. Your gifts will go a long way to helping our parish meet our fund-raising goal, and beyond.

Please make a pledge with the information that was mailed to your home, or with the envelopes in the pew. You may also give online through the website, ourmissionla.org/give or with your American Martyrs online account at faithdirect.net or use Text-to-Give, 707-600-2262, keyword TIM.

Donna MacEachern – Ordinary… Extraordinary

Donna MacEachern, life-long parishioner, would probably have described herself as “ordinary” but in sharing her faith in Christ’s mission, she was truly “extraordinary.” Donna grew up here at American Martyrs, attending the school as a child then continuing to serve in ministry as an adult. Donna imparted her faith as a Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Catechist, RCIA Sponsor, Cornerstone Sister, colleague and friend. Before her passing (April 9, 2018), Donna used her gifts as a highly successful systems engineer to lead our parish team in implementing a robust parish-wide web-based database. We are now able to reach out and connect with parishioners, alumni and to welcome visitors in many new ways. Her contributions are with us every day.

But, Donna’s extraordinary generosity didn’t stop there. Recently, we were blessed to learn that Donna remembered our parish community in her estate plan, leaving us a large bequest as part of her Planned Giving. We are humbled by her gift and grateful for her continuing generosity. Most importantly, we are blessed with the memories she left of someone who lived a very ordinary life, but by serving the Church and her community became extra-ordinary. Donna will live in the hearts of those who knew her and the heart of our American Martyrs community.
Coffee & Donuts in O'Donnell Hall
American Martyrs Choirs are hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

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

Parish Offices Closed
All Parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of Presidents Day. There will be a regular Daily Mass schedule that day.

Senior Fellowship Group
Join us on Tuesday, February 18 in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room for another fun “Game Day” at 10:00AM.

Bring your own brown bag lunch for the noon break. Dessert and beverages provided.

Please join the fun! New Members welcome and would be a pleasant surprise. Questions? Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804.

Mothers of Young Children
MOYC is on hiatus while seeking new leadership. MOYC connects young families to the parish community and we hope to be able to continue to do so. Please contact MOYC@AmericanMartyrs.org if you have any questions or an interest in helping to facilitate the bi-weekly meetings.

While our regular meetings are on hold, please join us for our February 18 Help the Hungry sandwich making.

Arlene’s Lighthouse
Our next meeting is Friday, February 21 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.

Go to www.faithandlight.org to find more information about Faith and Light. Thank you for your support of our ministry.

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

Altar Society
Visiting the Scrip Desk?

The Altar Society is in need of your help!

Please consider purchasing a gift card (restaurants, coffee shops, local grocery stores, book stores, etc) to be used in raffle baskets at our Annual Spring Luncheon.

The Altar Society maintains/replaces priest vestments, all altar cloths and related linens along with keeping our altar, confessionals, adoration chapel, and sacristy spotless!

We are most thankful for your support and generosity!

American Martyrs Church Heritage Ministry
previously known as the Historical Ministry

The Heritage Ministry offers parishioners an opportunity to share their skills and learn more about the history of the parish. American Martyrs Church “Built on the Hill” will celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2030, only a few short years away.

We can truly use your talents

~ Join others who are willing to help organize and archive our current collection.

~ Organize and lead tours within the church, emphasizing the background and significance of our beautiful stained glass windows.

~ Assist with periodic exhibits displaying our growing collection of memorabilia and photos.

For more info email: HeritageMinistry@AmericanMartyrs.org

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

Career Bridge Builders

All are welcome; there is no fee.

Tips to Rock that Interview & Networking
Thursday, February 20, 9:00–11:00AM
Top tips to rock that next interview and land a job offer. We will discuss the do’s and don’ts.

Offer Negotiations - How to Successfully Make a Deal
Thursday, February 27, 9:00–11:00AM
The interview process is complete. You receive a much welcome offer. Now what to do? We will discuss estimating the worth of the position, measuring the value of total compensation and to negotiate your best deal.

Career Bridge Builders Networking Group
Thursday, March 5, 9:00–11:00AM
Whether you are considering a career change, or in the middle of a job search, launch your search with CBB. Participants will network, discuss challenges, share best practices to energize your search.

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

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
In today’s Gospel Jesus calls us to a “higher” love; a love that goes beyond just the word of the law. If you read back to the beginning of this Chapter of Matthew, you’ll see that our Gospel reading is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount which includes the Beatitudes and the similes of salt and light that we heard last week.

Now, I’m going to go out on a limb here, but I don’t think many of you remember the recording artist Steve Winwood. He began his career in the mid-1960s (my Mom told me about this!) and 20 years later he had the hit Higher Love. I’m sure he gave credit to St. Matthew and paid all the required royalties for the idea. Here are the opening lyrics to the song:

Think about it, there must be higher love
Down in the heart or hidden in the stars above
Without it life is wasted time
Look inside your heart, I’ll look inside mine.
Things look so bad everywhere
In this whole world what is fair?
We walk blind and we try to see
Falling behind in what could be.
Bring me a higher love, bring me a higher love
Bring me a higher love, where’s that higher love I keep thinking of?

Similar to this week’s Gospel, the song’s lyrics urge us to avoid personal minimalism, looking to do only the bare minimum that gets us through the day.

Jesus clearly raises the bar when He tells his followers that it isn’t enough to avoid killing your neighbor; you must avoid growing angry with them. Indeed, you must be reconciled with your neighbor. Similarly, it isn’t enough to avoid committing adultery; we must also avoid looking at others in ways that objectify or discount them for our own advantage. Better yet, rather than waste your time by looking at others, your time would be better spent by examining your own life.

Here’s a prayer for this week or, better yet, for this year:

“God, help us to live a higher love. Help us to avoid trying to simply get by in life; help us to understand what it means to truly live within the Body of Christ by loving you and our neighbor by leading a stewardship way of life.”

Please contact us at Stewardship@AmericanMartyrs.org, with questions or comments about Stewardship.
Commission Chair: Jim Kaltsas
SJO@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Life & Family Ministry**

**Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottles**

If you did not return your baby bottle last weekend, you may drop it at the Welcome Center with your coins, bills or checks.

You may also donate online
supportphctorrance.org/contribute

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers! Here’s how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, Medical Plaza 14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale CA 90260
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact** is Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166, 40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:
40daysforlife.com/Lawndale

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

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**M25 Outreach - Hearts for the Hungry**

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

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

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

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

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**Save the Date**

Saturday, April 4
for the 8th Annual

**A parish-wide Day of Service where you can Make a Difference by helping those in need.**

See the project list and sign up at AmericanMartyrs.org

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Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
Theology Roundtable with Fr. Joe
Next Sunday, February 23 at 6:30PM
Parish House

Please come and join in the conversations, and discussions, question and answers, and share your thoughts - all which are about our faith. Speak up and share and learn from each other.

Fr. Joe can set us straight and help us to understand the teachings and substance of our Catholic faith.

Each week, the participants in the roundtable select a “general” subject for the next meeting.

Questions? Contact Herman Cenci, 310-594-2001 or Lee Dolley, 310-977-7704

Young adults in their 20s & 30s are invited to join us on FEBRUARY 22nd for a retreat that will inspire you to rest, reset, and renew.

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020
Time: 8:45am-6pm (5pm Mass will conclude our Retreat experience)
Location: American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach CA · St. Kateri Room
Cost: Optional, but a $30 donation is appreciated and will help cover breakfast and lunch and also supports the growth of our T&T ministry

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT REGISTRATION EMAIL: TNT@AMERICANMARTYRS.ORG OR CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

2020 - SEE WITH NEW EYES
Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION CLASSES
SEALED. 2 - Sunday, March 1 at 3:30 pm in O’Donnell Hall
SEALED. 1 - Sunday, March 8 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 - TONIGHT, February 16
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

FAMILIES IN FAITH
SRE Classes
Tues/Wed
Grades 1-6, 3:45-4:45 pm | Grades 7-8, 7:15-8:30 pm on break until March 3/4 classes

Sunday SRE,
Grades 1-8, 10:45 am-11:45 am on break until March 1 class

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

Faith-based books for kids are for reading in the Cry Room or in the Church. Please return the books to the cart in the Cry Room at the end of Mass.
Book donations are accepted at the Welcome Center.
CONTACT: Mary Hornickel, 310-466-3820

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN
Make a playground checklist
Parents sometimes think of playgrounds as “drop zones” for their kids - keep an eye or an ear out, but otherwise settle in on a bench while your child burns off energy. Nearly 170,000 children were injured on playgrounds in 2019, and a few moments of careful attention could keep your child from joining those ranks.

When you get to a playground, check out the surfaces underneath the equipment, especially equipment that allows children to jump or hang from it. The ground surface should be soft and shock absorbent. Check equipment for visible dangers - loose or missing pieces, sharp angles, broken supports, etc.

For more tips, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Playground Checklist” at http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.
For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

The Religious Education Congress will enrich and revitalize you!
Join us February 20-23 at the Anaheim Convention Center. All are welcome to attend! If you have never before attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the RE 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 or call the information line, 213-637-7348, to request your own Guidebook.

VIRTUS TRAININGS
VIRTUS PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN is an awareness program on Child Sexual Abuse and a requirement for all parents in AMS and SRE, as well as all liturgical ministers and volunteers in the parish. The course certification is valid for four years.

Virtus Training (Protecting God’s Children):
Monday, February 24, 7:00-10:00 pm, St. Kateri
Registration is required through the VIRTUS website.
Go to www.virtusonline.org and click First Time Registrant and then view the American Martyrs session listed in the Los Angeles-San Pedro region.
If the date does not fit your schedule, check the session listings on the Virtus website under Los Angeles - San Pedro Region or Los Angeles - Our Lady of the Angels Region.

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To Benefit the Saint Sebastian Sports Project supporting Catholic Schools through sports 3-7-20
6:00 to 1:00 p.m. American Martyrs, O’Donnell Hall
Dinner, Drinks, LIVE Band & Auction

Visit our website for details and tickets www.AmericanMartyrs.org

A Sign Language Interpreter is available for Sunday 5:00pm Mass, weddings, and funerals. Please call Gigi 310-528-9024.
Casa De Los Angelitos Maternity Home, 310-325-8208
24 Hour Pregnancy Helpline, 310-787-HELP
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING LINE, 800-355-2545
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY Heather Banis, 213-637-7650
PREGNANCY HELP CENTER - Volunteer Positions Available
The Pregnancy Help Center, a pro-life pregnancy medical clinic in Torrance, is looking for volunteers to fill some key positions. Volunteers must be compassionate and have a desire to help women and their preborn children.

- RNs: Nurses perform pregnancy/STI testing, discuss results with clients, chart, etc. (Saturdays)
- General Volunteers: include Receptionist/Greeter/Data Entry/Baby Clothes Sorting and Baby Boutique help; assist with general office needs
- Client Advocates: Consult and assist women facing unplanned pregnancies. Training provided.

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To learn more, please contact the Office Coordinator, 310-320-8976 or officecoordinator@phctorrance.org.

Ignatians West is looking for a few good people!
Are you a mature adult with time to spare? Your lifetime of experience can be turned into service for others as your interests and talents are matched with the needs of children, adults and families in a variety of non-profit settings.

Volunteers serve in schools, food pantries, hospitals and social service centers 1 or 2 days a week. In addition to service, volunteers meet monthly to reflect in the Ignatian tradition. This Jesuit affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society, care for the earth and grow deeper in your faith. The benefits are priceless! Visit us at ignationswest.org

CATHOLIC CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS
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? Contact Jay Suarez, 310-925-2908 | jjsinmb@yahoo.com

MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION - 2020 SPRING RETREAT / SEMINAR
March 27-29, 2020 at Loyola Marymount University
For Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, and their spouses, considering Short-term mission service in Africa and Latin America.
Information and Accreditation Statement are available on the website: www. MissionDoctors.org or call (213) 368-1872

DONATE YOUR SHOES to “Soles4Souls” after the AMERICAN MARTYRS 5K

YOUR shoes will travel the globe and end on those who need them most...Help us make a difference!
Look for Collection Bins at:
• 5K Packet pick-up February 28
• AMS 5K Race - February 29
• After ALL MASSES February 29- March 1
• AMS School Office

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
Monthly Food Drive is **Next Weekend**

One-pound bags of beans and rice continue to be staple foods in the St. Lawrence community, as are these other items:

- Cereal • Oatmeal • Instant Oatmeal • Rice • Beans • Lentils • Spaghetti • Pasta • Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter • Jam • Tuna • Soup • Canned meats • Canned fruit • Mac 'n' cheese • Instant mashed potato mix

Your Sunday newspaper inserts and coupons can help save hundreds of dollars each week.

Bring the coupons you receive to the Food Drive table. *Thank you!*

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As we move toward Lent, mark your calendars for these parish events:

**Ash Wednesday, February 26**

Blessing of the Ashes, celebration of Mass, and imposition of Ashes is at:

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**Friday Lenten Dinners, begin February 28**

and continue through Good Friday, 5:30-7:00 PM, in O'Donnell Hall

A simple meatless meal (mainly soup and pasta) with all donations going to those in need

**Fr. Jim Clarke, February 27**

**Soul-Centered: Spirituality for People on the Go**

begin Lent with a one-hour Retreat Talk

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**Fr. Edward Beck**

**The God of the Unexpected**

preaching at all Masses, Sunday, March 7/8

and leading a two-day Lenten Retreat

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**March 9-10**