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Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: 5PM | Sunday: 7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 5PM (and 7PM on the first Sunday of the month)
Weekday Mass: Mon/Wed/Fri: 8:10AM, 12:10PM and 5PM | Tues/Thurs: 6:30AM, 8:10AM, 12:10PM and 5PM | Sat: 8AM
Holy Day Mass: Vigil: 5PM | Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8:10AM, 12:10PM, 5PM and 7:30PM
Reconciliation: Tues/Thurs: 7AM-7:15AM | Wed/Fri: 5:30PM-6PM | Sat: 8:30AM-9AM, 4PM-4:30PM
Eves of Holy Days: 4PM-4:30PM | Confessions by request at anytime; call Rectory for appointment.

Blessing of the Ashes, celebration of Mass, and imposition of Ashes is at:
6:30AM, 8:10AM, 9:10AM, 12:10PM, 3:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

PARISH FACILITIES

RECTORY / PASTORAL CARE
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm | Sat, 10am-1pm
310-545-5651 | fax 424-327-9703

PARISH CENTER:
700 15th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

WELCOME CENTER,
310-545-5651
Mon-Thurs, 8am-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

BLESSD 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 TERA

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. Rick Prindle

8:00AM: Fr. Joseph Kammerer
9:30AM: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
11:30AM: Fr. Joseph Kammerer
1:00PM: Msgr. John Barry

7:00PM: Msgr. John Barry (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

DEACON CHRIS & YVONNE AMANTEA
Camantea@AmericanMartyrs.org | Yamantea@AmericanMartyrs.org

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick in our community that they may find comfort and healing in Christ, especially:

Sharron Schaffer | Peter Hoogel
Edna Murphy | Martha Corbett
Blake King | Peter Champagne
Sheri Skulick | Rachel Hamilton
Helene Grik | Anne Filek

IN MEMORIAM

Evan Whitworth | Nancy Smith
Laura Goodwin | Be Enochs
Dr. John Spalding | Gene Souva
Colleen Welch | Katie Tucker

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, March 8 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

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

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CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army
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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
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**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, February 24**
- 9:00 AM PH: Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 5:00 PM B&B: Latin Chant Class
- 6:30 PM ODH: Italian Catholic Federation
- 7:00 PM ODH: Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 PM StMT: Natural Family Planning
- 7:00 PM SK: Virtus Training "Protecting God's Children"

**TUESDAY, February 25**
- 5:30 AM PH: Men's AA Meeting
- 9:15 AM SpC: Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 3:30 PM PH: Legion of Mary
- 6:00 PM HFH: Teen Tuesday
- 6:30 PM OLMM: Parkinson's Resource Support Group
- 7:00 PM SCH: Women's AA Meeting
- 7:30 PM StMT: Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, February 26**
ASH WEDNESDAY - see Mass schedule on back page

**THURSDAY, February 27**
- 5:30 AM PH: Men's AA Meeting
- 9:00 AM OLMM: Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
- 7:30 AM ODH: Teen Tuesday

**FRIDAY, February 28**
- 11:15 AM SpC: Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM SpC: Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 5:30 PM ODH: Friday Lenten Dinner

**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
- OL: Our Lady of Fatima · OLMM: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- PH: Parish House · PB: Parish Center Plaza · SpC: Spirituality Center
- SpL: Spirituality Center Library · SCH: School · SK: St. Kateri
- SUD: St. Juan Diego · StMT: St. Mother Teresa · WC: Welcome Center

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, February 29**
- 8:00 AM SCH: AMS 5K Run/Walk & Wellness Expo
- 10:00 AM HFH: Women's AA Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B: Latin Chant Class
- 7:30 PM SCH: AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, March 1**
- 7:45 AM ODH: Pancake Breakfast
- 8:00 AM ODH: AMS Used Uniform Sale
- 9:30 AM OLMM: Children's Liturgy
- 10:45 AM SCH: Sunday SRE
- 1:30 PM PH: Alzheimer's Support Group
- 3:30 PM SK: SEALED. 2 Confirmation
- 7:00 PM ODH: T&T Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, February 24**
- **Readings:** Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
  - 8:10 Mike Schafer † (Fukumoto Family)
  - 12:10 Nelson Cabal (Joyce Payne)
  - 5:00 Dr. Lee Parker † (Condon Family)

**TUESDAY, February 25**
- **Readings:** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
  - 6:30 Jake Cleland † (Emily Piromente)
  - 8:10 Fred Erickson † (Leslie Hayne)
  - 12:10 Ken Gilbert † (Gary & Judy Gonser)
  - 5:00 William Hamill † (Laurea & James Hirschmann)

**WEDNESDAY, February 26 - Ash Wednesday**
- **Readings:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:22-25
  - 6:30 Bill Douglass † (Jeff & Joanne Harang)
  - 8:10 Lilian Karolyi (Ilidi Halloran)
  - 9:00 Mrs. Vera Ybara (Colleen Finnegan)
  - 12:10 Parick Dang Pham † (Jennifer Pham)
  - 3:30 Bob Szyba † (Janet Wisialowski)
  - 5:00 Charles Dispoto † (Joanne Dispoto)
  - 7:30 Jenna Stubbs † (Dcn Chris & Yvonne Amantea)

**THURSDAY, February 27**
- **Readings:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
  - 6:30 Beverly Elie † (Agnes Lazaruk & Barbara Denczek)
  - 8:10 Annette Spanuolo † (Anne Marie & Dale Gebele)
  - 12:10 Shellie Schmitt † (Michael Schmitt)
  - 5:00 Special Intention

**FRIDAY, February 28**
- **Readings:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
  - 6:30 Bill Douglass † (Jeff & Joanne Harang)
  - 8:10 Lilian Karolyi (Ilidi Halloran)
  - 9:00 Mrs. Vera Ybara (Colleen Finnegan)
  - 12:10 Parick Dang Pham † (Jennifer Pham)
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  - 7:30 Jenna Stubbs † (Dcn Chris & Yvonne Amantea)

**SATURDAY, February 29**
- **Readings:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
  - 8:00 John Tefts † (Betty Nery)
  - 12:10 Joseph Scholz † (Dave & Doreen Harrington)
  - 5:00 Tom Minick † (Jim & Sharon Beshke)

**SUNDAY, March 1 - First Sunday of Lent**
- **Readings:** Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11
  - 7:00 Karen Sweeney † (Boushell Family)
  - 8:00 Taylor Delepine † (Delepine Family)
  - 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  - 11:30 Hong Thi Nguyen † (Le Family)
  - 5:00 Billy & Emily Whalen (Stewardship Commission)

**Planned Giving**
Do you intend to remember American Martyrs Church or School in your will or trust? Don’t put it off until later.
The government already has a plan for you if you do not make one that includes your own charitable intent.
For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@AmericanMartyrs.org
~ Ash Wednesday, February 26, is a day of Fast and Abstinence ~

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a season of prayer and penance.

**Fasting** means one full meal plus two partial meals, together not equaling one full meal, and not eating between meals for all ages 18-60 in good health.

**Abstinence** means abstaining from all meat for all ages 14 and over.

~ All Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence ~

### Lenten Friday Dinners

Join us for this Parish Tradition

O'Donnell Hall, 5:30-7:00pm

* Dinner is a simple meatless meal of Homemade Soup! Also served is pasta, rolls, crisp salad, fruit and PB&J sandwiches for the kids.

A donation of $7/person or $30/family ($5/seniors) is suggested. All proceeds are given to the poor.

Feb 28: Clam Chowder  
Mar 6: Tortilla  
Mar 13: Tomato Rice  
Mar 20: Minestrone

Mar 27: Corn Chowder  
Apr 3: Fish Tacos  
Apr 10: Baked Potato Bar

To help with prep or serving, please contact Kristen Dorr, 310-469-2941 or Jen Rodriguez, 310-489-4324

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**AMERICAN MARTYRS 40TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK**

Saturday, February 29 - Register at ams5k.org

**POST 5K WELLNESS EXPO!**

- **FEATURING:**
  - Ninja Warrior Course
  - Bounce Houses
  - Wellness Exhibits
  - Drinks and a Light Breakfast

February 29, 2020
8:00 am

New Course! Elite Division!

Please visit www.ams5k.org to register

Take advantage of early bird pricing and register today to avoid a price increase!
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall
Pastoral Council are hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

NEXT WEEK: Pancake Breakfast Ministry is serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee in O’Donnell Hall after the 7:00, 8:00, and 9:30 AM Masses.

Collecting Last Year’s Palms for Ash Wednesday
We collect old palms to be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. Please place your palms in the basket in the church vestibule.

The last day for collection is today, Sunday, February 23.

Senior’s Brunch
Social Senior’s Brunch is TODAY, February 23 at 1:00 PM at Mama D’s Restaurant (2512 PCH, Hermosa Beach, by Artesia Blvd.)
RSVP to Thelma, 310-621-1690 or Magda, 323-447-0577.

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, confessional, adoration chapel, and sacristy spotless!
We are most thankful for your support and generosity!

Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday, March 2
Each American Martyrs Pastoral Council meeting features an opportunity for parishioners to make suggestions or offer comments.

This session is available from 7-7:15 PM.
Join us on Monday, March 2, at 7:00 PM in St. Kateri if you have a suggestion or comment.
Future meetings are the first Monday of the month.
For more information, contact Tom Hanrahan, PCPresident@AmericanMartyrs.org.

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

Archbishop Gomez invites every Catholic to make their annual commitment to Together in Mission.
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.
You can pledge with the information that was mailed to you, with the envelopes in the church, or online at ourmissionla.org/give or with your American Martyrs online account at faithdirect.net or with Text-to-Give, 707-600-2262, keyword TIM.

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

Offer Negotiations - How to Successfully Make a Deal
Thursday, February 27, 9:00–11:00 AM
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, 9:00–11:00 AM
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.

For More Information: Andrea Connolly, CareerBridgeBuilders@AmericanMartyrs.org or check out our group on LinkedIn
Stewardship... moving us closer to God

Sir Isaac Newton, an English mathematician and physicist, was arguably one of the greatest minds in history. In 1675, in a moment of personal reflection and humility he made the statement, “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants.”

None of us is a self-made woman or man. We are who we are today because of those who came before us. When I mentioned this insight to a lawyer friend of mine, he commented that in the law profession they call it a “precedent,” a rule used by judicial bodies for deciding later cases with similar issues or facts. His comment led me to think about the importance for me to set a precedent of stewardship. As I look around, I see examples of how one person’s choosing to live a stewardship way of life sets a precedent for stewardship in others.

Recently, I was at a funeral for a much beloved woman in our community. At the funeral, her adult children, one-by-one, shared that they had become the persons they are due to the love and faith of their mother. Among the stories, they told of lessons learned on camping trips and through their mother teaching one of them to quilt. As they shared their stories, I was reminded that much of what we do is from the loving gifts we received from those around us. Where did their mother learn to be a good steward?

Co-opting the words of my lawyer friend, God’s spirit was the precedent to her family, she lived her life recognizing God’s spirit within her. Does my family fully define who I become? I don’t think so. As much as I love my parents, I realize that there are things in my life I wish to do differently. Remember Sir Isaac Newton, (…standing on the shoulders of giants) did not do all that those before him did, instead he took what he had learned and developed something new! In my own life, God’s spirit equips me with the ability to take what I have learned and do something new and good.

Today, I pray that by using the gifts given to us by God, we can set a precedent that will lead to stewardship in others. As we do this, may we keep in mind, who is the ultimate source of our gifts. “So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you,… and you to Christ, and Christ to God.” (1 Corinthians 3:21-23)

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

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### Matthew 25 Outreach - Santa Monica

On **Saturday, February 29**, Matthew 25 will go to Santa Monica (OPCC at 503 Olympic Blvd) to serve those in need. We meet in the AMC parking lot at 7:00 AM and return about 11:00 AM.

**We greatly need gently used or new clothing** including jeans, shirts, shoes and jackets - plus small containers of hygiene products including deodorant, sunscreen, toothbrushes, etc. Clothes can be left at the Parish Office or at the storage lockers in the underground parking near the stairs. **Used school backpacks are also a welcome donation for the homeless clients.**

To volunteer, contact Mike Concannon, 714-852-2112 or Concannon312@yahoo.com.

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**Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottles**

You may still return your baby bottle to the Welcome Center with your coins, bills or checks. Or donate online at [supportphctorrance.org/contribute](http://supportphctorrance.org/contribute)

### 40 Days for Life Vigil

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:** 7AM-7PM daily
- **Local contact** is Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166, 40Days4LifeLawndale@gmail.com

Learn more at: [40daysforlife.com/Lawndale](http://40daysforlife.com/Lawndale)

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

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**Will you Help the Hungry?**

**Do you have an hour to give?**

**Join us on Tuesday evenings at 5:30PM** to enjoy service, community, prayer, and a glass of your favorite beverage. We gather to make sandwiches for the St. Lawrence of Brindisi Parish Outreach Lunch Program, carrying on a 25 year American Martyrs tradition.

If you can spare an hour, join us:

**Tuesday, March 3, in O'Donnell Hall**

Please RSVP to:

Traci Britton, TBritton@AmericanMartyrs.org

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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
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 March 8 at 7:00pm in St. Kateri.

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

ATTENTION TWENTIES & THIRTIES!
T&T Mass is
NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 1, 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

SILENT MEDITATION - THE PRAYER OF THE HEART
During the Fridays of Lent join us for 30 minutes of Silent Meditation and contemplate the merciful love of the Father.

God wants us to come to him with our joys and our sorrows; to let him shine his light into our darkness; to let him love us and make us whole; to lay down at the foot of the cross all that he wishes to transform in our lives so that we are prepared for the cross of Good Friday, and the resurrection of new life with and through Jesus.

Meditation is simply being still and silent in the loving presence of God.

Simple, yes. Easy, no.

We are not used to inaction and interior quiet. In this world of constant information and doing instead of being we need to create sacred space within our day and within our heart to be quiet in the Lord. It is in the silence that we come to know his love for us.

Merciful Jesus, I Trust in You.

Join us Friday mornings in St. Joseph’s Chapel at the Spirituality Center. (Use Pacific Avenue entrance).

11:15 - 11:25AM Optional: Time for Questions/Instruction
11:25 - 11:30AM Opening Reflection
11:30 - 11:55AM Silent Meditation
11:55 - 12:00NOON Closing Prayer

All are welcome!

MINISTRY CONTACT: Beverly Busby 310-376-2056

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

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, 11:15-12:00noon,
in the Spirituality Center Chapel (Use Pacific Ave. entrance.)
CONTACT: Beverly Busby, 310-376-2056

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

SPIRITUAL LIBRARY (The Upper Room)
Open Sunday, 10:00AM - 4:00PM,
in the Spirituality Center, 2nd floor
CONTACT: Anna, 310-374-0863 or Millie, 310-938-3125
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 - March 15
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

VIRTUS TRAINING

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):
Tomorrow, 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.

FAMILIES IN FAITH

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 26
- AMS will celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:10 AM.
- SRE families are invited to attend the 3:30 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday.

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

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

Safeguard the Children
Visiting clergy members are VIRTUS® trained
A priest who is visiting the Archdiocese to minister for more than 15 days is required to complete a VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children Adult Awareness Program, or present certification that states they have already completed a safe environment program. Archdiocesan officials will review alternative safe environment programs to ensure that they meet the standards held in our archdiocese for content and training protocols.
These requirements are not just for priests - any bishop, deacon, religious brother or sister ministering in the archdiocese, must be cleared before beginning their ministry.

For more information, visit http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-4/topic-9-4-1.
For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

American Martyrs Catholic School

AMS Used Uniform Sale
Next Sunday, March 1, 8-11 AM
O’Donnell Hall
Great inventory of high quality items, in all sizes. Many of our items literally look brand new and some items still have the tags on them!

Questions? Debbi Drewry, debbidrewry@yahoo.com | 310-488-1265

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BUILD YOUR HOPE

DONATE YOUR SHOES to “Soles4Souls” NEXT WEEKEND!

YOUR shoes will travel the globe and end on those who need them most...Help us make a difference!

LOOK FOR COLLECTION BINS at the AMS Race next Saturday and after ALL Masses next weekend!

* Please tie laces or rubber band to keep shoes in pairs *

NEW - Martyrs Men’s League Basketball - Mondays, 8:00pm
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, 8:00-10:00am
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
**Beyond Our Parish**

**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

**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.  
- **RN’s:** 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.  
Volunteers must be compassionate and have a desire to help women and their preborn children.  
To learn more, please contact the Office Coordinator, 310-320-8976 or officecoordinator@phctorrance.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

**IS THERE A FUTURE FOR CHURCH?**  
Symposium: 200th Anniversary of the Life of Isaac Hecker  
Saturday, March 7, 9AM – 3PM  
St. Paul the Apostle Parish Center  
1536 Selby Ave, LA 90024  
Celebrating the bicentennial of the birth of Servant of God, Isaac Hecker, the founder of the Paulist Fathers, the Paulists are reflecting on Hecker’s vision for the future of the Church.  
Three prominent contemporary theologians: Dr. Cecilia González-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University, Dr. Hosffman Ospino, Boston College, and Dr. Thomas Rausch, S.J., Loyola Marymount University will address, each from their particular perspective and expertise.  
Sponsored by Loyola Marymount University, University Catholic Center at UCLA, and the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Westwood. Space is limited.  
Register at: https://symposium.pushpayevents.com/. Cost is $25; includes breakfast refreshments and lunch, ($10 for students.)

**Let’s talk homelessness, this time with kids. Um... wait, what?**  
Well... with homelessness so visible in Los Angeles and even here in Manhattan Beach, you might have had to answer to questions like “Why is that man sleeping outside?” and “Where is his mommy?”  
Dr. Hahn, an experienced Family Therapist and Children Counselor for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District, will guide us on how explaining such a big issue to little ears in a way that fosters an empathic response, and will answer all your questions on this delicate issue.  
Join us on Thursday, February 27 at 10:00AM at the Ames residence, 2313 Pine Avenue.  
Space is limited! Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4ca4a62fa31-howtotalk
**Monthly Food Drive is **THIS 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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**Fr. Jim Clarke, this Thursday**

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

Rev. Jim Clarke

Thursday, February 27 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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**Faith-Filled Fridays**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday, 1:00-5:00 PM at the main altar in the Church

**Stations of the Cross**

5:00 PM in the Church

**Family Mass**

5:30 PM in the Church

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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

Monday and Tuesday, March 9/10

7:00 PM in the Church

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**Friday Lenten Dinners**

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

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**The God of the Unexpected**

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March 9-10

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Pick up a cardboard "Rice Bowl" after Mass today, and use it as a tool for collecting Lenten alms. We encourage you to place the Rice Bowl somewhere prominent in your household, and to read the daily reflection from the Lenten calendar together with your family or friends each day during Lent.