SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 8, 2020

PASTOR
Rev. Msgr. John F. Barry, P.A.

ASSOCIATE PASTORS
Rev. Joseph Kammerer
Rev. Rick Prindle

DEACONS
Fred Rose, Derek Brown
Chris Amantea, Dick Williams

BUSINESS MANAGER
Bob Hodges

WEEKEND MASS
Saturday Vigil: 5PM
Sunday:
7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM and 5PM
7PM, on the first Sunday of the month

WEEKDAY MASS
Monday / Wednesday / Friday:
8:10AM, 12:10PM, 5PM
Tuesday / Thursday:
6:30AM, 8:10AM, 12:10PM & 5PM
Saturday: 8AM

HOLY DAY MASS
Vigil: 5PM
Holy Day:
6:30AM, 8:10AM,
12:10PM, 5PM, and 7:30PM

RECONCILIATION (Penance)
Tues/Thurs: 7-7:15AM
Wed/Fri: 5:30-6PM
Saturday: 8:30-9AM | 4-4:30PM
Eves of Holy Days: 4-4:30PM
Confessions by request anytime;
call Rectory for appointment.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

...then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."
We welcome you to American Martyrs Catholic Community

Parish Facilities

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

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

Welcome Center, 310-545-5651
Mon-Thurs, 8:00am-6pm | Fri, 8:00am-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: Msgr. John Barry
Sun 7:00AM: Fr. Rick Prindle
8:00AM: Fr. Joe Kammerer
9:30AM: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
11:30AM: Fr. Rick Prindle
5:00PM: Fr. Joe Kammerer

This schedule is subject to change.

We are happy that you have joined us today. If you are traveling, we hope you find our Catholic home welcoming.

If you are new to the area, we hope you return to celebrate with us, and please consider joining our parish community.

Stop by our Welcome Center for more info or visit us at www.AmericanMartyrs.org.

Reserving a facility

Email your facility request (or for a table outside weekend Masses) including the date, time, # of people attending, purpose of the event, and a contact name, phone and email.

We make every effort to reserve a space to accommodate your needs. Church and Sacraments have priority for use of our facilities. We do not use our facilities for private parties.

Email: Facilities@AmericanMartyrs.org

American Martyrs Catholic Community

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

Pray for the Sick

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

Marco Barron | June Reiter
David DuKeshener Sr. | Colleen Clary
Dawn Cooper | Edna Murphy
Martha Corbett | Jack Radville
Sheri Slukich | Peter Champagne
Rachel Hamilton | Helene Grik
Anne Filek | Rosemary Duffy
Ana Lopez-Gallego | Don Hammersmark

In Memoriam

Virginia Carmody | Gert Shoemaker
Mark Lindsey | Herbert Amano
Larry Daniels | Gerard McKenna
Rita Nicoll | Theresa Perry

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

Holy Matrimony

Second Banns:
John Riddle and Eleanor Rosapapan

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 Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.

SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

Ryan Quinn - U.S. Air Force

Items include glasses (reading/sun/ prescription), keys, clothing, shoes, toys, books, water and coffee bottles, kid’s purses, backpacks, etc.

Lost & Found

Contact the Rectory to arrange Funeral or Memorial Services.
**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, March 9**
- 9:00 AM PH Monday Morning Faith Sharing
- 5:00 PM B&B Latin Chant Class
- 7:00 PM HFH Al-Anon Meeting

**TUESDAY, March 10**
- 5:30 AM PH Men’s AA Meeting
- 9:15 AM SpC Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 3:30 PM PH Legion of Mary
- 3:45 PM SCH SRE Grades 1-6
- 6:00 PM HFH Teen Tuesday
- 7:00 PM SCH Women’s AA Meeting
- 7:15 PM SCH Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM StMT Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, March 11**
- 10:00 AM SK Mission Bridge
- 10:00 AM OLMM Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
- 3:45 PM SCH SRE Grades 1-6
- 7:15 PM SCH Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM SK RCIA

**THURSDAY, March 12**
- 11:15 AM SpC Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 5:30 PM ODH Friday Lenten Dinner
- 6:00 PM PH Arlene’s Lighthouse

**FRIDAY, March 13**
- 11:15 AM SpC Silent Meditation
- 3:00 PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings
- 5:30 PM ODH Friday Lenten Dinner
- 6:00 PM PH Arlene’s Lighthouse

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY, March 14**
- 8:00 AM PH Matthew 25 Sandwich Making
- 10:00 AM HFH Women’s AA Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B Latin Chant Class
- 7:30 PM SCH AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, March 15**
- 7:45 AM ODH Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00 AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)
- 10:45 AM SCH Sunday SRE
- 6:15 PM SK AMYM Life Night

**Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week**

**MONDAY, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome**
- Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
- 8:10 John R. Maher † (Kathleen Healy)
- 12:10 Eugene Lynch † (The Condon Family)
- 5:00 Joseph Scholz † (Tom & Jean Willson)

**TUESDAY, March 10**
- Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16Bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
- 6:30 Jo Green † (Cathy & Albert Lugo)
- 8:10 Laura Goodwin † (Donna Scaltrito)
- 12:10 Steve Cabal † (Joyce Payne)
- 5:00 Rochell Marquardt † (Goodin Family)

**WEDNESDAY, March 11**
- Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
- 8:10 Tony Colasardo † (David & Theresa Grijalva)
- 12:10 Michael Sheehan † (Ellie Whelan)
- 5:00 Michele Eisner † (Eisner Family)

**THURSDAY, March 12**
- Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
- 6:30 John Green † (Cathy & Albert Lugo)
- 8:10 Laura Goodwin † (Donna Scaltrito)
- 12:10 Steve Cabal † (Joyce Payne)
- 12:10 Wendel Myres † (Anges Lazaruk & Barbara Denczek)
- 5:00 Special Intention

**FRIDAY, March 13**
- Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 8:10 Be Enochs † (Altar Society)
- 12:10 Mike Richards † (Kim & Rus Neglia)
- 5:00 Joseph Scarry † (Livingston Family)

**SATURDAY, March 14**
- Readings: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- 8:00 Socorro J Quejada † (Charlie & Beth Lopez)
- 5:00 Richard Walker † (Susan Walker)

**SUNDAY, March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent**
- Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- 7:00 Elsie Clayton † (Book Club Friends)
- 8:00 Austin Abram † (Patricia Donahue)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 40 Days for Life Vigil Lawndale (Janis Roman)
- 5:00 Judy Mae Arthur † (Keller Family)

**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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All Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence.

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

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**Faith-Filled Fridays**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday, 1:00-5:00PM
at the main Altar in the Church

Stations of the Cross
5:00PM in the Church

Family Mass
5:30PM in the Church

Friday Lenten Dinners
5:30-7:00PM in O’Donnell Hall
A simple meatless meal (mainly soup and pasta)

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**RCIA Rituals at Mass**

As a community, we journey with the adults who are seeking to join our Catholic Church. During Mass, we pray with the Elect and Candidates and witness the rites that lead up to and include Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. As the Elect continue their journey towards Baptism at the Easter Vigil, and the Candidates for full communion, also at the Easter Vigil, there are three rituals of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) celebrated at three of our liturgies.

**Next week we will celebrate our 1st Scrutiny.**
The scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. During these rituals, those preparing for entrance into the Church are led through prayerful reflections designed to help them grow in holiness. Our Elect and Candidates will be prayed over by the Presider, Deacon and their sponsors.

Your role, as their parish community, is to join in the praying, with the hope that our entire community will be renewed in these celebrations.

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**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.

Mar 13: Tomato Rice  Apr 3: Fish Tacos
Mar 20: Minestrone  Apr 10: Baked Potato Bar
Mar 27: Corn Chowder

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

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**Fr. Rick Prindle**

**IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD**
Faithful Citizenship and Conscience Formation in an Election Year

Tuesday, March 24
St. Kateri
10:00AM
repeating at 7:30PM

As citizens, we should be guided by our moral convictions rather than by our attachment to a political party or interest group.

(USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, #14)

The Church wishes to help form consciences in political life and to stimulate greater insight into the authentic requirements of justice as well as greater readiness to act accordingly, even when this might involve conflict with situations of personal interest.

(Benedict XVI Deus Caritas Est, no. 28)

Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want ... rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart.

(USCCB, Faithful Citizenship, #17)
Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall
Arlene’s Lighthouse is hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

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

Today, March 8 is the 108th birthday of Girl Scouting!!!
American Martyrs recognizes the citizenship and volunteer efforts of all Girl Scouts today at the 11:30 Mass.
Cookies will be for sale before and after Mass. Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts!

Please support the American Martyrs Preschool in their annual fundraiser, "Cherish the Child"
BID NOW at our Cherish the Child website, cherishamp.com
You will find lifestyle items like sports tickets, getaway excursions, and restaurant gift certificates, and lots of items for kids including camps, classes and events.
The auction is open now.
Questions? Contact CherishTheChild@AmericanMartyrs.org.

Altar Society
Visiting the Scrip Desk?
The Altar Society is in need of your help!
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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!

Please Join us for a Will Planning Seminar
Have you been putting off establishing a Will and other important documents as part of your estate plan? You are not alone!
Representatives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, legal and financial professionals, will join us to discuss these important topics:
◊ The importance of having a Will and/or Trust, Power of Attorney and other critical documents
◊ Catholic teachings on Advance Healthcare Directives
◊ Including Charitable Giving in your estate plans
◊ Free Legal and Financial Consultation

Thursday, March 19
1:00PM and 7:00PM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Room
Please RSVP at the Welcome Center or 310-545-5651

Stephen A. Privett, S.J.
&
the Gentlemen of Verbum Dei High School
invite you to join us in honoring
Msgr. John Barry
at
The President’s Gala
Awards Dinner
Thursday, March 12, 2020 - 5:45PM
The L.A. Grand Hotel Downtown
333 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
For more information, please call Stephanie Andrade
323-564-6651, Ext 5110; sandrade@verbundeius
or visit
https://verbundeius.salabs.org/gala2020/index.html

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On this Second Sunday of Lent I have two thoughts. First, last year in this column, I mentioned a trip to the Skirball Center and an inscription on a wall that said, “Go . . . and be a blessing.” Our first reading from Genesis describes God’s call to Abram. He tells him to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram’s response is a timeless example of a good steward. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God and puts his trust in God. God rewards him saying, “I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

To “be a blessing” is the goal of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we make, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season bring glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Second thought, after all these years I still search for the meaning of the transformation described in the scriptures. It must be important because we will hear it again on the Feast Day of the Transformation in August. One reflection I read gave me some insight and, for me, it reflected the humanity of Christ. In the passages before today’s reading, the Apostles have just heard of Jesus’ death. Before this, they thought they were about to be part of a new and glorious kingdom and were in an elite group, common day “A List.” When they think they were about to be part of a new and glorious kingdom and were in an elite group, common day “A List.”

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let’s take two verses from the Gospel to heart; “Listen to him,” and “Rise, and do not be afraid.” Let’s rely on God’s strength to help us in our spiritual disciplines this season. Hopefully, we will arrive at Easter as better stewards of all of our God-given gifts, and with a deeper awareness that we are a blessing to others and to God.

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

If you want to become more involved at American Martyrs, contact Jenny Attanasio at 310-545-5651.

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.

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 faithfuldirect.net or with Text-to-Give, 707-600-2262, keyword TIM.

Pastoral Care

Beginning Again - Separated or Divorced
We offer a welcoming and healing atmosphere for those experiencing separation or divorce.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 17, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Holy Family House. The topic is “More on Anger.”

Questions? Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651

All are Welcome at American Martyrs
““You, me and every other created thing begin with a Divine DNA, an inner destiny as it were, a blueprint tucked away in the cellar of our being that begs to be allowed to be fulfilled, and to show itself. We are all family.” (Fr. Jim McKenna, SDB)

All ages and their families in the LGBTQ+ community are welcome to join in our dialogue to build understanding and support. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month, in the St. Mother Teresa room, at 7:30 pm.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 12.

Questions? Colleen Finnegan, metwou@pacbell.net

Stephen Ministry
Deacon Dick & Patti Williams, 310-545-8244

Look in the mirror. Do you see someone who needs help?
It takes courage to ask for help. No one can solve all their problems single handedly, but it feels like failure when we reach out for help. Be courageous.

Having a trusted supporter to talk through a problem can be just what you need to understand what’s bothering you and to help you face life’s struggles and move through them.

A Stephen Minister is trained to help and knows where and when to seek outside resources. Leave a message on our confidential phone line: 310-545-8244

Care Notes Can Help You Cope
Check out the Care Note rack in the Church vestibule. There are many topics, including:

Longing for God: The Grace of Lent
Lent – A Time to Pray for Others

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.
M25 Outreach - St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Join Matthew 25 on Saturday, March 14 to feed the homeless and needy in the St. Lawrence of Brindisi community.

Volunteers meet in Parish House at 8:00AM to prepare lunches, pack donations of clothing and toiletries, and then carpool to St. Lawrence to distribute these meals. Donations of clothing, toiletry products, and books are appreciated.

Rockin' Readers SLB joins us to read and distribute books to young children present with their parents. Volunteers are welcome to bring/donate books, and to read to the children.

To volunteer or to donate items contact: Jim Quilliam at jimquilliam@outlook.com

Matthew 25 Outreach - Saturday Blessings
Saturday Blessings needs help to feed, clothe and share our hearts with the Downtown LA Homeless.

Every Saturday we meet at 5:45AM in the O'Donnell Hall parking lot, arrive in DTLA at 6:30AM and finish around 8:00AM.

Please contact James Redin, 310-465-7620, in advance so we can coordinate how many will be joining us.

We are in need of these items:
- Mens sneakers · Mens jeans · Sweatpants, sweatshirts
- Warm jackets · Blankets · Sleeping Bags · Tents

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

Hunger in Our World
When Jesus fed the 5000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger.

How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community?

We encourage families to place their cardboard Rice Bowl somewhere prominent in their household, and to read the daily reflection from the Lenten calendar together each day during Lent.

You can pick up a Rice Bowl at the Welcome Center or in the vestibule.
crsRiceBowl.org

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, 7AM - 12NOON
**Contact:** Michael Concannon, 714-852-2112
michael.concannon@bovislendlease.com

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**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 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, March 8, at 7:00PM in St. Kateri.**

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

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**Bible Study of the Four Gospels**

John D’Isacco’s monthly in-depth Bible Study focusing on the Four Gospels continues with the Gospel of Mark. **Bring your Bible.**

**Saturday, March 21**

9:00AM, in the Parish House

Please RSVP to ensure sufficient seating.

**RSVP:** John D’Isacco, 310-466-3820

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**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

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**Adult Altar Servers Needed**

**What we do**

We are altar servers for Funeral or Memorial Masses and on occasion are asked to serve at other special Masses.

**When?**

Funeral or Memorial Masses are scheduled weekday mornings and afternoons, and Saturdays.

**What is the commitment?**

When a Funeral or Memorial Mass is scheduled, a notice is sent to all adult altar servers. You respond to the request only if you are available to serve at that time.

If you are interested in this extremely rewarding ministry, contact Yvonne Amantea, 310-613-7814.

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**Prayers for our RCIA Elect and Candidates**

Please keep our 10 Elect in prayer as they continue their journey to **Baptism:**

- Frances Gatti
- Erik Graham
- Brent Griebenow
- Idiko Hazak
- Ben Kelley
- Lindsey LeGrande
- Noelle Lem
- Serena Polonis
- Hilda Regalado
- Danielle Ringel

our 11 candidates for **Full Communion:**

- Stefanie Chickey
- Francie Giovino
- Jay Gleason
- Meghan Leonard
- Heather Norby
- Jennifer Petrusis
- Amber Talbot
- Mary Ellen (Mo) Udovich
- Jessica West
- Brynn Wheeler
- Kameron Wills

and our 6 candidates for **Full Initiation:**

- Rosy Franco
- Ruben Franco
- Beau Greely II
- Gina Lanman
- Elyse Randolph
- Jennifer Zamudio

**Near the baptismal font,** you will find a basket with the names of the Elect and Candidates. Please take a name and pray for them daily as they continue their sacramental journey.

If you would like to give them a card, please mark the outside of an envelope with their “Name”, and “Easter”, and leave in the Welcome Center any time **PRIOR to April 10.**
CONFIRMATION CLASSES
SEALED. 1 - TODAY, 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 - Next Sunday, 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

During the season of Lent, there are two additional opportunities to begin your day with Mass.
Msgr. Barry will celebrate Mass at 6 AM on Monday and at 6:30 AM on Friday. All are welcome. It is a very spiritual, calming start to your day.

6:30 AM Mass is also celebrated Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN
Talk about chat room dangers with your teen
Online chat rooms are great places for people to connect over shared interests and ideas. But for young children and teenagers who may not be internet-savvy, they’re also a great place for predators to lay groundwork. In a chat room, anyone can be whomsoever they wish – and predators hide behind personas of friends.

Talk to your child about online safety rules, such as never agreeing to meet in person and never providing personal and identifying information. Review chats frequently to ensure that your child is engaging in safe conversations.

For more tips on chat room safety, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Exposing the Dangers of Internet Chat Rooms” at https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/
For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.
Please join us as we welcome the Mira Costa Choirs for their annual Cathedral Concert on **Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30PM** here at American Martyrs Church.

The concert will feature Mira Costa’s Vocal Ensemble, Choral Union, and Festival Tour Choir. Choir families, friends, and community members are all invited to attend this wonderful celebration of choral music.

This concert is an annual fundraiser for the Mira Costa Choirs; admission is $25. Cash/check only, please.

Tickets will be available the weekends of March 14/15 and March 21/22, and also available in the Welcome Center.
As part of the Faith In Action: Day of Volunteering, the St. Vincent de Paul "Bundle Saturday" Truck will be on campus Saturday, April 4 from 9:00AM - 1:00PM to collect usable clothing and usable household items. For large items (including furniture and large appliances) call 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1 for home pick-up.

Put Your Faith Into Action Serving Our Elders at Marycrest Manor.

We are presently looking to fill the Director of Nursing position. We are also hiring CNAs and LVNs. Join our passionate team of caregivers who bring the love and compassion of Christ to those most in need.

A Skilled Nursing Facility, 10664 St. James Dr, Culver City, Calif. 90230 | 310-838-2778 ext. 212

ACCW District Meeting - Tuesday, March 24, 9:30AM - 1:30PM
St. Catherine Laboure Church, Redondo Beach

The Southwestern Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area.

Registration begins at 9:30AM, followed by our speaker, Mary Ewell, LMFT who will speak on “Think Global- Act Local- God calls us to Care for our Common Home,” then we will celebrate Mass, and have lunch, concluding at 1:30PM.

Pre-paid registration is $15; make checks payable and mail to St. Catherine Laboure Church, 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd, Torrance CA 90504 (Attn: Monty).

Registration deadline is March 20.

Questions? Contact July Parnin, 310-374-9804

Every Catholic Woman is a member of ACCW and there are NO DUES.

Friends of St. Lawrence-Watts Youth Center is officially eliminating the “madness” and is hosting a “Stay at Home” fundraiser this year... We are using this year to re-invent our event and get back to basics with a focus on the children... and you get to stay home!

We still need your support... March Madness brings in a substantial portion of our annual budget.

We hope you’ll consider making a donation:

at www.fosi.org/march-madness

or

Send your gift to
Friends of St. Lawrence Watts Youth Center
10122 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90002

100% of the proceeds will go directly to help the children and families in Watts.

Thanks always for your gift.....it creates opportunity!

Mollie Baumer and Antonia Carpenter
Event Co-Chairs

American Martyrs' Weekend Retreat With the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart
April 24-26
Retreat Master: Rev. Bruce Nieli, CSP

Join us for a women's weekend retreat for South Bay parishes at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra.

During this weekend, you will have opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration, and conferences given by the Retreat Master. You will also be able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spend quiet moments in personal prayer and reflection in the Chapel or in the beauty of the outdoor gardens.

This retreat begins at 5:00PM on Friday and concludes after Mass on Sunday. Five meals included, beginning with dinner on Friday and concluding with breakfast on Sunday.

Costs for the weekend: $310 Private Room; $270 Semi-Private Room; $190 Double

For reservations/more info, contact Nancy Turner, 310-679-5239 or Mary Kay Quilliam, mkq22@hotmail.com.

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 | jjssinmb@yahoo.com
Join us for the 8th Annual DAY OF VOLUNTEERING Saturday, April 4

On this parish-wide Day of Service, all parishioners are invited to GIVE AN HOUR (or more) in service.

We begin with 8AM Mass in the church and then you join others on the AMC campus or at other local sites, HELPING THOSE IN NEED and making a difference in our local communities.

Find this year’s projects and online registration at AmericanMartyrs.org

Msgr. Barry’s LENTEN RETREAT

Thursday, March 19
O’DONNELL HALL

ALL ARE INVITED FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS

8:00AM Complimentary Buffet Breakfast
9:00AM Reflections from Msgr. John Barry
10:30AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
11:15AM Stations of the Cross
12:10PM Mass

No Reservation needed

Sponsored by the Altar Society
Call Mary Ann Shane for more info, 310-545-6171