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

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

Holy Day Mass
Vigil: 5 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:10 AM,
12:10 PM, 5 PM, and 7:30 PM

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

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March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

"Jesus answered and said to her,
...the water I shall give
will become in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life."

LENT
THE JOURNEY
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-6pm | Fri, 8am-5pm
Sat, 4:30-6:30pm | Sun, 8:00am-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 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. Joe Kammerer
8:00am: Fr. Rick Prindle
9:30am: Msgr. John Barry (Livestream)
11:30am: Fr. Joe Kammerer
5:00pm: Fr. Rick Prindle

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

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

Armed Forces
We pray for those serving overseas in our Armed Forces, especially:
Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S.M.C.
SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
SSG Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
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 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:
Sharon Collier | Emma Jean Pallister
Denise Hareline | Jose Balanos
Jacek Milobedzki | Alice Ankwicz
Dawn Cooper | Edna Murphy
Martha Corbett | Blake King
Sheri Skulick | Peter Champagne
Helene Grik | Anne Filek
Tom Kennedy

In Memoriam
Larry Daniels | Tom Wallender
Tad Tobrosky | Charlie Bisbee
Mary Catherine Ralph

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

Holy Matrimony

Third Banns:
John Riddle and Eleanor Rosapapan

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, April 5 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
### This Week

**MONDAY, March 16**
- 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 17**
- 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
- 3:45 PM SCh  SRE Grades 1-6
- 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
- 7:15 PM SCh  Jr. High SRE
- 7:30 PM STMT  Al-Anon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, March 18**
- 8:00 AM SK  AMPA Meeting
- 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 19**
- 5:30 AM PH  Men’s AA Meeting
- 8:00 AM ODH  Msgr. Barry’s Lenten Retreat "Meals with Jesus"
- 1:00 PM OLMM  Will Planning Seminar
- 7:00 PM OLMM  Will Planning Seminar

**FRIDAY, March 20**
- 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 21**
- 9:00 AM PH  Monthly Bible Study
- 10:00 AM SCh  Cherish the Child Preschool Fundraiser
- 10:00 AM HFH  Women’s AA Meeting
- 10:30 AM B&B  Latin Chant Class
- 7:30 PM SCh  AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, March 22**
- 7:45 AM ODH  Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00 AM SPc  Spiritual Library (until 4:00 PM)

### Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

**MONDAY, March 16**
- **Readings:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- 8:10 William Lee Parker † (Brian & Cheryl Brukiak)
- 12:10 Andrew Mahoney (Terry & Monica Hughes)
- 5:00 Anne Tomasic † (Trish & John Peterson)

**TUESDAY, March 17 - St. Patrick**
- **Readings:** Dt 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- 6:30 Cris Orozco † (Mary Anne Fontana)
- 8:10 Jack Fulkerson † (Larry & Helene Grik)
- 12:10 Ed Rumsey † (Dorothy Rumsey)
- 5:00 Dale Koelling † (Ellen Rodriguez)

**WEDNESDAY, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
- **Readings:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51a
- 6:30 Madeline Dionne † (Gary & Judy Gonser)
- 8:10 Barbara Muelrath † (Altar Society)
- 12:10 Robert Ades † (Mary Anne Ades)
- 5:00 Special Intention

**THURSDAY, March 19 - St. Joseph**
- **Readings:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- 8:10 Edward Nowacki † (Maryann Guthrie)
- 12:10 Leonida Calayan Quinto † (Betty Nery)
- 5:00 Debbie Cabal (Joyce Payne)

**FRIDAY, March 20**
- **Readings:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34
- 8:10 Joe Scholz † (Lochtenberg Family)
- 12:10 Diana Sartoris † (Mary Ann Shane)
- 5:00 Gene Lynch † (Mari & Peter Bellas)

**SATURDAY, March 21**
- **Readings:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- 8:00 Msgr. John F. Barry, P.A. (Angie Babick)
- 5:00 Helene Grik (Tom Klimasz)

**SUNDAY, March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**
- **Readings:** Jn 18:38-39; Mt 22:27-33; Ps 119:98-100, 105-106, 112-113, 119a, 120-121, 124b, 125, 126a, 127, 128a
- 7:00 Barbara Williams † (Shannon & Marc Castellani)
- 8:00 40 Days for Life Vigil Lawndale (Jim & Anna Marie Gunderman)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 Lucía Sam Nguyen † (Anna Vo)
- 5:00 Fred Erickson † (Gary & Judy Gonser)

### 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
~ All Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence ~
Abstinence means abstaining from all meat for all ages 14 and over.

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)

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 2nd 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.

Divine Mercy

Teach me, Oh Lord, about Penance
My loving Lord, teach me how penance should play an essential role in all Christian life. Unless I do penance for my sins and for the sins of the world, I cannot be Christ’s disciple. Teach me, Lord, how doing penance is sharing in Christ’s own spirit as He was born in a cave, lived in poverty and died crucified.

Teach me, Lord, that penance is the only road that leads from sin to God, from death to life, from selfishness to love, from despair to hope. Doing penance is being willing to be crucified with Christ, it is believing that, unless I choose willingly to pass through the gate of death as Christ did, I shall never be ushered with Him into His eternal Joy.

excerpts from A Prayer on Penance from Marian Helpers, Stockbridge, MA
Divine Mercy literature is available in the vestibule of the church.

During the season of Lent, there are two additional opportunities to begin your day with Mass.
Msgr. Barry will celebrate Mass at 6am on Monday and at 6:30am on Friday. All are welcome.
It is a very spiritual, calming start to your day.
6:30am Mass is also celebrated Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Coffee & Donuts in O'Donnell Hall

**Altar Society** is hosting Coffee & Donuts after the 7AM, 8AM, and 9:30AM Masses.

**NEXT WEEK:**

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

**Senior Fellowship Group**

Join us on **Tuesday, March 17** 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.**

**Italian Catholic Federation**

Please join the Italian Catholic Federation after all Masses **next weekend, March 21/22** in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room as we celebrate and honor St. Joseph with a St. Joseph's Table.

St. Joseph's Table is a centuries old Sicilian tradition, most commonly celebrated on March 19 - St. Joseph’s Day. Italians have a special devotion to St. Joseph and today families continue to pray to St. Joseph for his intercession in curing illnesses, bringing a loved one home safely from war, as a personal devotion, or thanking for good fortune.

Typically, the poor and needy people in the community were invited to the Table to share in the abundant blessings provided by St. Joseph. The tables were once set up by individual families, but eventually found their way into the church. The proceeds from the St. Joseph's Table will be shared with the church, Matthew 25, and other groups that serve the poor and underserved.

If you would like to donate items for the Table, call Stephanie DeRaddo, ICF President, at 310-863-4597. We look forward to honoring St. Joseph in this very special way with you.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

**Catholic Relief Services**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise.**

**Please support the American Martyrs Preschool in their annual fundraiser, "Cherish the Child"**

Get your tickets, sponsor the event or enter the Opportunity Drawing at our Cherish the Child website, [cherishamp.com](http://cherishamp.com)

Questions? Contact CherishTheChild@AmericanMartyrs.org.

**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!

**Mothers Outreach Ministry**

Tickets for the Mom’s Outreach Ministry (M.O.M.) Annual Wine Raffle will be on sale today, Sunday, March 15 after the 8:00AM and 9:30AM Masses. Tickets are 1 for $10 and 3 for $25. All Proceeds go to St. Lawrence of Brindisi Catholic School’s literacy center.

The drawing will be held today; you do not have to be present to win one of these beautiful baskets.

**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

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).
It’s obvious that humans need a regular supply of water. If nothing else, it’s apparent by the number of people walking around with water bottles. So, when I finished reading the scriptures for this Third Sunday of Lent which have a theme of thirst, I went directly to my water bottle! Unfortunately, it was the ordinary kind of H2O, not the living water offered to the woman at the well.

Without a supply of water our physical lives would soon perish. But our souls thirst too. They yearn for meaning, for a vision and a purpose in life and for closeness with the Lord. We can be so taken up with our physical concerns that we neglect our longing for God. Like the Israelites in our first reading, we focus upon our physical needs, but often forget about our Creator who supplies them.

It is Jesus who offers us Living Water; the reviving water of eternal life and the ability for union with God. These are our deepest needs. In today’s Gospel He satisfies a thirsty soul at the well. We all know of the possibilities when water is brought to a desert; it blooms and with a little more care it can produce fruit. This miracle of growth can take place in our parched souls if we let God’s Living Water flow over it. Unfortunately, we often seek happiness and fulfillment in physical things like possessions, relationships, careers, and more. The Living Water which results in true happiness and fulfillment can only be given by the One who possesses it, and no earthly being possesses it. God alone can share it with those who place their trust in Him.

Christ asked the woman and asks us to “give Him a drink.”

By doing that we share what we have from Him with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water: “Whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst; the water I shall give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

As members of the Body of Christ, we are part of God’s plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life.

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

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

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.

Questions? Colleen Finnegan, metwou@pacbell.net

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

Are You New to the Area and Need a Support System?

Moving involves lots of stresses but at the same time, you haven’t built up a network of people to share those daily stresses and challenges with. A Stephen Minister can fill that role for as short or as long as it takes.

A Stephen Minister meets with you once a week to be your confidential supporter and companion. We help for as long as it’s helpful. And let’s face it, a person can never have too many supporters!

Leave a message at 310-545-8244 or email us at StephenMinistry@AmericanMartyrs.org. We’ll talk and explore if a Stephen Minister will be a good fit.

Care Notes Can Help You Cope

Check out the Care Note rack in the Church vestibule. There are many topics that change frequently. Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.
**Commission Chair:** Jim Kaltsas  
*SJO@AmericanMartyrs.org*

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**Life & Family Ministry**

**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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**Knights of Columbus**

**SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

Knights of Columbus Council #4567  
Presents  
Casino Knight  
Charity Fundraiser  
**Saturday, June 6, 2020**  
7:00pm - 11:00pm  
American Martyrs Catholic Church  
O’Donnell Hall

Find this bulletin online at AmericanMartyrs.org
Faith Formation

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 · Ilidko 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.

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 the Father.
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

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

Marriage Preparation Program
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Saturday, April 4 - St. Kateri Room

Important Information:
• $100/couple or $50/single – pay at door (cash only)
• Arrive between 8:30 – 8:45AM for registration
• Bring a pen or pencil for each person
• Water, coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided
• You will only be allowed 60 minutes for lunch. We suggest you bring your lunch.
• Sorry, no infants/children or animals allowed
• Day will end around 5:00PM

Contacts: Gary and Judy Gonser
JGgonser@gmail.com | 310-968-9655

Virtus Training (Protecting God's Children):
Wednesday, April 15, 7:00-10:00PM, O'Donnell Hall
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.

Virtus Recertification (Keeping the Promise Alive):
Tuesday, April 14, 10:00-11:30AM, St. Kateri room

If these dates do 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.
**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**SEALED. 1 Session 8**
Sunday, March 29 at 3:30PM in O'Donnell Hall

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**YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

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

**CONFIRMATION:**
Monica Leon, mleon@AmericanMartyrs.org
Nick Waggoner, nwaggoner@AmericanMartyrs.org

**YOUTH MINISTRY:**
Matthew Leon, matthew.leon@AmericanMartyrs.org

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**Stations of the Cross**
AMS prays the Stations on Mondays, at 2:15PM

**SRE Classes**

**Tues/Wed**
Grades 1-6, 3:45-4:45PM | Grades 7-8, 7:15-8:30PM
March 17/18
March 24/25

**Sunday SRE,**
Grades 1-8, 10:45AM-11:45AM
March 15
March 29

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

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**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

**Be aware of poison dangers in the home**
More than 90% of all poisonings happen in homes. Parents should know the top risks for children (especially children who still put things in their mouths!) and work to eradicate them.

Lead poisoning is high on the list, especially for older homes with lead paint or dust. Button batteries are small and shiny and lurk in many toys and electronics that litter our homes. Swallowing these can be deadly for children. The same is true of household cleaners like laundry or dishwasher detergent pods.

For more information, visit https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.
For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

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**The 40th Annual 5K & 1st Annual Wellness Committee would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to EVERYONE for making this year’s events such a special success!**

**AMS 5K & Wellness Committee:** Brian Tinker, Matthew Parlee, Billy Crader, Sonja Harrington, Michelle Sporkin, Rachelle Sanger, Mercedes Morton, Brad Gosser, Geoff Brown, Brian Friel, Chris Wagner, Drew Thelen & Chris Parish.

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Our ongoing Wellness Mission includes the promotion of healthy habit routines in the major areas of our lives.

**FITNESS - NUTRITION - FINANCIAL**

**ENVIRONMENTAL - SPIRITUAL**

American Martyrs & Manhattan Beach are both special Communities. The AMS 5K & Wellness Expo Committee intends to bring everyone together on the last Saturday in February each year to celebrate Community Through Inclusion. Please spread the word to make 2021 an even greater success! – God Bless!!!

**SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO:** Dr. Carmryn Friel & Lisa Cipiti as well as Bob Visty, Joseph Rait, Anne Riordan, Traci Britton and the entire Parish Office Staff for all their help!

**AND TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS --**
The day would not be possible without all of your help!

**THANK YOU!!!**
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## How is Your Lenten Journey Going?

Find inspirational pieces to wear such as this "Trust the Journey" bracelet, Saints bracelets, Miraculous Medal necklaces, earrings, Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation items, and other religious themed jewelry at our SPIRITUALLY INSPIRED POP-UP SHOP Thursday, March 26, 8AM-12NOON in the Welcome Center.

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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

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American Martyrs Rosary available in the Welcome Center
**Blue Glass † Walnut † Rosewood † Pearl**

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Give the gift of Prayer
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 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 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.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL
Sunday, March 21, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Bishop Montgomery Football Field, 5430 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, 90503
Live band, food trucks, speakers, service agencies, children's activities.
Event is free, donations welcomed.
Proceeds benefit Club 21 Learning and Resource Center
Info: Gigi, 310-528-9024 or https://www.facebook.com/Club21SB/

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.fosl.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

Please join us as we welcome the Mira Costa Choirs for their annual Cathedral Concert on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 PM 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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND - March 20-22
This workshop, at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino, is for those who've experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. The program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. For info/registration, call Peg Setti at 818-767-1007 or Brenda Mikhail, 818-352-5265.
Beginning Experience is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. www.beginningexperience.org

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). Deadline is March 20.
Questions? Contact July Parnin, 310-374-9804
Every Catholic Woman is a member of ACCW; there are NO DUES.
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

Meals with Jesus

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
10:00AM and 7:30PM

Fr. Rick Prindle
IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

Faithful Citizenship and Conscience Formation in an Election Year

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)

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700 15th Street, Manhattan Beach
www.AmericanMartyrs.org

LOAVES & FISHES
FOOD DRIVE

PAPER BAG PICK UP:
• March 7 & 8

FOOD DROP OFF:
• March 14 & 15
• March 21 & 22
• March 28 & 29