FROM OUR PASTOR

I know that we have an alive and exciting parish community. When on our recent mission trip to Guatemala, I witnessed an expression of how we are the construction crew of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I saw our parishioners trudging through five to six feet of dense mud to build the foundation for a Chapel to house the Body of Christ — the people and the Eucharist. At that moment, I was seeing what all of you so generously do here at American Martyrs. I thank you, love you and bless you for that! When we work together as a Christ team, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Look at what we have done with our Welcome Center! Thank God again for your vision and commitment. It is a gift! Thank God for your constant life of prayer and sacrifice, your outreach to the poor, your educating and sharing our faith, your service of love in the Parish Fair and so many other ministries of care. All for Christ!

Our share in the building up of the Kingdom of Christ still leaves much for us to accomplish. Jesus didn’t stop when He fed the five thousand, when He raised Lazarus, when He forgave sinners, when He called and sent disciples — He always said, “there are other villages to be cared for.” While we cast our eyes over the past year and give thanks to God for all we have accomplished, we know that the disciple’s eye must always be on the road ahead. We will continue to be grateful for new opportunities and challenges. I find these two quotes to be insightful and reassuring:

“What the heart gives away is never gone. It is kept in the hearts of others.”
— ROBIN ST. JOHN

“Whatever there is of God and goodness in the universe, it must work itself out and express itself through us. We cannot stand aside and let God do it.”
— ALBERT EINSTEIN

God bless you and yours,

Rev. Msgr. John F. Barry, P.A.
Pastor
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Your generosity makes it possible for American Martyrs to continue to be that “beacon on the hill” in Manhattan Beach. Your support throughout the year — and your forward-looking commitment to our Expanding Welcome, Embracing Community capital campaign — truly made it possible for us to expand our ability to welcome others and embrace the larger community in faith and love.

Together we are making an impact. This year we:

- Welcomed hundreds of new parishioners to our new Welcome Center and connected them to ministries
- Embraced thousands of visitors and community groups in our new Parish Plaza, renovated O’Donnell Hall and recently opened Blessed Virgin Mary wing
- Expanded ministry outreach, communications, social media, facilities management, information management, technology and parish administration in our new Parish Offices
- Supported our parish Commissions and their 70-plus active ministries which enrich our faith lives, educate our children, teens and adults and serve the poor and others in need
- Continued our tradition of tithing ten percent of our weekly offertory to the Poor Fund as well as ten percent of your contributions to the capital campaign which was a large part of the $1.5 million our parish contributed this year to those in need
- Satisfied our commitment to allocate ten percent of our offertory to our Disaster Fund, which is reserved for critical building, maintenance, repair and acquisition needs of the parish and schools
- Funded our parish operating expenses and paid our assessment toward Archdiocesan operations
- Supported our School of Religious Education, our American Martyrs School and our Preschool in educating future generations of our Church

On behalf of our Finance Council, the Campaign Committee and the Stewardship Commission, thank you for sharing your God-given gifts with our parish community and others.

God bless,

Bob Hodges
Parish Business Manager

FINANCIAL REPORT – FY 2019

Let us ask the Lord for the grace of being generous, so that our hearts may be opened and we may become kinder.

We can do miracles through generosity. Generosity in little things.

Gratitude is a flower that blooms in noble souls.

Christian life is above all the grateful response to a generous father.

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YOUR GENEROSITY IS MAKING AN IMPACT

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**CELEBRATED**

over 5,000 special occasions, community, school and church events...

Christmas Eve Mass
Easter Masses
T&T Masses
T&T Big Night Out
Pancake Breakfast
Bishop Trudeau’s LinC
Prayer and Reflection
Migr. Barry’s Lenten Retreat
Dive-In Lenten Series
Help the Hungry
AMS Christmas Concerts
Mustang Players
AMS Graduation
Preschool Graduation
Children’s Liturgy
Senior Christmas Dinner
Lenten Friday Dinners
Family Promise
Empty Bowls
Summer Ice Cream Social
AMPA Parent Night
St. Sebastian “Mulligan” Fundraiser
Knights of Columbus
Casino Night
Men’s and Women’s Cornerstone
Matthew 25
Day of Volunteering

**WELcomed**

thousands more community members, groups and clubs...

Young at Art
Family Promise South Bay
Career Bridge Builders
Adoptions and Foster Expo
Fr. Leo Cooking with Christ
Fair Trade Christmas Mart
Exceptional Kids Prom
Rotary Club of MB
Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
Al-Anon Meetings
Scouts Meetings
Sandpipers Meetings
National Charity League Meetings
Congregation Tikvat Jacob
High Holy Days
MB Candidate Forum
MB Polling Station
South Bay Coalition for the Homeless
South Bay Interfaith Service
Bishop Montgomery Baccalaureate
Torrance YMCA
Mira Costa HS Choir
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Empty Bowls

MY MATTHEW 25 STORY

I helped (at the Empty Bowls fundraiser). I met a lot of nice people while passing out soup and I became friends with other volunteers. I encountered Christ in those I served because they donated to an amazing non-profit organization that changes many lives. I was the face of Christ in the world by being kind to others, and helping to run an event for a good cause. I saw Christ in one of the guest speakers who survived homelessness through Family Promise.

— Caroline Beerbower
Confirmation Teen, 16 y/o

Matthew 25 and its many outreach projects have been blessed by the recent improvements to our campus. We hosted an extremely successful Family Promise Empty Bowls fundraiser in the expanded O’Donnell Hall and new Plaza. The Spirituality Center’s renovations that include new beds and mattresses and restored hardwood bedroom floors have helped ease the housing crisis faced by some of our South Bay families. We’ve made their week-long stay more comfortable and kept things as “normal” as we possibly can for them in their day-to-day routine.

O’Donnell Hall is now an open and welcoming place for all of the new volunteers getting involved in making lunches and collecting clothing for the Hearts for the Hungry projects.

The Matthew 25 ministry is fortunate to have such a supportive parish community, from those whose hands help with the time involved in all that happens to those who are so generous with their treasures and talents. The facilities on campus reflect that support and progress as we continue to grow our outreach ministries.

MATTHEW 25

“...left me feeling connected...”

MY CORNERSTONE STORY

When I joined American Martyrs Parish in 2012, I was amazed at the size and active participation of the community — both very good things and much different from most Catholic parishes I have been to. But because of these many blessings, I was overwhelmed trying to figure out where I belonged. It seemed like everyone had their role and it was hard to see how I could add to the robust experience at American Martyrs. When I was approached to attend Cornerstone, I figured I would give it a shot — I had been to many Catholic retreats and didn’t expect much from this one, but thought at least I might meet a few people. I could not have been more wrong — Cornerstone surpassed my expectations in every way imaginable! It was not just a Catholic Retreat. What I found through my Cornerstone experience was a camaraderie and a brotherhood that I was longing for in this community. I had a deep spiritual experience over the course of the weekend that solidified my feeling of belonging at this parish. The men could not have been more welcoming and accepting, but also, vulnerable and accessible. The shared experience of the weekend bled over into our weekly meetings and left me feeling connected to this amazing community.

I am forever grateful for this experience and pray more men (and women) have the rich opportunity to find this connection, especially those with any apprehension. I am sure all would benefit from this gift.

— Thomas A. Gutto
Retreatant/Weekend Team Director

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Our LinC group formed, open to anyone, as a beautiful multi-generational group of women ranging in age from 30ish to 80ish. During Lent and Advent a series of videos and discussion guides are provided from the LinC coordinator, Matthew Leon. In between Lent and Advent, monthly reflection materials are provided. LinC also has an annual parish-wide gathering. Our most recent was a morning of reflection with Bishop Mark Trudeau. These events give the opportunity to meet others in LinC groups as well as welcome those who are interested in joining.

“We feel the presence of Christ and the Holy Spirit each week when we gather. It is powerful to have a set time, place and group of people to talk about God, Faith and life’s journey, especially during Lent and Advent. Together we laugh, cry, struggle and succeed. We share hopes, dreams, fears and obstacles. We lift each other up with love and compassion, striving always to walk in the way of Jesus.”

— Kathleen Dobbins
LinC Group Leader

Being involved with the T&T ministry has been such a blessing in my life. For years I was looking for a faith community with people close to my age, and it was hard to find. I was so excited to find out that Martyrs was starting to host Mass every month just for young adults. Gathering in O’Donnell with this group has been an amazing way to foster friendships and a tight knit community of like-minded young adults growing together in faith.

Not only do we have monthly Masses, but we’ve also had the opportunity to get to know each other through other events such as Dodger games, trivia nights, Big Night Out, yoga on the beach, and more. Especially close to my heart has been a Women’s Morning of Reflection where all T&T women are invited to gather for brunch, reflection and prayer on a weekend morning. It has been one of the best ways for me to grow closer to the women in our community and encourage each other.

“I’m so grateful for this growing community of Catholic young adults. Not only have I made so many friends, but we’ve also encouraged each other to grow closer to God on a daily basis, which is so important in our lives! Everyone has been so welcoming, kind and loving and I can’t imagine my life without it now.”

— Trisha Kooba
T&T Member
My Eagle Project gave me an opportunity to give back to my parish and the community. I have grown up as a member of the Church and attended American Martyrs School for grammar school. My project helped transform the Spirituality Center into a special and welcoming place for the families participating in Matthew 25’s Family Promise Outreach Program. The program’s goal is to offer life-changing opportunities that help get good families back on their feet. Through the generosity of many wonderful people, we were able to raise over $15,000, nearly double my original goal. With the help of vendors and suppliers, we were able to add furniture such as dressers and nightstands, as well as new bedding for each room. Thanks to over 25 volunteers including fellow Boy Scouts, friends and family, Monsignor Barry, and the American Martyrs staff, the project was a great success. The Boy Scouts have taught me the skills to plan, organize and lead a project, create teams and assign tasks and responsibilities. I loved working on this project, and I hope that it will impact families as much it impacted me. I learned that a humble project can grow through the generous support of others and can motivate people to do more for their community. I am excited to see the good that will be created in the years to come!

— JP Frey
Eagle Scout - Troop 713
Manhattan Beach

I am blessed to be a part of the Life Teen Core Team. For the past year I, along with several other teen leaders and Confirmation candidates participated in retreats, Life Teen camps, Teen Tuesday Bible Study and conferences. It is impossible to put into words the growth in faith we all experienced. Our Life Teen leadership experiences helped sustain us in faith as we struggle to maneuver through school and the newfound independence many of us experience for the first time. We are all excited about continuing to create and grow our supportive community of faith-filled teens at American Martyrs.

— Abigail Wolschon
Life Teen Core Team
In September, I traveled with 18 other men from the Knights of Columbus, including Fr. John, to Cuilapa. We built two homes and began construction of a chapel in a local village known only as La 46. After seven days of backbreaking labor in extreme heat and humidity, the homes were nearly complete and the chapel’s foundation was poured. Though economically very poor, the people of Cuilapa are incredibly rich in faith. There are only two priests serving countless churches, chapels and capillas. So, when the people hear a priest is visiting to celebrate Mass they come running. It can be easy to take Mass for granted when we have six every Sunday, but the enthusiastic faith of the Guatemalans is contagious! The highlight for me, when we returned to Cuilapa at the end of October, was seeing the chapel. We had poured the foundation just 30 days ago — now it was almost finished and already hosting Mass. I was moved to tears. They said it would take three months to complete, but these men and women had created their new place of worship in only one. We twelve Martyrs parishioner/missionaries, seven women and five men celebrated two Masses at the chapel with scores of locals. We blessed both new homes for the families now filling them with love and gratitude. It is a simple life and a reminder of what is most important: faith, family and friends. I am truly grateful for the experiences I have had on our mission trips. Each one has brought a new perspective and an opportunity to grow in my faith.

— Rob McGarry
Knights of Columbus/Parishioner

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MY GUATEMALA STORY

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This year, tithing from EWEC provided special support for the following parishes:

- **Our Lady of Sorrows, Santa Barbara**: $60,000 for plumbing needs.
- **St. Mark, Goleta**: $15,000 for rectory projects.
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Paula**: $40,000 for church roof.
- **St. Paul, Los Angeles**: $65,000 for school building stairs.
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- **St. Cecilia, Los Angeles**: $17,000 for office heating equipment.
- **St. Raphael, Los Angeles**: $16,000 for roof repairs.
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- **Amazing Parish Conference**: $75,000 for scholarships to help inner-city parishes participate.
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Your generosity also continues to support: "COMMITTED TO TITHE"
Our School of Religious Education families are a vibrant part of our parish community. The 700 young people who participate in faith formation are a blessing to us all. This year, we were able to use our new facilities to celebrate Children’s Liturgies, Church Scavenger Hunts and sacraments. Each March our First Communicants and their parents gather for a morning of Fellowship and Learning, and this year our participants filled the plaza and O’Donnell Hall using the sound system and screens throughout the environment to help gather us as a community of faith. We then spread out into the various rooms for special presentations in smaller groups. Our new facilities are a wonderful addition to this well received event. Receptions after the sacrament of First Penance and First Holy Communion benefitted our 207 First Communicants and their families.

What a warm welcome we are providing to the hundreds of visitors to these events as well!

SACRAMENTS

198 Baptisms  207 First Communions  157 Confirmations  23 Marriages

CONFIRMATION

American Martyrs Confirmation program, SEALED, continues to serve about 300 high school teenagers each year. Our dynamic group of Core member volunteers, and the teens they serve, have experienced an enriching ministry this past year.

Our new Welcome Center, new meeting spaces, and renovated hall have enhanced ministry and completely transformed our ability to provide an engaging environment where our youth encounter Christ in powerful ways. The audio/visual updates have made it possible to record sessions and present materials in ways that are relevant and meaningful for our young disciples.

O’Donnell Hall has been a place for reconnection and encounter, as teens gather from different high schools, hangout on the Plaza just before class, and then enter through the new, wide-open glass doors. What a blessing this new space has been!

From classes to retreats, and through the peaks and valleys of every year on our journey of faith, we are so excited about where we have been and what lies ahead in the coming year! If you are interested in helping with Confirmation, please email mleon@americanmartyrs.org.
AMERICAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our school has been blessed with many wonderful gifts, experiences, and accomplishments. I would like to thank our parish community for your ongoing support as we continue to live out our American Martyrs School Vision.

American Martyrs School is committed to providing the safest possible environment for our students. During the 2018-2019 academic year, a great emphasis was placed on increased campus security. The school conducted two security audits of our campus, installed a buzzer door, and provided ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training for all staff. We pray that we never have to use these exercises in a real-life scenario, but will continue to do what we can to keep our students safe. We would not be able to implement all of these things without the support of our extraordinary school community.

A special thank you to the American Martyrs School Board and the leadership of School Board President Kris Knowles. The school board has been instrumental in guiding and supporting our administration throughout the AMS Vision implementation.

Thank you to the American Martyrs Parent Association led by Jessica Sorrentino. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure have contributed to the growth of our students and greater school community.

Thank you to the AMS faculty and staff for the tremendous job you do educating our students. The talent and dedication you have demonstrated during the implementation of our AMS Vision has been and continues to be exemplary.

Thank you to the American Martyrs parents for your continued partnership as we minister to the faith formation, academic development, and social-emotional needs of our students.

Thank you to Msgr. John Barry for your ongoing support, and the love you share with our entire school community. Your leadership is a blessing to us each and every day.

It is a great pleasure and blessing to have the opportunity to serve this community!

Blessings,
Camryn Friel
Principal

AMERICAN MARTYRS PRESCHOOL

American Martyrs Preschool has just experienced our 19th year of play-based learning! We were excited to welcome new families into our preschool and church community for the 2018-2019 school year. Together we embarked on a journey towards developing a life-long love of learning in our faith based environment! We were truly blessed by your support of Cherish the Child and other fundraisers which allowed us to enjoy many “special” activities at preschool including our Nativity dress up scene on the playground, visits from cultural dancers, animal days and a fun-filled Snow Week experience! Our staff was also able to take advantage of continuing professional development in the early childhood education.

Your support of our recent Parish capital campaign also made a real difference for our children. We installed air-conditioning at the preschool which provides a comfortable environment for learning. Our new Welcome Center and surrounding amenities allow the preschool to expand our ministry. Teachers have a space for parent education experiences for the community and the new meeting rooms are great resources for our fundraiser planning as well as in-service opportunities for our teachers. As a community, these improvements have helped expand our ability to embrace and connect further with our parish members and families on a deeper level.

We are truly blessed to be serving our youngest parishioners. Thank you for supporting American Martyrs Preschool!

God Bless,
Mara Zepeda
Preschool Director
Together in Mission was established 25 years ago to support poor parishes and schools in our Archdiocese. Each year Together in Mission sets our parish goal based upon our offertory income. Any amount we collect above our goal is returned to us for our own use. American Martyrs committed long ago, however, to use our overage for its intended purpose — helping the poor. Every dollar you donate in support of Together in Mission goes directly and exclusively to our poorest parishes and schools.

Last year your donations to TIM enabled us to exceed our goal by $169,056.15 all of which went to support parishes and schools in need.

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GYM AND FIELD ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Year after year, we welcome and host school, parish and community groups in our gym and on our field. The Welcome center has helped us reach more members in our community and have them enjoy our facilities and programs. American Martyrs students use the facilities for physical education classes, lunch and after school programs. We provide the gym and field to the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) sports teams, Manhattan Beach Little League, Manhattan Beach Youth Basketball and the Friendship Circle. We also host a men’s basketball league, senior exercise classes, women’s volleyball and other community groups. During the summer we provide summer programs open to everyone in the community that include musical theatre, skate boarding, sport camps and a 10 week Summer Fun Camp. Social Media and technology this summer has helped enhance the total experience. The gym and field programs continue to foster physical growth, achievement, team work, sportsmanship and fun for all ages. The revenue produced from these facilities and programs helps maintain the quality of the gym and field and also provides for ongoing maintenance costs so we can continue to serve our school, parish and community.

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Called to Renew is a bold Archdiocese-wide plan to strengthen every parish in Los Angeles, and revitalize ministries that serve thousands of the most vulnerable, educate and form our children in our faith, and support priests and those discerning the call. Every Catholic will be invited to participate in this effort to affirm a commitment to our faith over the next three years. Lives will be changed, and through our faith and action, we can each answer a call for renewal here in Southern California.

The largest share of funds raised through the Called to Renew will be allocated to each parish’s needs. With needs growing and costs for ministry increasing year after year, our parishes are being challenged to do more with less. From the urgent need to update facilities, to a desire to provide transformative programs, many struggle to respond to the financial challenges before them. This is especially true of those parishes with the most limited resources, those that are often the only source of hope for the greater communities they serve. Called to Renew will help parishes in distressed communities address critical needs beyond their own financial resources.

We — the Catholic faithful — are the agents of renewal for the Church and society. I am grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside clergy and parishioners in strengthening our parishes and ministries, the heart of our Archdiocese. 

ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ H. GÓMEZ

Our parishes are beacons of hope. They bring light to our neighborhoods and provide opportunities for people from all walks of life to worship God, explore human questions of ultimate meaning and grow together in community.

Wealthy Parishes Called to Renew Campaign Goal

| Support for the Greater Church | $ 2 million |
| Support for American Martyrs | $ 4 million |
| TOTAL PARISH GOAL | $ 6 million |

American Martyrs will do our part for Called to Renew in early 2020. Your prayers and generosity will help parishes throughout Los Angeles, including our own, to repair, maintain and modernize aging facilities. Our beautiful Church was built by the sacrifice of our parishioners in 1956. Like any 64 year old home, especially one that hosts thousands of visitors each week, the church’s infrastructure — its electrical, mechanical, roofing, plumbing and technological, skin and bones — is aging. Called to Renew will help us renew our Church and ensure its integrity, inside and out, for the next generation.
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