St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Community

May 18, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm (Sunday Liturgy) Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday 8:10 AM Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL

 Sunday
 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

 Monday - Friday
 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

 Saturday
 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

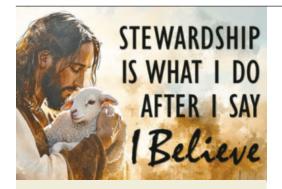
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center 310-540-0329
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To become a member of our community of faith, please stop by or call the Pastoral Center at 310-540-0329 or register online: https://www.stlm.org/im-new



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We thank you for your generosity and support of our St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Community.

PASTORAL CENTER HOURS

MAY 18 - MAY 26

Sun	5/18	08:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mon	5/19	08:30 am - 12:30 pm
		01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Tue	5/20	Staff Formation
		Office Closed
Wed	5/21	08:30 am - 12:30 pm
		01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Thu	5/22	08:30 am - 12:30 pm
		01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Fri	5/23	08:30 am - 12:30 pm
		01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Sat	5/24	Closed
Sun	5/25	08:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mon	5/26	Memorial Day

Office Closed

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love. May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen. ©LPi

Honoring Mary and Embracing a Culture of Life

Every Tuesday in May, 7:00 pm | In the Church

Come pray the Rosary for Life with us this May. As we honor Mary, the Mother of Life, we lift our hearts in prayer for the protection and dignity of every human life—from conception to natural death. United as a faith community and inspired by Mary's loving example, we seek to build a culture that honors and safeguards the sacred gift of life. All are welcome!

Notre Dame Folk Choir: Drawn to the Table

Saturday, May 24, 7:00 pm | In the Church

The University of Notre Dame Folk Choir comprises 65 undergraduate students passionate about sharing their faith through vibrant and inspiring music. Their latest creation, Drawn Back to the Table, is a powerful musical adaptation inspired by the Road to Emmaus scripture. Developed collaboratively by the



students themselves, this performance invites both participants and audiences into a profound reflection on the Paschal Mystery—the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus—while exploring the challenging and meaningful questions faced by young people in today's Church.

Please consider hosting two or more members of the choir for ONE night while the choir is in the Redondo Beach area.

Cardinal MacIntyre Fund Collection This Weekend

The Cardinal MacIntyre Fund provides emergency help to people with nowhere else to go. The Fund is not a replacement or supplement for welfare or other forms of public assistance. It does not support persons' living needs continuously, instead the Fund acts to solve immediate, pressing problems: food and milk for three days, lodging for the night, emergency medical care, rent to tide over a financial crisis or a utility bill to keep the water or heat turned on for the week. This week, please prayerfully consider your support of this critical initiative.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for all those suffering illness and in need of healing and comfort.

Mark Seymour Lily Family Cheroel Maple

Virginia Maple Lisa Arturo Jestine Salmen
Toni Elyse Bautista Andy Filak Veon Filak
Katherine Anderson Rita Cunningham Helen Wilson

Johanna May Chris Luciano Rose Zimmerman

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

May all the souls of the recently departed, through the mercy of Christ, rest in peace.

Fr. Jeffrey Harvey Fr. Roy Persich Anita Keating

Carol Betts Luella Simko

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts of the Apostles 14:27)

Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Psalm 145)

Second Reading: I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Revelations 21:4)

Gospel: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (John 13:34)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27, Revelations 21:1-5a,

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18, John 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28, John 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6, John 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21, John 15:9-11

Friday: Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31, John 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10, John 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29, Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23,

John 14:23-2

HEARTS RAISED: EXPLORING CATHOLIC PRAYER



O.C.I.A. in Pastoral Center Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 pm ALL ARE WELCOME!



SUNDAY, MAY 18

7:00 am | Mother's Day Novena

9:00 am | Emile & Barbara Fahrenkrug †

11:30 am | Nicole Hill † 5:00 pm | Parishioners

MONDAY, MAY 19

8:10 am | Mother's Day Novena †

TUESDAY, MAY 20

8:10 am | Amy Sabol †

12:00 pm | Mary Borg †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

8:10 am | Maurine Gerwig †

THURSDAY, MAY 22

8:10 am | Amy Sabol †

12:00 pm | Juana Marin †

FRIDAY, MAY 23

8:10 am | Leonardo Gonzaga †

SATURDAY, MAY 24

8:10 am | Joseph & Mary Ambrosi †

4:00 pm | Sr. Mary Jane Feil †

SUNDAY, MAY 25

7:00 am | Amnery Muxo †

9:00 am | Kevin Enrile

Terry Wolownik †

11:30 am | Zenon Catabui 5:00 pm | Parishioners

(† Deceased)

Parishioners are invited to offer Mass intentions for loved ones, living or deceased. A donation of \$20 is suggested. You may also add your loved one to the Book of Intentions in the church by Mary. Your offering supports our parish and the spiritual work of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.



GOSPEL MEDITATION by FR. JOHN MUIR

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you." ©LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Mini Reflection: When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman . ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

If you love like me, Jesus tells his disciples, they will know you are mine. We shouldn't leave any room for doubt in the minds of each and every person we encounter. Let the whole world know: we love like Christ, and we belong to Chris ©LPi

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OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other — let us go forward. We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us.

The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us also, and then help each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with encounter, uniting us all to be one people always at peace...

To all of you, brothers and sisters from Rome, from Italy, from all over the world, we want to be a synodal Church, a church that walks, a church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer.

Full text available at stlm.org/vatican

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading: Despite facing many hardships, Paul and Barnabas succeeded in preaching the good news of Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. How do you work through personal setbacks?

2nd Reading: At the start of his final vision, John sees the age to come in which God comes to dwell with his people on earth and all tears, pain and even death itself is gone. Who in your life needs to hear this incredible message of hope?

Gospel: Jesus modeled for his disciples how to love one another. Do you have friends or co-workers who show you how to love others? ©LPi





FOLK CHOIR FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME COMING TO SLM MAY 24

Mark your calendar for a night of inspiration: **Saturday, May 24 at 7PM**, right here at SLM as the 65-member
Folk Choir from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana,
makes SLM its final stop on their 2025 ArizonaCalifornia concert tour! Experience *Drawn Back to the Table*, a musical adaptation of Chrits's the Passion and
Resurrection. This is an original and captivating
retelling of key Gospel narratives surrounding Jesus'
ministry and the cornerstone moments of Christian
faith.

A **freewill offering** will be collected at each performance to help fund the choir's upcoming album and their anticipated East Asia tour in May 2026, further spreading their mission of faith and love worldwide. Parishioners have been inquiring how they can help support this concert. Here's how you can help:

- 1) You can sponsor a dinner for a choir member in the amount of \$20 payable to "SLM." Please indicate "Parish Support 6/24" in the memo line of your check.
- 2) You can **spread the word** about the concert to friends, family, or anyone who you think would enjoy the performance, and
- 3) Offer homestay for these students. The generosity of SLM parishioners in welcoming members of this choir into our homes fosters SLM's spirit of community and connection. Please consider hosting two or more members of the choir for ONE night while the choir is in the Redondo Beach area. The schedule is:

[PICKUP – after the concert]

May 24th, 2025 - 9:00 PM - St. Lawrence Martyr Church [DROP OFF]

May 25th, 2025 - 8:00 AM - St. Lawrence Martyr Church

Please email Asher Martin directly at amarti97@nd.edu with any homestay inquiries.

Les Rangel-Santos
Director of Worship: Liturgy & Music
les.rangelsantos@stlm.org

SLM GIFT SHOP

Sun | 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Tue, Thu, Fri | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Mon, Wed, Sat | Closed

Closed May 25

310-540-0329 x249 | giftshop@stlm.org

VOTIVE CANDLES

Candles are available at the Pastoral Center or in the Gift Shop. Candles are \$5.00 ea. and stay lit for five days.

NO DONUTS THIS WEEK

Join us Sunday, June 8 for the Scouts Pancake Breakfast.

Freewill offerings always greatly appreciated.

SOBER, NOT SOMBER

Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous Sundays | 10:15 AM Pastoral Center (Office)

The meetings are mixed, closed, with handicapped access.

More Info | 310-540-0329 x 545

LA Central Office | 323-936-4343

DON'T DRINK - CALL FIRST

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Each baby baptized at SLM receives a free handmade quilt crafted by a lovely parishioner, or a blanket crocheted by our Knitting Ministry.

If you want to support this ministry, you may drop off a monetary donation at the Pastoral Center. Please indicate **Baptism Ministry**.

Interested in volunteering?
Looking for support?



WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Sun, May 18, 10:30 AM | Pastoral Center A group of women supporting each other through life's many transitions. 310-540-0329 x 540

READING ROUNDUP

Mon, May 19, 10:00 AM | Parish Hall Silently read your own book and then discuss your book, and why you like it! 310-540-0329 x 540

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Wed, May 21, 10:00 AM | Pastoral Center Small Community of Faith who love reading & discussing books.

310-415-0876

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

Sun, May 25, 10:30 AM | Pastoral Center Gathering of people who are directly or indirectly affected by care giving of others. 310-540-0329 x 540

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT

Wed, May 28, 7:00 PM | Parish Hall Family Support Group for those with loved ones suffering from mental illness. 310-792-0244

CATECHISM & COFFEE

Thu, Jun 5, 9:00 AM | Parish Hall Discussion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church guided by Fr. Charles. 310-540-0329

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thu, Jun 5, 6:00 PM | Pastoral Center Young Adult fellowship and formation guided by Fr. Charles.
310-540-0329

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sun, Jun 8, 10:30 AM | Pastoral Center Group meeting for those mourning the loss of a loved one.

310-540-0329 x 540

MICHELANGELO MINISTRY

Mon, Jun 9, 10:00 AM | Parish Hall Explore the artist within you & be part of a community who love the creative process. 310-540-0329 x 540

LGBT+ (ONE HEART) MINISTRY

Tue, Jun 10, 7:00 PM | Pastoral Center Ministry open to members of the LGBT+Community, family, friends & allies.
Don.Burt@stlm.org

ONE IN CHRIST MINISTRY

Wed, Jun 11, 7:00 PM | Pastoral Center A ministry for racial healing and cultural celebration. Come pray with us. 310-540-0329 x 276

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT

Sat, Jun 14 | Nebres Group

Small groups discuss topics through the lens of faith and provide support for each other. 310-722-0176

ST. KATERI CIRCLE

Fri, Jun 20, 6:00 PM | Call for location A Native American prayer group devoted to St. Kateri Tekakwitha. 310-901-2432

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY

Mon, Jun 23, 7:00 PM | Parish Hall Dedicated to bringing the message of life to the parish & the world. 310-678-2583 | DaleSheckler@gmail.com

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY

Thu, Aug 21, 7:00 PM | Parish Hall Supports the victims of human trafficking in the South Bay and Los Angeles County. 310-540-0329 x 380

FAMILY PROMISE

TBD | Resurrection Lutheran Provide food and food items for families seeking stable housing in the South Bay. 310-428-9123

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Stephen Ministry Message Line

Christian friend to listen, pray and support you in difficult times. (Confidential) 310-540-0329 x375

Saturday Street Ministry

Provide food & clothing to homeless in LA. 310-540-0329 x276

Open Arms Ministry

Friendly visits to home bound parishioners. $310-540-0329 \times 540$

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Women in Transition

Maybe you've wondered about our group and thought, "I'm not in transition. Nothing is changing in my life." Our lives are changing from day to day, from moment to moment, feeling full one day and empty the next, happy one day and sad the next. Sometimes we feel as though we are in the midst of chaos; our lives are spinning out of control, and we are the only ones who experience these emotions. We can find comfort in learning that we are not alone; that others are likely spinning in similar orbits. Together, in this group, let's share our lives.

READING ROUNDUP

In traditional book groups, people show up having read the book, but there's a lot to be said for sharing the experience of reading together. The Reading Roundup is a silent book group where we read together quietly before we discuss. Bring whatever you are reading. We will read for about an hour and then talk about the book we decided to bring and why we like it. Be prepared for many interesting discussions in our politically free zone!

3rd Monday of the Month 10:00-12:00 | Parish Hall | 310-540-0329 x540

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to join this Small Community of Faith.

Our new book is Imagine You Walked with Jesus: A Guide to Ignatian Contemplative Prayer by Jerry Windley-Daoust.

Call for more information, or just show up.

1st and 3rd Wed of each month | 10:00am | Pastoral Center Jeanine Gallagher | 310-415-0876

Caregivers, Take Time To Care For Yourselves

An informal gathering of people whose lives are directly or indirectly affected by their caregiving of parents, children, spouses, or anyone whose lives are directly or indirectly affected by their caregiving. Our group is a safe place where feelings about God, spirituality, and struggles are shared; where issues of isolation and loneliness are addressed; where, as a group, individuals find the courage and strength to continue on; where caregivers teach each other ways to strengthen their relationship with God and with our community.

Fourth Sunday of the month @ 10:30 AM in the Parish Center.



Family Support Group

You are NOT alone

Mental illness affects everyone directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers. Join us in a safe, confidential environment to share your experiences and learn from others. We are a FAMILY Support Group for those with loved ones suffering from mental illness. (Please note that this group is for loved ones, not for those with Mental Illness). Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM.

Kim Sheckler or Tracy Ayotte | familytofamilystlm@gmail.com | 310-792-0244



Join us for a cup of coffee as we chat about our Faith and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. A round table discussion guided by Fr. Charles where we discuss various topics of interest. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 9 am in the Parish Hall. Questions/topics may be sent in advance to catechism.coffee@gmail.com.

Next Topic: The Voice Within: Aligning Our Hearts with God's Will LET'S GROW TOGETHER IN OUR FAITH

SLM SCHOOL SCRIP

Tue & Thu | 8:00 AM - 2:45 PM 310-316-3049

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PRAYER SHAWLS

Shawls and blankets available to give to anyone who needs an uplift. The shawls and blankets are free of charge and available in the Pastoral Center.

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY

The F.A.I.T.H. (Freedom & Intervention for the Trafficking of Humans) Ministry supports the victims of human trafficking in the South Bay and in Los Angeles County.

We are collecting toiletry items for victims of human trafficking. The items can be dropped off at the Pastoral Center during normal business hours.

faith.ministry@stlm.org 310-540-0329 x 380

FOOD PANTRY

Saturday | 8 AM - 10 AM 1st Sunday | 8 AM - 11 AM

We prepare bags of groceries for individual families and sack lunches given to the homeless. For a list of preferred donations please visit www.stlm.org/giving-back.

Monetary donations may be given online through Elexio Giving, mailed or dropped in the Pastoral Center mail slot. Please indicate **Food Pantry**.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity as we continue to serve those in need. 310-540-0329 x 276



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: AGE-APPROPRIATE CURIOSITY IN YOUNG CHILDREN

Knowing the difference between age-appropriate and inappropriate behaviors in children can help safe adults determine whether something feels "off" about a child's behavior and could indicate potential sexual abuse. For preschool children and young children (around ages 4-6), exploring their bodies is natural. They are not yet old enough to understand the idea of "private" naturally, and may also be curious about others' bodies - parents, friends, etc. These behaviors are common and developmentally appropriate for their age and stage. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

PRAYING THE FRANCISCAN CROWN WITH ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

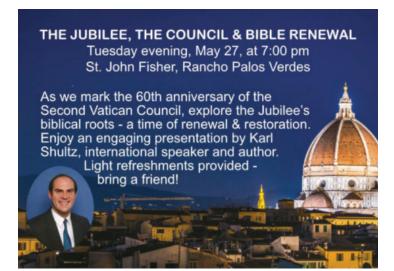
Fr. Thomas Czech, a Conventual Franciscan will teach the Franciscan Crown Rosary with reflections from the writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

> Thursday, May 22, 7 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hermosa Beach











June 8th | After all morning Masses



Boy Scout Troop 191, a troop chartered by St. Lawrence Martyr Church, routinely gives back to the Church community through food drives for the Food Pantry and supporting various other SLM projects.

Funds raised will directly benefit our troop and our many scouts attending camp at Camp Chawankee in Shaver Lake this summer. We hope to see you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!







July 19, 2025 | 8:30 am - 11:00 am

FACILITATOR: LYNDY WYNNE **OPEN TO ALL WOMEN PARISHIONERS**

RETREAT SCHEDULE

8:10 am Mass (optional)

8:30 am Retreat begins with a light breakfast. Breakfast will still be available if you attend Mass.

11:00 am Reconciliation (optional)

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