

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DEC 7, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MAKE STRAIGHT
HIS PATHS.

— MATTHEW 3:3 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Rev. Msgr. Paul Dotson, Pastor

Rev. Charles Balamaze, Associate Pastor | Rev. Msgr. Peter O'Reilly, In Residence

Deacon Don Burt | Deacon Jim Egnatuk | Deacon Dale Sheckler

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00 PM (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday	7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday	6:15 AM, 8:10 AM 12 PM & 7 PM
Tuesday - Saturday	8:10 AM
Tuesday & Thursday	12:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL

Sunday	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Monday & Friday	7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Monday-Friday	7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

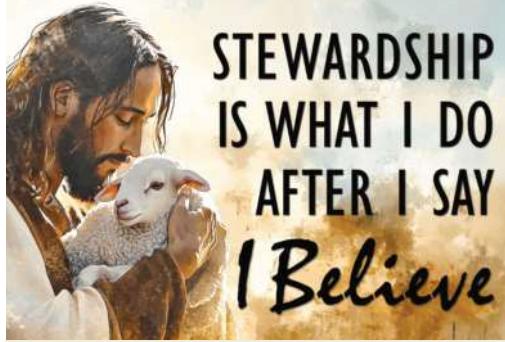
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center	310-540-0329
Office for Worship	310-316-0090
Office of Religious Education	310-316-4460
O.C.I.A. for Adults	310-316-0961
St. Lawrence Martyr School	310-316-3049
Youth Ministry/Confirmation	310-316-0466
Funerals	424-458-7861
St. Lawrence Martyr Gift Shop	424-385-0546

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



GIVING TO ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR IS EASY WITH ELEXIO

Forgot your envelope? Are you visiting us today and want to make a ONE TIME GIFT? Want to give to a special collection? Follow these easy and secure steps to Text-to-Give:

- Text **GIVE** to **424-414-STLM**.
- Follow the text instructions to complete your donation.
- Save the number as a contact in your phone to make future giving faster and easier.

You may also give by scanning this QR Code with the camera app on your cellphone or visit STLM.ORG/GIVING



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

PASTORAL CENTER HOURS DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 15

Sun	12/7	08:00 am - 01:00 pm
Mon	12/8	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Tue	12/9	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Wed	12/10	08:30 am - 12:00 pm
Thu	12/11	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Fri	12/12	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Sat	12/13	Closed
Sun	12/14	08:00 am - 01:00 pm
Mon	12/15	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

Come, Lord Jesus!

Bring your peace to our world. Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions, bind wounds, rewrite scripts. You are the Prince of Peace, bring that light into every space. Amen. ©LPI

Immaculate Conception

December 8 | Masses 6:15 am, 8:10 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

A Holy Day of Obligation, this feast honors Mary, whom God, in His grace, preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception. Proclaimed as a dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, it highlights Mary's unique role in God's plan of salvation and invites us to reflect on His mercy at work in our own lives.

Adopt-A-Family

Sign Up by December 8 | dalesheckler@gmail.com | 310-678-2583

Many inner-city families are looking at sparse or no Christmas celebrations due to severe poverty. Let's adopt these families so they may enjoy a proper Christmas celebration. The Adopt-A-Family program matches you with a family in need.

Simbang Gabi Parol Making Event

December 13 | 5 pm | Parish Hall

Join us as we bring families together in joyful creativity. Purchase and bring your own parol-making kit (step-by-step instructions provided). Light refreshments provided.



Advent Giving Tree

December 13-14 | All Masses

Every act of charity opens a path to encounter Christ. Bring your Advent Giving Tree gift to the altar during the offertory at any Mass next weekend. Your gift today helps someone experience God's love in a personal way.



Plan Your Giving: Invest in St. Lawrence Martyr's Future

As the year ends, plan your year-end gift to support St. Lawrence Martyr Parish and our "Looking to the Future" Capital Campaign. Your contribution will fund essential repairs, security upgrades, and modernized spaces—ensuring our parish thrives for generations. Learn more at stlm.org/campaign

NEXT WEEKEND

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime

QR code for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Gregg Cassity	Kayla Williams	Lily Cueto
Joana Livoti	James Duffy	Ysela Cieplucha
Kerrie Najarrian	Fr Charles Ara	Devin Poole
David Dietz	Diane Cole	Anthony Pardinas
Mary Blaney		

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Jeff Cooper	Eleanor Patton	Marilyn Ratigan
Roger Medina	Robin Vieville	Ronald G. Wilson

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:2)

Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Psalm 72)

Second Reading: Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Matthew 3:11)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday:	Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12
Monday:	Genesis 3:9-15, 20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Isaiah 40:1-11, Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Isaiah 40:25-31, Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday:	Isaiah 41:13-20, Matthew 11:11-15
Friday:	Zechariah 2:14-17, Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-1



ADVENT & OUR LITUGICAL YEAR
O.C.I.A. in Pastoral Center
Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 am Wils Reagan †
9:00 am George Kennedy †
11:30 am Donovan Crook
5:00 pm Luis Aguirre †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:15 am Patti King †
8:10 am Nancy Sciarra †
12:00 pm Billy Barry

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:10 am Dolly Lee †
12:00 pm Juliet DeMoss

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:10 am Wayne Burke †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:10 am Susan Hoffman †
12:00 pm Patti King †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:10 am Chuey Hernandez †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:10 am Nancy Sciarra †
4:00 pm Gail Belott †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 am Alvaro & Gisela Fernandez †
9:00 am Dolly Lee †
11:30 am Ray Ommer †
(† 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 ones 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.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION by FR. JOHN MUIR

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “**locusts and wild honey**” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ. ©LPI

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Mini Reflection: It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

Culturally Catholic

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I’m Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect).

Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I’m saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it’s versatile, and it’s nourishing. It’s the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick’s Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture.

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist’s words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he’s telling us — that culture isn’t enough.

Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It’s something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with you.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman . ©LPI

ON THE DEATH OF A LOVED-ONE

Families experiencing the loss of a loved one may call 424-458-7861 at any time to begin funeral arrangements at St. Lawrence Martyr. This dedicated line is checked three times a day, and a minister will return your call within 24 hours.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading: Isaiah foresaw God's future when the world will be ruled by a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") and the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. What do you hope for in your future?

2nd Reading: Paul encouraged the community of believers in Rome to be in harmony with each other in thought and mind. Are there relationships in your life you consider to be harmonious?

Gospel: John the Baptist taught the people to prepare for the kingdom of heaven by repenting of sins and producing "good fruit." What could you do this second week of Advent to make a positive impact? ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance? ©LPI

ONE HEART ADVENT REFLECTION

"Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. (Is 11:6-9)

Isaiah paints a vision of peace so profound that even natural enemies are reconciled. It is a picture of the harmony that God desires for all creation—a harmony made possible only through His grace.



In our world today, where division and hostility often dominate public and personal life, Isaiah's vision can feel distant or even impossible. Yet the prophet's words invite us to take the first steps toward that peace in our own relationships. What would it take for those who differ—politically, culturally, or personally—to sit down and truly listen to one another?

As followers of Christ, we are called to be instruments of reconciliation. By approaching others with respect, humility, and openness—not to win an argument, but to begin a genuine dialogue—we make space for the Holy Spirit to work. Even small gestures of understanding and compassion can become seeds of peace in a world that longs for healing.

May we each strive, in our own encounters, to reflect the peace that Isaiah foretells and that Christ Himself came to bring.

See You in the *Eucharist*

SEVEN BIBLE VERSES EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW

NUMBER FIVE: REVELATION 12:1-2, 5

THE BLESSED MOTHER

“... she brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne...” So, there is woman. Where is she? Heaven. There's a heavenly woman. And she's wearing a crown of twelve stars. A heavenly woman wearing a crown: princess or queen. Queen. Heavenly Queen. Who is brought forth as the male child? Davidic Messiah: Jesus. We have this heavenly Queen who gives birth to Jesus. And who is this woman? Mary. The child is Jesus. Mary is the mother of Jesus. The red dragon in this passage is satan. The characters in this passage are not just symbolic figures but are actual, historical personages. One cannot rule out this passage as referring to the Blessed Mary. She is icon of the People of God, giving birth to Jesus in the way Christians live and have lived throughout the ages through the sacrament of rebirth: baptism.



Next Bulletin (12/14/2025): 2 Kings: 13-20 RELICS

“So Eli’sha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. And as a man was being buried, lo, a marauding band was seen and the man was cast into the grave of Eli’sha, and as soon as the man touched the bones of Eli’sha, he revived and stood on his feet.”

(Source: Dr. John Bergsma, St. Paul Center)

Number One: 1 Timothy 3:14-15 (see 11/9/2025 Bulletin)

Number Two: 2 Thessalonians 2:15 (see 11/16/2025)

Number Three: 2 Peter 1:20-21 (see 11/23/2025 Bulletin)

Number Four: John 20:23-32-10 (see 11/30/25 Bulletin)

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SLM GIFT SHOP & CHRISTMAS STORE

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

GIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS STORE

The spirit of Christmas is in full swing! Visit our Gift Shop for unique, meaningful gifts - statues, Nativity sets, candles, and keepsakes that share the joy of the season..



DONUTS THIS WEEK

Sunday | after 7 am & 9 am Masses
 This Sunday we give thanks to our host

Friends of the Choir

Freewill offerings always greatly appreciated and support our Donut Ministry.

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.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Each baby baptized at SLM receives a 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?



MICHELANGELO MINISTRY

Mon, Dec 8, 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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Mon, Dec 8 , 6:00 pm | Pastoral Center
 Young Adult fellowship and formation guided by Fr. Charles.
 310-540-0329

LGBT+ (ONE HEART) MINISTRY

Tue, Dec 9, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center
 Ministry open to members of the LGBT+ Community, family, friends & allies.
 Don.Burt@stlm.org

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT

Sat, Dec 13 | Nebres & Houston Groups
 Small groups discuss topics through the lens of faith and provide support for each other.
 310-722-0176

SOUTH BAY STRUMMERS

Sat, Dec 13, 9:00 am | Parish Hall
 Ukulele Group - everyone's welcome! Just bring your smile and love of music!
 SouthBayStrummers@yahoo.com

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sun, Dec 14, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
 Group meeting for those mourning the loss of a loved one.
 310-540-0329 x 540

SINGALONG JAM NIGHTS

Mon, Dec 15, 7:00 pm | Parish Hall
 Bring instruments and/or the desire to sing along to well-loved songs in a group setting.
 RauLisaV@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Wed, Dec 17, 10:00 am | Pastoral Center
 Small Community of Faith who love reading & discussing books.
 310-415-0876

ONE IN CHRIST MINISTRY

Thu, Dec 18, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center
 A ministry for racial healing and cultural celebration. Come pray with us.
 310-540-0329 x 276

ST. KATERI CIRCLE

Fri, Dec 19, 6:00 pm | Call for location
 A Native American prayer group devoted to St. Kateri Tekakwitha.
 310-901-2432

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Sun, Dec 21, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
 A group of women supporting each other through life's many transitions.
 310-540-0329 x 540

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY ROSARY

Mon, Dec 22, 7:00 pm | In the Church
 Dedicated to bringing the message of life to the parish & the world.
 310-678-2583 | DaleScheckler@gmail.com

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

Sun, Dec 28, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
 Gathering of people who are directly or indirectly affected by care giving of others.
 310-540-0329 x 540

CATECHISM & COFFEE

Thu, Jan 1, 9:00 am | Parish Hall
 Discussion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church guided by Fr. Charles.
 310-540-0329

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY

Thu, Jan 15, 7:00 pm | Parish Hall
 Supports the victims of human trafficking in the South Bay and Los Angeles County.
 310-540-0329 x 380

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT

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

PADDLE N PRAISE

Sat, Mar 14, 9:00 am | Lower Courts
 All adults 18 and over invited to fun, faith and fellowship through Pickleball.
 424-408-9738

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Stephen Ministry Message Line

Christian friend to listen, pray and support you in difficult times.
 (Confidential) 310-540-0329 x540

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 x 540

MICHELANGELO MINISTRY

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time" - Thomas Merton
We invite you to explore the artist within you, to learn to hear the Holy Spirit guiding you towards your creativity. Don't be shy! This is a ministry where the slogan "No experience necessary" holds true and is a socially supportive and safe space to explore, create, and grow. We will learn and laugh and be joyful together through art. And if you just want to show up and paint rocks, this is the place for you! Rocks and paint will always be on hand.

2nd & 4th Monday each month | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon | Parish Hall - upstairs

Young Adult Ministry

Women and men, ages 18 to 30s, all from diverse cultural, vocational, social, and political backgrounds. We come together for spiritual, educational, and social activities and programs. We support each other as we discover new roles in life, family, work, society, and the Catholic Church. Join our family for fellowship and fun.

Father Charles Balamaze | 310-540-0329



THE LGBT+ (ONE HEART) MINISTRY

"One Heart" is the LGBT ministry at Saint Lawrence Martyr Church. We are dedicated to the loving acceptance and integration of all persons into our faith community by listening to, understanding, and supporting one another as followers of Jesus.

2nd Tuesday of each month | 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center

Deacon Don | don.burt@stlm.org

Christian Family Movement

Strengthening Families, Building Communities

The Christian Family Movement (CFM) are small groups that meet monthly to discuss topics through the lens of faith, provide support for each other, and practice putting our faith in action. CFM members share life, faith, and best practices. They build friendships that are welcoming and that inspire an active faith. CFM creates a family of families within our parish. We have three CFM groups at SLM, each meets once a month.

For meeting times and locations, call 310-722-0176.

The South Bay Strummers is a friendly ukulele group open to all, free to join, and welcoming every skill level. Members learn, play, and share music together at community events across the South Bay - including the Torrance Memorial Holiday Festival, senior centers, St. Lawrence's BBQ and Tree Lighting, and the beloved Sleepy Hollow Christmas Lights show. Founded and led by Clint Fisher since 2002, the group brings people together through music, friendship, and fun.

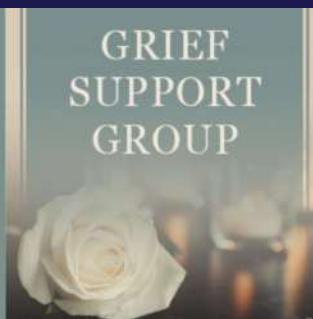


Every Saturday
9:00am | Parish Hall

Clint Fisher
310-890-0975
SouthBayStrummers@yahoo.com
southbaystrummers.weebly.com

The Grief Support Group is for those mourning the loss of a loved one. Our group will help you understand that there is no "expectation" for grieving. Everyone has their own process, their own way, and their own time frame. This is a group meeting where the members develop a connection and hopefully feel comfortable and at ease with each other as we journey together.

2nd Sunday of every month | 10:30 AM | Pastoral Center



SLM SCHOOL SCRIP

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

Available from the Parish Office outside of regular Scrip office hours.

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



Keep in touch with us
via email & text
Text **STLM** to **84576**

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: FACTS ABOUT COMMUNITY GROOMING

There is a third type of grooming: community grooming. In community grooming, a predator creates a controlled environment, projecting an image of a responsible, caring adult. They mimic the behavior of good people around them, to get closer to children and then select a victim. Adults often have trouble seeing potentially troubling behavior, because they have been groomed to see the predator as an upstanding person.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Grooming Process" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Tuesday, December 16 | 10 am - 4 pm
Schedule your appointment today!

Shake Up Your Holiday Tradition
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ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR

Simbang Gabi

Parol Painting Event
 Dec 13th | 5 pm | Parish Hall

Mass & Reception
 Dec 18th | 7 pm





ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DEC 24 | 9:30 PM

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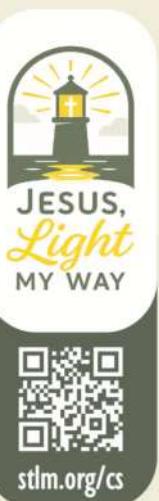
St. Lawrence Martyr Church

St. Lawrence MARTYR CHURCH
Women's Cornerstone Retreat
 February 6-7, 2026

Step away from the noise, and let the Light of Christ renew your spirit.
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

Begins Friday, Feb 6, 5 pm - 10 pm
 Starts with dinner thru the evening

Return Saturday, Feb 7, 8 am - 7:30 pm
 (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)





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MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT
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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8
6:15 am, 8:10 am, 12 pm, & 7 pm

Join us as we celebrate Mary's purity and holiness from the first moment of her conception. Let us gather in gratitude for Mary's pure "yes" to God and her role in our salvation story.

Holy Day of Obligation

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 12
8:10 am

"The perfect always-virgin Holy Mother, Mother of the true God" appeared on Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531 to the indigenous peasant Juan Diego, asking that a shrine be built at the site. When the bishop demanded a sign, Mary caused roses to bloom in winter and impressed her image on Juan Diego's tilma, confirming the apparition.



2026 Catholic Calendar

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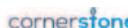
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