

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DEC 21, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE.

— MATTHEW 1:23 —

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat 8:10 AM

Tuesday 12:00 PM

*See back page for Christmas Schedule*

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Sunday 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Mon-Tue & Fri 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### MEMORIAL GARDEN

Mon-Tue & Fri 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### 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

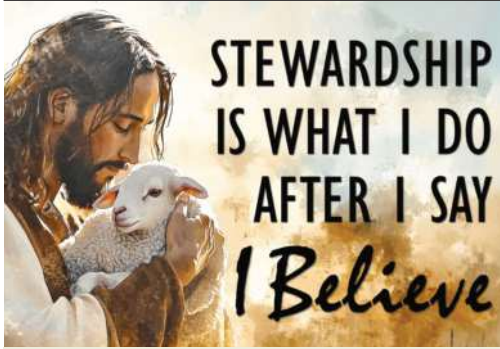
St. Lawrence Martyr School 310-316-3049

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 21 - DECEMBER 29

Sun	12/21	08:00 am - 01:00 pm
Mon	12/22	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Tue	12/23	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Wed	12/24	08:30 am - 12:00 pm
Thu	12/25	<b>Closed</b>
Fri	12/26	<b>Closed</b>
Sat	12/27	<b>Closed</b>
Sun	12/28	08:00 am - 01:00 pm
Mon	12/29	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm

## PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

Dear God,

You are in the miracle business. I still believe that You can move mountains and separate seas. Break into every unknown and astound us with Your goodness and grace. Amen. ©LPI

*Dear Parish Family,*

*As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may the light of the Christ Child fill your home with peace, restore hope where it has grown weary, and strengthen love within your family. Thank you for the many ways you bless our parish with your faith, generosity, and service.*

*Merry Christmas, and may God's joy remain with you throughout the New Year.*

*— Msgr. Paul Dotson, Pastor*

### Christmas Eve Parking

To help with the flow of cars and ease of parking, attendants will be present in the main church parking lot. Please follow their directions to ensure a smooth parking experience for all. Please note there will be one location area for drop offs. Our golf cart shuttle service will be running from the lower lot to the church for parishioners who need assistance. We also have overflow parking available in our lot on the south side of our property at the end of the alley off Prospect Avenue. We look forward to having you with us this Christmas.

### Parking Reminder

The lot across Prospect (Subway, CVS, Corner Bakery, etc.) is for customers only. Unauthorized vehicles, including parishioners and parents, may now be towed. Please do not park there. Alternative parking is available in the alley behind the school (south of SLM).

### Memorial Scrolls

The names from the Memorial Scrolls are available for pickup. They are in a basket located in the Narthax. The names of loved ones make a wonderful keepsake of remembrance.

### Year-End Giving & Year-End Statements

Thank you for your generous support of St. Lawrence Martyr this year. Whether you have contributed to the General Offertory, a specific Parish Ministry or the Capital Campaign, your donations help our parish community and those in need.



Any December or year-end donations you would like reflected on your 2025 statement must be dated Dec 31 and placed in the collection or brought to the Pastoral Center by Dec 31. All mail postmarked before or on Dec 31 will fall on the 2025 statement. You may also give online by Dec 31 at [stlm.org/giving](http://stlm.org/giving). Statements will be sent by the end of Jan 2025.

Special collections, including Together in Mission, received by the Archdiocese will be acknowledged directly from the Archdiocese

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Fr Charles Ara	Devin Poole	David Dietz
Diane Cole	Anthony Pardinas	Mary Blaney
Bob Zweig	Harlika O Balles	Rita Cunningham
Tony Berberian	Jim Gill	Stuart Cassity
Brent Everhart	Grant Chamberlain	Jeanne Ruiz

## THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Saturnina Abao Susan Bell

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.*

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

**Psalm:** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Psalm 24)

**Second Reading:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

**Gospel:** "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:20-21)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.  
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997,  
International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. ©LPi*

## WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24  
Monday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28, Luke 1:46-56  
Tuesday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24, Luke 1:57-66  
Wednesday: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Luke 1:67-79  
Thursday: Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Matthew 1:1-25  
Night: Isaiah 9:1-6, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14  
Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12, Titus 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18  
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Matthew 10:17-22  
Saturday: 1 John 1:1-4, John 20:1a, 2-8  
Next Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3:12-21, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 am Armando Ruiz †

9:00 am Karla Ness

11:30 am Mary Teshiba

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:10 am Kathleen Ward †

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:10 am Guadalupe & Alejandro  
Martinez

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:10 am Del Amo Hospital

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:10 am Kathleen Somerville Gros

4:00 pm Mike, Liam & Patrick

Kennedy

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 am Wilson Meyer

9:00 am Doug & Karla Ness †

11:30 am Leticia Ibarra †

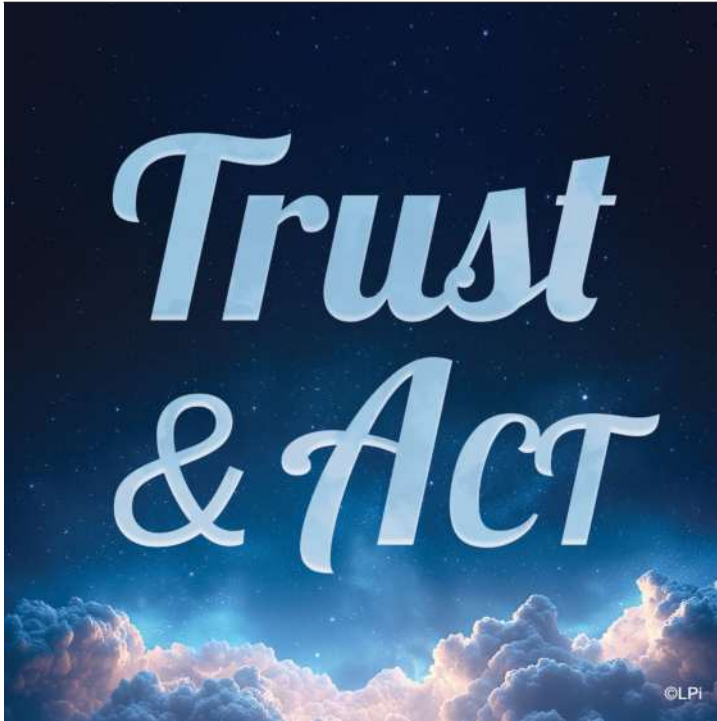
(† Deceased)

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.



**THE CREED**  
**O.C.I.A. in Pastoral Center**  
**Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 pm**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**





### GOSPEL MEDITATION by FR. JOHN MUIR

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly ten years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20)**. When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't over analyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you. ©LPI

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Mini Reflection:** Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

#### The First Transfiguration

I imagine Joseph waking up the morning after the dream, blinking in the dim half-light of the dawn.

One day, decades from now, the baby his wife carries will stand on a mountaintop. His face will shine like the sun, and those who look upon him will fall down upon their own faces in fear.

We call this the transfiguration, and Joseph won't be there to see it. But that doesn't matter. What those men will learn on the mountaintop, Joseph already knows. He learned it last night.

Today, he shrugs off the remnants of slumber and stands up.

"Rise, and do not be afraid." This is what the baby — a baby no longer, but a man now, one in the last days of his life — will say to his companions on the mountain a few decades from now. They will look up to see him standing there the same as he always was, and they will realize that he did not change at all. They did.

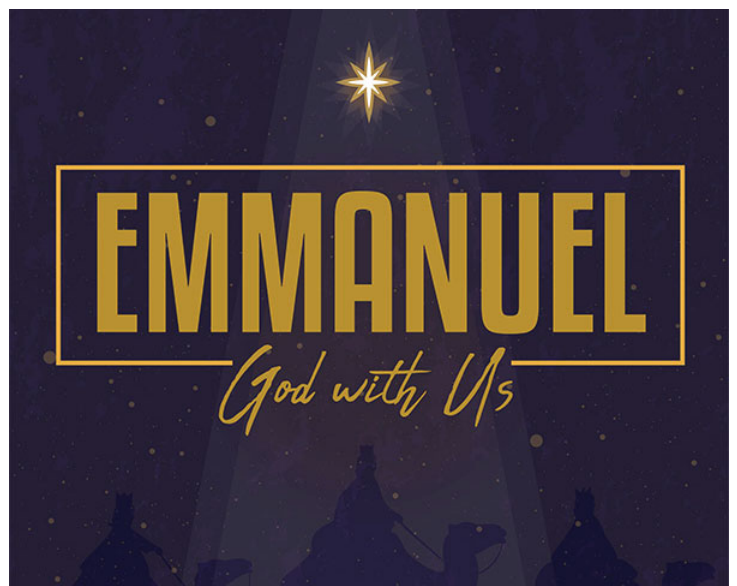
"Do not be afraid." This is what the angel said last night as he revealed to Joseph the will of God: that Joseph take Mary and the Child as his own, despite having so many reasons not to do so. And today Joseph wakes up and the world is the same as it always was: Mary is pregnant, and the Child does not belong to him.

No, the world has not changed. Joseph has.

He rises, and goes to Mary.

Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman . ©LPI





## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

**1st Reading:** Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesies to King Ahaz that a virgin would bear a son and name him, Emmanuel ("God is with us"). When have you felt close to God this Advent season?

**2nd Reading:** Paul instructs the Roman Christians that they are "called to be holy." What do you see as some of the steps toward growing in holiness?

**Gospel:** We hear how Joseph struggled initially with the news of Mary's pregnancy. How do you discern making difficult decisions? ©LPI

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us. ©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.

## ONE HEART ADVENT REFLECTION

*"...the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." (Is 7:14)*

"Emmanuel" means God is with us—a phrase that brings deep comfort and hope. As we draw nearer to the celebration of Christmas, our hearts echo the words of the beloved hymn, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." This ancient prayer expresses the longing of all humanity for God's presence and redemption.



In this holy season, we not only remember that God came to dwell among us in the person of Jesus Christ, but we also open our hearts to welcome Him anew. When we invite the Lord to be present in our thoughts, our words, and our daily actions, we create, in a sense, a personal Nativity—allowing Christ to be born again within us.

May our prayer this Advent be simple and sincere: Come, Lord Jesus, be with us. And may His presence fill our lives with peace, joy, and the quiet assurance that God truly dwells among His people.

## See You in the *Eucharist*



SEVEN BIBLE VERSES EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW  
NUMBER SEVEN: JOHN 6:53 HOLY EUCHARIST

**"So, Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of man and drink of his blood, you have no life within you.'"** If you or I were there, in the year 98AD, and we hear the reading from John's gospel during a gathering for Eucharist of the first Christians, on a Sunday, the first day of the week, the most distinctive cultural practice, and the presbyter (priest) would speak over the bread and wine and quotes the first line of scripture of this article, how would you and I avoid what Jesus was actually speaking about? The first Christian readers could not have avoided the eucharistic interpretation of John 6:53. They believed it. They practiced this. The Eucharist. We hear the words of Jesus. To be obedient to Jesus: to eat his body and drink his blood, we are being called to participate in exactly what we were there gathered outside of ancient Ephesus in worship. More than two thousand years have passed, and we, the original Christians are still obedient to the words of Jesus. (Source: Lectures of Dr. John Bergsma, St. Paul Center)

## FOLLOW-UP GATHERING FOR READERS

Let's get together to share personal thoughts and experiences about these seven Bible verses! Join me and other readers on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 7pm in the Pastoral 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)  
Number Five: Revelation 12:1-2, 5 (see 12/7/ Bulletin)  
Number Six: 2 Kings 13:20 (see 12/14 Bulletin)

**Les Rangel-Santos**  
**Director of Worship: Liturgy & Music**  
[les.rangelsantos@stlm.org](mailto: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 until January 6, 2026*

## Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The SLM Gift Shop wishes our customers and their families a blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year! We are deeply grateful for your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year. Wishing you peace, joy, and blessings this holiday season!

## DONUTS THIS WEEK

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

### Knights of Columbus

*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?



## 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

## MICHELANGELO MINISTRY

Mon, Dec 22, 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

## 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 | DaleSheckler@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

## SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Wed, Jan 7, 10:00 am | Pastoral Center  
Small Community of Faith who love reading & discussing books.  
310-415-0876

## CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT

Sat, Jan 10 | Rogers Group  
Small groups discuss topics through the lens of faith and provide support for each other.  
310-722-0176

## SOUTH BAY STRUMMERS

Sat, Jan 10, 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, Jan 11, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center  
Group meeting for those mourning the loss of a loved one.  
310-540-0329 x 540

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Mon, Jan 12, 6:00 pm | Pastoral Center  
Young Adult fellowship and formation guided by Fr. Charles.  
310-540-0329

## SINGALONG JAM NIGHTS

Mon, Jan 12, 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

## LGBT+ (ONE HEART) MINISTRY

Tue, Jan 13, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center  
Ministry open to members of the LGBT+ Community, family, friends & allies.  
Don.Burt@stlm.org

## 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

## ONE IN CHRIST MINISTRY

Thu, Jan 15, 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, Jan 16, 6:00 pm | Call for location  
A Native American prayer group devoted to St. Kateri Tekakwitha.  
310-901-2432

## 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

## CATECHISM & COFFEE

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

## 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



## 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.

## 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.

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

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

invites you to participate in a

**Rosary for Life**

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 7 pm  
in the church**

**310-678-2583**

**dalesheckler@gmail.com**

## Caregivers, Take Time To Care For Yourself

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.**

## 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**

## 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**



**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.**



**flocknote**

Keep in touch with us  
via email & text

Text **STLM** to **84576**



**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: CHECK CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR BUTTON BATTERIES AND OTHER HAZARDS**

Many parents will be spending the next few days assembling (and reassembling) their children's gifts, and it's important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries and small parts. A couple of safety tips include following age guidance and other safety information on toy packaging; getting safety gear, including helmets, for scooters and other riding toys; and keeping small balls and toys with small parts away from children younger than age 3.

For more information, visit <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Holiday-Safety>.



**PILGRIMS of HOPE**



**"PILGRIMS of HOPE"**  
Closing of the Jubilee Year  
December 28, 9:30 am  
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

**Follow-Up Gathering for "Seven Bible Verses Everyone Should Know" Readers**

January 6 | 7pm | Pastoral Center

Let's gather to share how these seven Bible verses have spoken to us—through prayer, life, and personal experience.




**LA WALK FOR FREEDOM**  
01/10/2026 | 9AM - 11:30AM  
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH  
6657 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA

**LA LIBERTAD**

Join our F.A.I.T.H. Ministry for the LA Walk for Freedom. Every step counts! What to carpool? Email [faith.ministry@stlm.org](mailto:faith.ministry@stlm.org)


**WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

Trust and Surrender in Discernment

January 31, 2026 | 9 am - 3 pm

Called LA is hosting a women's discernment retreat (ages 18–39) led by the Inter-Congregational Vocations Ministry. Join us for Adoration, Mass, and time with the Lord. Hospitality and lunch included.

Jillian Cooke  
213-751-4778  
[calledla@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:calledla@la-archdiocese.org)




**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)




[stlm.org/cs](http://stlm.org/cs)



**MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT**  
**FEB 27-28, 2026**





## **Christmas Eve Masses ~ Wednesday, December 24**

4:00 pm in the Church

4:00 pm in the Parish Hall (incense free)

6:00 pm in the Church

9:00 pm Christmas Eve Concert

10:00 pm including (live stream)

Adoration Chapel and Memorial Garden open until 6:00 pm

## **Christmas Day Masses ~ Thursday, December 25**

7:00 am (incense free)

9:00 am in the Church

9:00 am in the Parish Hall (incense free)

11:30 am in the Church

No 5:00 pm Mass

Adoration Chapel and Memorial Garden open 9:00 - 11:30 am

## **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Saturday, December 27 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 28 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am, & 5:00 pm

## **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Thursday, January 1, 2026 9:00 am



## 2026 Catholic Calendar

Fill every month with faith!

Order Yours Today! ➤




A family-run deli offering a wide range of breakfast burritos, sandwiches, salads, fresh poke, Sicilian-style pizzas and catering services. Monday through Saturdays: 10am to 6pm Closed Sunday  
1908 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach  
310-316-1908 • [rierasplace.com](http://rierasplace.com) • IG: @rierasplace



**NAZARETH HOUSE**  
ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

For information and to schedule a tour contact:  
**Josephine Wazir - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
[JWazir@nazarethhouse.org](mailto:JWazir@nazarethhouse.org) | 310-839-2361  
3333 Manning Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90064  
New Dining Room | Daily Mass | Beautiful Gardens

RCFE #191600600



## LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here  
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME**  
**Mike McAleer**

[MMcAleer@4LPi.com](mailto:MMcAleer@4LPi.com) • (800) 477-4574 x6307



23450 Madison St  
Torrance, CA  
(310) 539-6826  
[villasorrentoassistedliving.com](http://villasorrentoassistedliving.com)

**SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!**

**Where LA Catholics Go to Stay Connected.**



**ANGELUS**

Subscribe today for just \$30.00 **\$19.95**

Two easy ways to order: [AngelusNews.com/Bulletin](http://AngelusNews.com/Bulletin) | 844-245-6630



*America's Choice in Home Care\**  
**Visiting Angels**  
LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES

**Experienced local senior care  
for total peace of mind.**

**424.772.6604**

[VisitingAngels.com/Torrance](http://VisitingAngels.com/Torrance)

Each Visiting Angels agency is independently owned and operated. License #194700020  
\*2023 Visiting Angels is a registered trademark of Living Assistance Services, Inc.

**Casa Blanca Builders**  
Residential • New Construction  
Remodeling  
Since 1990

**Saul Macias** (310) 266-2597  
General Contractor Lic. 878015

**Peter Wollner • Real Estate Broker**  
Residential • Commercial  
Sales • Leasing • Management  
Lifelong Parishioner/SLM Alumni

**NHL Brokers**  
**310-259-6698** DRE#01381742



**THE MORTUARY  
AT GREEN HILLS**



Scan the QR code to begin  
advance planning today.

310-831-0311 [greenhillsLA.com](http://greenhillsLA.com)

Advance funeral planning is a gift, an act of love that grants your family and loved ones peace of mind after you've gone.

When you partner with us, we will organize your information, document your wishes, and ease the process for the ones you love most.

**CENTURY 21**  
FINE HOMES  
& ESTATES.  
Union Realty Co.



**Jennette Toderick, Broker/CEO, Parishioner**  
**(310) 418-6318 • [www.c21union.com](http://www.c21union.com)**

*A portion of commission donated back to the school upon closing in your name*



**FREE COFFEE**  
with any Breakfast Entree Purchase

**JOIN US AROUND THE CORNER!**  
Monday - Sunday 6am - 9pm  
1868 S Pacific Coast Hwy  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
**OFFER: 4080 EXPIRES: 7/30/25**

**DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?**

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

[VisitIpicommunities.com](http://VisitIpicommunities.com)

**OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**  
OCTOBER EDITION

Scan to contact us!

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE**

**MDMedAlert!**™

STARTING AT **\$19.95** mo.

✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire  
✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

**CALL NOW! 800.809.3570** [md-medalert.com](http://md-medalert.com)



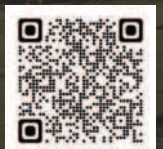
**CATHOLIC  
CEMETERIES  
& MORTUARIES**

EVERLASTING FAITH. EVERLASTING LIFE.

*A ministry of the Church  
serving the faithful.*

Learn about our 11 locations in  
Los Angeles, Ventura and  
Santa Barbara counties

**(213) 637-7801 [CatholicCM.org](http://CatholicCM.org)**



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

St. Lawrence Martyr Church, Redondo Beach, CA

C 4C 05-4027



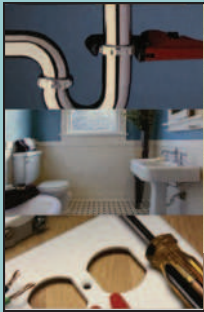


TRADITIONAL FUNERALS  
CREMATION | PRE-PLANNING

Rice Center  
Torrance FD 1113

White & Day Center  
Redondo Beach FD 825

310-792-7599 LAFuneral.com



Your **ONE** stop shop for all your repair and improvement needs;  
from complete facelifts to the smallest fix.

- Interior/Exterior Paint • Popcorn Removal
- Finish Carpentry • Landscape • Re-texturing
- Cabinet Repair/Replacement • Fencing
- Flooring • Electrical • Power Washing
- Re-glazing • Drywall • Patio and Deck Repair
- Plumbing • Re-screening

CSLB. #1065288 • Matthew Quinn • 310-808-3717  
matt@heckofadeal.net • www.heckofadeal.net

LICENSED & INSURED

SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!

ADT-Monitored Home Security  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary • Flood Detection
- Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide

833-287-3502



CALIFORNIA AIR  
Commercial and Residential  
Heating and Air Conditioning

Heating And Air  
Conditioning  
Residential  
Repair  
Service



Call us Today To Book Now  
310-530-0504  
www.californiaaac.com

SOUTH BAY  
EQUITY LENDING

Refinance  
Purchase  
Reverse Mortgages

Matthew Hadnett 310-378-8212  
Mortgage Loan Broker - Active Parishoner  
Cal-BRE #1319592 - NMLS #313412

3 FREE

Music  
Lessons

310-749-7099

All Instruments!

SunsetLearningStudio.com

1 free trial-2 more free w/1st 10-pack

Reliable  
Caregivers  
(310) 218 8609

Enjoy the good life,  
now not later.

Fine dining expertly prepared  
by someone else.

Senior living,  
personalized for you.

thecanbury.org | (310) 421-4141

An ECS senior living community. Proudly nonprofit.

8801 Crestridge Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90276  
RCPE 191-00376, COA 257

the canterbury  
The Art of Possibility

GREEN HILLS  
FD 1175

SAL CORREA

ADVANCE PLANNING ADVISOR

Hablo Español

Cell (310) 987-1104

E-Mail SCorrea@GreenHillsLA.com

PRE-PLANNING IS AN ACT OF LOVE, A GENEROUS GIFT  
TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALLOWING THEM TO  
MOURN AND GRIEVE PEACEFULLY.

I HAVE ASSISTED HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES PLAN  
THEIR LIFE CELEBRATION IN ADVANCE. I CAN MAKE THE  
UNCOMFORTABLE PROCESS EASIER FOR YOU.

LIC. 0M61169

SUPPORT  
OUR PARISH

WICKERS, WICKERS & ADMANS LLP

A Father-Daughter Team

• PROBATE ESTATES • WILLS & TRUSTS • TRUST LITIGATION & ADMINISTRATION  
• TRIALS • APPEALS • CONSERVATORSHIPS

info@wickerslaw.com  
(310) 540-2520  
https://wickerslaw.com  
Skypark Atrium | 2790 Skypark Drive, Suite 209, Torrance, CA 90505

ATTORNEYS  
Christina M. Wickers Herman  
Rodney W. Wickers  
Alexandra L. Admans

Free Camera Inspection  
With Sewer Cleaning  
MUST HAVE  
Proper Clean Out  
\$129

Drain Cleaning  
\$99

\$75 OFF  
ANY Plumbing Repair  
of \$300 or More

primetimeplumbing.net  
310-984-0377

cornerstone KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FLOOR COVERINGS  
International

One team. The whole project.  
The Stars of Flooring<sup>SM</sup>.

310-974-1141 | fcisouthbay.com

BOOK A FREE FLOORING CONSULTATION TODAY!

14 & UNDER GIRLS  
CLUB TEAM TRYOUTS

FOR GIRLS 9-14 YRS. 4th - 8th GRADE  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH  
AGES 9-12 YRS @ 10-12PM  
AGES 13 & 14 @ 1-3PM

REGISTER  
HERE

BEACH CITIES VOLLEYBALL

LA Galaxy (back courts)  
540 Maple Ave. Torrance  
310-546-9150 | beachcitiesvbc.com



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Lawrence Martyr Church, Redondo Beach, CA

B 4C 05-4027





## Tara McGuinness

Attorney, Collaborator & Mediator

Family Law, Trusts & Estates

3424 W. Carson Street

Suite 570, Torrance

**310.793.0800**

[www.taramcguinness.com](http://www.taramcguinness.com)

*Serving South Bay*

*For More Than 44 Years*



## kingdom outdoor living

DESIGN • BUILD • SOLAR



Located here in south  
Redondo Beach

**"We, ALSO, help you  
connect to a higher power!"**

Outdoor design/build  
Residential/Commercial SOLAR

License #1063267

Please call for a  
shining free consult!

**310-421-0014**  
**KOLsocial.com**

## SENIOR CARE

*Thrive in Your Own Home*



**A Peaceful Way  
HOME CARE**

[apeacefulwayhomecare.com](http://apeacefulwayhomecare.com)

- Compassionate
- Trustworthy
- Reliable
- Family owned & operated
- Licensed/Bonded/Insured

**310-377-3776**

Terry McGovern/Parishioner

## Perry Klokkevold, DDS, MS, FACD

Board Certified Periodontist & Implant Surgeon

**COMPASSIONATE, HIGH QUALITY  
CARE, CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY  
AND MINIMALLY INVASIVE TECHNIQUES  
ENSURE PRECISION AND COMFORT.**



Dental Implants | Bone Grafts

Ridge Augmentation

Periodontal Disease

Guided Tissue Regeneration

Gum Grafts

Esthetic Procedures



23430 Hawthorne Blvd, Suite #345 Torrance, CA 90505

**310.325.9969** - [www.permadent.com](http://www.permadent.com)



Water Damage Restoration • Sewage  
Backup and Cleanup • Mold Removal  
Fire and Smoke Damage • Disaster Restoration  
Commercial Property Damage

**Mention this ad for 10% discount**

**310-600-3780 • 911restorationsouthbayla.com**



## Vince DeLuca

REALTOR – Broker

Active Parishioner

**310-356-4232**

ESTATE PROPERTIES



## Suzy Zimmerman

AGENT



Lic. #  
0F71296

**Bus 310.377.9531**

Fax 310.377.0954

[www.ZimZimInsurance.com](http://www.ZimZimInsurance.com)

[suzy@zimziminsurance.com](mailto:suzy@zimziminsurance.com)



## Harbor Terrace

Full Service Senior Living

- Independent Apartments
- Social Programs
- Meals & Housekeeping
- Transportation
- Assisted Living Services

435 W. 8th St., San Pedro, CA 90731

**(310) 547-0090**

[www.HarborTerraceRetirement.com](http://www.HarborTerraceRetirement.com)

## GUITAR LESSONS!

SLM Guitar Instructor,  
**Joe DiResta** offers in-home, private  
guitar and bass lessons. Joe is a USC  
music grad & has over **17 years** of  
teaching & performing experience.

Call today to schedule your **FREE LESSON!**

**310.408.4142**



BICHLMEIER  
INSURANCE  
SERVICES, INC.

**Auto, Home, Business,  
Life Insurance & more**

Carriers: Mercury, Liberty Mutual,  
Travelers, Progressive & more



**Phone: 310-376-8852 • Website: [www.bisins.com](http://www.bisins.com)**



**CHERISH  
HOSPICE**

*Quality of Health is our Commitment to you!*

2340 Plaza Del Arno Ste 230 • Torrance, CA 90501

**(310) 320-1677**

[www.cherishhospice.com](http://www.cherishhospice.com)



## Home Helpers® In-Home Caregivers

- Companionship, Safety
- Meals, Laundry, Driving, Dementia Care
- Veterans: VA may pay for your caregiving

**Short Shifts or  
24-Hour Care**

**424-495-4900**

[www.HomeHelpersHomeCare.com](http://www.HomeHelpersHomeCare.com)



## MEMORY, COFFEE & COMPASSION SUPPORT GROUP

for Family Caregivers of  
DEMENTIA, ALZHEIMER'S  
& PARKINSON'S Loved Ones

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday every month • 10:00-11:00am  
ROLLING HILLS METHODIST CHURCH • 26438 CRENSHAW BLVD.

**• STATE-OF-THE-ART MEMORY CARE HOMES •**  
TORRANCE • PALOS VERDES  
SOLVANG • SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

*Schedule a  
Tour Today!*



Visit us online at:  
[WWW.FAMILYCONNECTMEMORYCARE.COM](http://WWW.FAMILYCONNECTMEMORYCARE.COM)



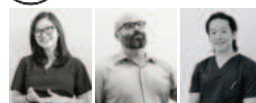
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL  
**310-383-1877**



**Lauren Mahakian**  
Certified dementia Practitioner  
Certified Alzheimer's Society Educator  
Special Educator  
TECH #114710000



**GOOD  
DERMATOLOGY**



Consuelo David MD, MSC  
Noah Craft MD, PhD  
Young Kwak MD

**(310) 405-0693**

[www.goodderms.com](http://www.goodderms.com)

3640 Lomita Blvd Ste 301 • Torrance



**SUPPORT  
OUR PARISH**

**catholicmatch®**

California



[CatholicMatch.com/CA](http://CatholicMatch.com/CA)



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

St. Lawrence Martyr Church, Redondo Beach, CA

A 4C 05-4027