

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DEC 21, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE.

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FOURTH 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

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

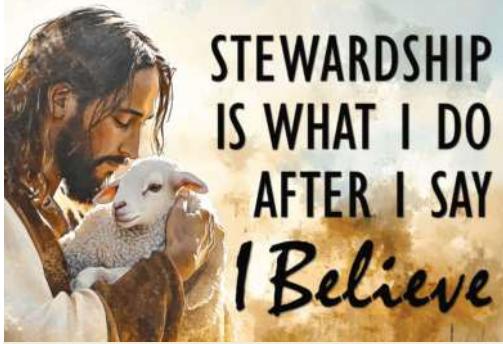
### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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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](http://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)

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## 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



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



## 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.

# Trust & Act

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## 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.

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- 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 | 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

**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 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.

## 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



**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.

## 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](http://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



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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>.

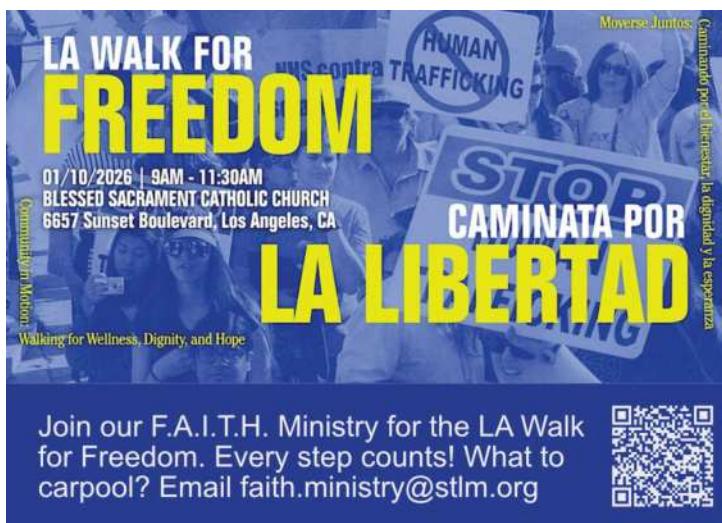


**PILGRIMS of HOPE**  
Closing of the Jubilee Year  
December 28, 9:30 am  
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

**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  
Walking for Wellness, Dignity, and Hope

**CAMINATA POR 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)



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



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

## **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

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with faith!

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## NAZARETH HOUSE

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

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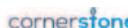
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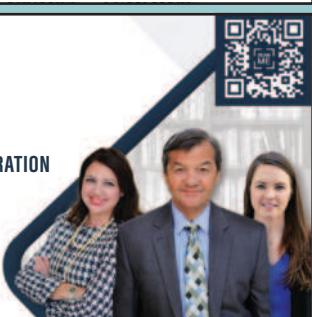
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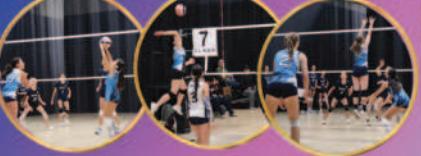
  
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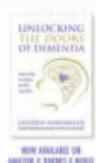
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