

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

JANUARY 25, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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

DAILY MASSES

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN

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

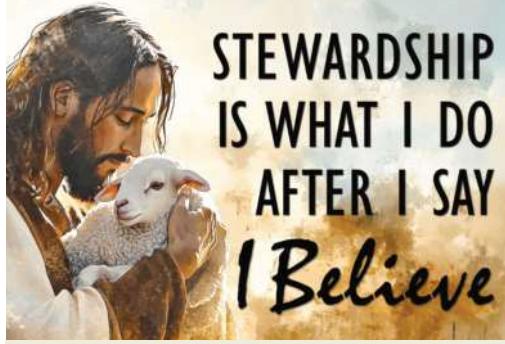
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 2

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| Sun | 1/25 | 08:00 am - 01:00 pm |
| Mon | 1/26 | 08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm |
| Tue | 1/27 | 08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm |
| Wed | 1/28 | 08:30 am - 12:00 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm |
| Thu | 1/29 | 08:30 am - 12:00 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm |
| Fri | 1/30 | 08:30 am - 12:00 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm |
| Sat | 1/31 | Closed |
| Sun | 2/1 | 08:00 am - 01:00 pm |
| Mon | 2/2 | 08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm |

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine. Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus. Amen. ©LPI

Christian Family Movement Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, Jan 31, 5:15 pm | Parish Hall | Dan & Linda Houston 424-318-7674

Bring your best chili and compete for the prize! All varieties are welcome—beef, chicken, veggie (with beans or without), spicy, mild, or anywhere in between. Give your chili a fun name, then let the tasting and voting begin. Not entering a chili? Please bring a salad, cornbread, or dessert to share. CFM will provide the chili toppings.

Special Prayer for Women's Cornerstone Retreat

The Women's Cornerstone Retreat 2026 invites our parish community to pray for all who will take part in this year's retreat, February 6–7. We ask prayers for the retreatants and team members listed below, and those not listed by request.

Retreatants: Abriana Maravilla, Angela Peachy, Ann Chance, Ann Klein, Ariana Maravilla, Cara Everhart, Carrie Luecke, Charlene Harrison, Elaine Malit, Estella Ganete, Gaby Garcia, Helen Limburg, Jackie Acosta, Jeannie Dickinson, Jennifer Pierre, Jessica Jones, Jody Green, Juana H. Chun, Krista Schlappatha, Kristin Sewell, Krystle McGovney, Laurie Kelly, Lisa Garcia, Liza SanJose, Maranita Pegadiotes, Maria Fernando, Maria Reis, Nicole Percz, Patricia Yearley, Pilar Gonzalez, Preciosa Martin, Ricci Bichlmeier, Sarah Oppenheim, Shannon Robley, Shirley Shrum, Susan Fitzsimons, Tina Palacios, Tricia Blanco, Yolanda Cortenbach, Yutori Murakami. Team Members: Ana Toledo, Andrea Worshill, Barbara Mensinger, Jennifer LuVisi, Kathy Lomino, Linda Zelik, Michelle Rifi, Myla Jarvina, Noreen Thomas.

Presentation Learning Center Thank You

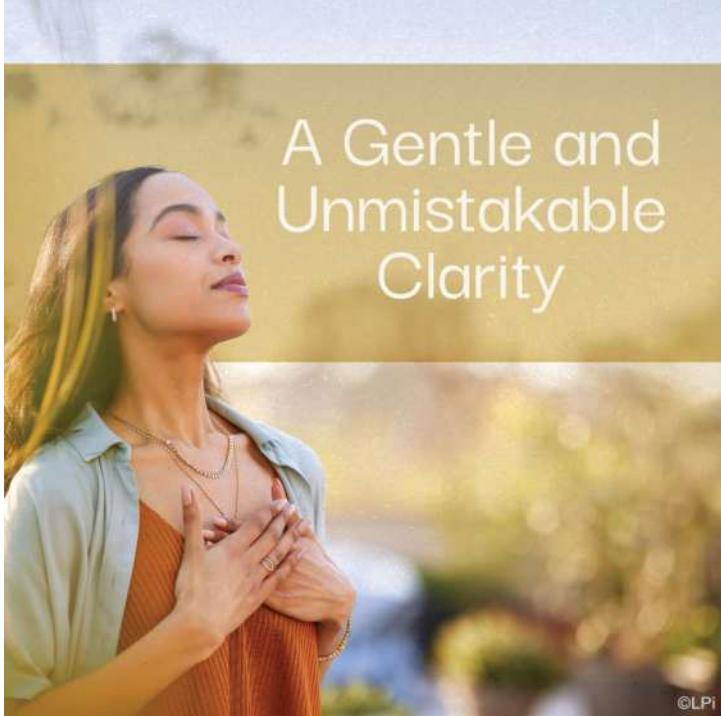
We're overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous toy donations we received for the children in the community of Watts. On behalf of everyone at the Presentation Learning Center, we want to thank you so much for your generosity. Your kindness brought many smiles to our children. We deeply appreciate your commitment to our mission. May God continue to bless and reward you and your families with good health, peace and joy during the new year!

Monthly Stewardship Report

Thank you for generously supporting the Catholic community at St. Lawrence Martyr and beyond. In the spirit of stewardship and transparency, we'll share a monthly summary of our income and expenses. May God bless you for your generosity and faithful support.

| Category | Nov 2025 | Dec 2025 | YTD (Jul-Dec) |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Operating Income | 165,128 | 363,365 | 1,117,224 |
| <u>Operating Expenses*</u> | <u>214,157</u> | <u>208,510</u> | <u>1,201,712</u> |
| Net Income (Loss) | -49,029 | 154,855 | -84,488 |

*Completed Projects: Irrigation water repair from damage caused by fallen tree, and annual tree trimming.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION by FR. JOHN MUIR

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, "**Come after me**" (**Matthew 4:19**). And immediately they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, "**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**" (**1 John 4:10**). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him. ©LPI

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Mini Reflection: Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

Sea of Galilee Moments

Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor, healthy or sick: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

So what's in the sea? I don't know about yours, but mine is filled with feelings of inadequacy. It's filled with fear and resentment and confusion. It's filled with misplaced pride. It's deep. It's dark. It's well-stocked.

I cast my net, over and over again. What else is there to do? If I draw back a harvest, it can sustain me for days, weeks, maybe even years. The nourishment of the sea can keep away the hunger pangs — for a time. You can survive on fear and resentment and pride if it's all you have. You'll never feel full, and you'll never be strong, but you'll survive on what the world can offer you — so long as you keep coming back to the shore.

This is where Jesus finds us.

If I close my eyes, I can picture the moments exactly, all of them: my Sea of Galilee moments. I could describe them to you — the day, the year, what was happening in my life, what I wanted

and what I needed and what gnawing hunger had brought me, once again, limping, crawling back to the shore.

But you wouldn't understand my Sea of Galilee moments, just like I wouldn't understand yours. There is only one who understands, and his is the voice we heard, clear and strong: "Put down the net, and come with me."

- 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

God's Word is proclaimed not only to inform us, but to transform us. As missionary disciples, we receive the Word with open hearts and extend it through lives of welcome, service, and joyful witness to others.

In the readings, God's Word is proclaimed so the people may understand and rejoice. *How am I intentionally encountering God through Scripture, and how does that encounter move me outward in hospitality toward those I meet?*

Jesus proclaims that the Scripture is fulfilled "in your hearing," and Paul reminds us that each person has a vital role in the Body of Christ. *How is God calling me to use my gifts to create a more welcoming community and to share the Good News through concrete acts of love and service?*

LIVE THE LITURGY

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow? ©LPI



TO WHOM DO YOU BELONG?

So the NFL season is almost over. Only the Super Bowl remains. For some fans, the season is already over since their team is now sitting at home. It is amazing the allegiance some people have to their teams. Some people bleed Green Bay green and yellow or believe the only team is supposedly America's team, the Dallas Cowboys. Of course, if you are reading this outside the States, perhaps you live and breathe a team like the New Zealand All Blacks or the Calgary Flames.

In the early church, people took their allegiance to certain leaders to an extreme. Paul chastised them for thinking that the baptism of one community or the teachings of a certain leader were superior to the anything else in this new movement of Jesus followers. He reminded them that there is to be no division in Christ and that all things flow from Christ, not from the leaders in the community. Those who follow Jesus are one body of Christ: a place where there is no room for competition or condescension.

Sometime our stewardship efforts in a parish become all about the parish. We seek to get people to do more stuff and give more money and we lose sight of why we live a stewardship way of life in the first place: Jesus. It is wonderful to watch our parishes grow into more vibrant communities that lead people to Jesus. We should rejoice to be in such a parish family. But one day there will be no parishes and those who have received his gifts freely and have followed him will live with Christ as one forever. In your stewardship, always keep Jesus as the main thing. ©LPI

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)

JESUS, Light MY WAY

**26 HOUR
MEN'S
RETREAT**

FEB 27-28
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CORNERSTONE
COMMUNITY THROUGH BROTHERHOOD
Start 2026 with a Recharge
Come to Cornerstone!

Step out of your daily routine to reflect, renew, and strengthen what matters most in your life. All are welcome.

- Build meaningful connections.
- Grow in faith and purpose.
- Experience true brotherhood.
- An experience you will never forget.

TAKE THIS STEP. SAY YES!

SLM GIFT SHOP

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



We're celebrating Catholic Schools Week! Visit the Gift Shop for heartfelt cards, gifts, and tokens of love that honor friendship, faith, and school spirit.

NO DONUTS THIS WEEK

Join us this Sunday for the
SLM School BBQ

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?



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

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

MICHELANGELO MINISTRY

Mon, Jan 26, 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, Jan 26, 7:00 pm | In the Church
 Dedicated to bringing the message of life to the parish & the world.
 310-678-2583 | DaleScheckler@gmail.com

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

SOUTH BAY STRUMMERS

Sat, Jan 31, 9:00 am | Parish Hall
 Ukulele Group - everyone's welcome! Just bring your smile and love of music!
 SouthBayStrummers@yahoo.com

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Wed, Feb 4, 10:00 am | Pastoral Center
 Small Community of Faith who love reading & discussing books.
 310-415-0876

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sun, Feb 8, 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, Feb 9, 6:00 pm | Pastoral Center
 Young Adult fellowship and formation guided by Fr. Charles.
 310-540-0329

LGBT+ (ONE HEART) MINISTRY

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

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Sun, Feb 15, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
 A group of women supporting each other through life's many transitions.
 310-540-0329 x 540

ONE IN CHRIST MINISTRY

Thu, Feb 19, 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, Feb 20, 6:00 pm | Call for location
 A Native American prayer group devoted to St. Kateri Tekakwitha.
 310-901-2432

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT

Sat, Feb 21 | Rogers Group
 Small groups discuss topics through the lens of faith and provide support for each other.
 310-722-0176

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

SINGALONG JAM NIGHTS

Mon, Mar 16, 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

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY

Thu, Apr 16, 7:00 pm | Parish Hall
 Supports the victims of human trafficking in the South Bay and Los Angeles County.
 310-540-0329 x 380

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

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.

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
invites you to participate in a

Rosary for Life

4th Monday of each month, 7 pm
in the church

310-678-2583

dalesheckler@gmail.com



NAMI Family
Support Group

You are NOT alone

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

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

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

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



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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: WHAT DOES GROOMING LOOK LIKE

In practice, grooming relies on secrecy. Groomers use secrets to bind their child victims to them, starting with small secrets and working up to harmful ones, like abusive behaviors. Predators often use bribery ("I'll let you stay up late and watch TV if you let me do this."), threats ("I'll hurt you if you tell."), and withdrawal of affection ("I won't like you if you tell anyone the truth.") to keep children from disclosing abuse. Families should establish a "no secrets" rule, and never ask children to keep secrets from their parents or trusted adults. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Grooming Process" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

**Monthly Rosary**

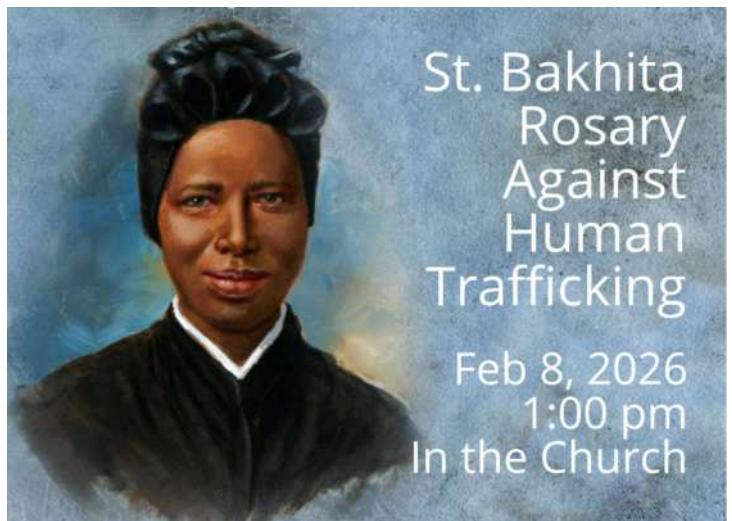
First Monday of each Month

Monday, February 2, 7:00 pm
In the Church

Join us as we gather in prayer to lift our intentions to Our Lady. All are welcome - come and pray with our community. Led by Women's Cornerstone.

**ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR
MINISTRY FAIR**

February 8, 2026 | After All Morning Masses



TRI-TIP FUNDRAISER

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

To-Go Meals
Sunday, February 8, 2026

PRESALE ONLY

Whole Cooked Tri-Tip (feeds 3-4 people): \$45
Green Beans / Mashed Potatoes: \$9 per side

February 8 Food Pickup/Delivery
Free Pickup: Knights of Columbus Hall
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Proceeds Support various charities and our seminarians

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St. Lawrence Martyr Church
310-540-0329 | www.stlm.org

Join us for a
Special Mass in Honor of
World Marriage Day
Friday, February 13, 2026, 6:30 pm

Light Refreshments will
follow in the Parish Hall.



St. Lawrence Martyr School



Join us for our...

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25, 2026

11:30am All School Family Mass

12:30pm - 2:00pm Open House and BBQ

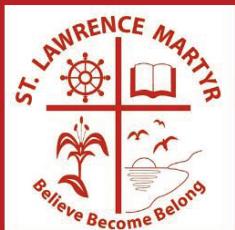


SLM ALUMNI: PLEASE JOIN US!

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310-316-3049



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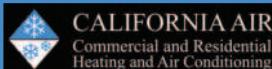


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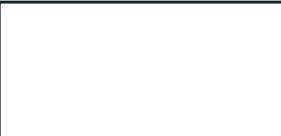
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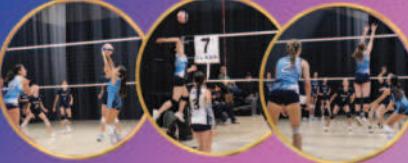
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