

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

APRIL 19, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



JESUS
HIMSELF DREW
NEAR AND WALKED
WITH THEM.

LUKE 24:15

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 - 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 10:00 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 visit
www.stlm.org/im-new or stop by the Pastoral Center.



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
APRIL 19 - APRIL 27

Sun	4/19	08:00 am - 01:00 pm
Mon	4/20	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Tue	4/21	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Wed	4/22	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Thu	4/23	08:30 am - 12:00 pm
Fri	4/24	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm
Sat	4/25	Closed
Sun	4/26	08:00 am - 01:00 pm
Mon	4/27	08:30 am - 12:30 pm 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY

Dear Lord, As this new season begins, bring new life to our hearts as well. Prune what has grown despondent, brush back that which darkens and clouds. As the flowers bud and bloom, bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy. Amen.

Madonna Festival in May

May 23-24, 2026 | Submissions due May 1, 2026

For one special weekend, our Parish Hall will become a sacred gallery of Marian devotion, featuring statues and icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary shared by parishioners from their homes and family traditions. This unique exhibition will reflect the many ways Our Lady is loved and honored across cultures, generations, and expressions of faith. From treasured heirlooms to cherished devotional images, each piece tells a story of love, prayer, and devotion.



We warmly invite you to share your devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary by lending a statue or icon for this special festival. If you are interested in participating, please submit your entry by May 1, 2026.

Lector Training

Every Saturday in May | 310-316-0090

Have you ever felt called to proclaim God's Word at Mass? Lector Training will be offered every Saturday in May for those interested in serving this important liturgical ministry. Participants will learn how to prayerfully prepare and confidently proclaim the Scriptures. If you feel called to serve, contact the Office for Worship for information.

Mass Intentions for 2027 Now Open

The 2027 Mass Intention Book is now open. You are invited to schedule a Mass for a loved one, a special intention, or in thanksgiving. Beginning in 2027, Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be celebrated as Collective Intention Masses, with up to three intentions per Mass, allowing more parishioners to participate. For details, please see the brochure available in the church bulletin rack or visit the St. Lawrence Martyr Pastoral Center to schedule your intention.



THIS IS THE HOUR FOR *love*
OUR GOAL: \$159,641



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Vivian Flores	Joe Attanasio	Araxi Davoian
David Roberts	Ray Rafael Payuyo	Diane Cole
Brent Everhart	Sara Vuoso	Les Borean
Dwight Roberts	Randy Hollis	Brigid Burke
Jim Sanborn	Rita Cunningham	Joanne Verespej
James Geddie	Peggy Zelenay	Gilda Lane

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Joseph Sauer	Raquel Velasco	Lisa Moretti
	Magdalena Flores Santos	

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: “Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.” (Acts of the Apostles 2:33)

Psalm: Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Psalm 16)

Second Reading: He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Peter 1:20)

Gospel: Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15, John 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a, John 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8, John 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40, John 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20, John 6:52-59
 Saturday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14, Mark 16:15-20
 Next Sunday: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20b-25, John 10:1-10



SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 am Bill & Ann Wilke †
 9:00 am Alvaro Fernandez †
 11:30 am B.A. Bonpane †

MONDAY, APRIL 20

8:10 am Roberto de Leon Arteaga †

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

8:10 am Irene Elhatem †
 12:00 pm Don & Alice Schmude

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8:10 am Jackie Campbell †

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8:10 am Augustin Iglesias †
 12:00 pm Colleen Laureano †

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:10 am Nancy Oide †

SATURDAY, APRIL 25


8:10 am Jess Aguinaga †
 4:00 pm Madelon & Karen Yamamoto †

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 am Peter Leos †
 9:00 am Alvaro Fernandez †
 11:30 am Bene & Inez Garcia †

(† 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.



CATHOLIC SYMBOLS & GESTURES
 O.C.I.A. in Pastoral Center
 Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!



GOSPEL MEDITATION by FR. JOHN MUIR

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are. ©LPI

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Mini reflection: Christ gave us everything. He gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with everything? What do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we know, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a gotcha! moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman . ©LPI



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Sunday's readings describe the full path of missionary discipleship. We are redeemed by Christ's sacrifice, awakened by the truth of His Resurrection, accompanied by His presence, and sent to proclaim Him. Easter faith is never passive. It matures in the Church through Scripture, sacrament, testimony, and mission. As the disciples at Emmaus discovered, true encounter with Christ always leads us back toward others, not away from them. The Risen Lord gathers us into communion so that He may send us into the world.

In what way is Jesus forming me right now through word, sacrifice, and sacrament for the sake of mission?

Who in my life may be waiting for an invitation, a conversation, or a witness that could help them encounter the Risen Lord?

LIVE THE LITURGY

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him? ©LPI

QUESTIONS FOR THE FAMILY

These readings show that Jesus saves us, stays with us, and sends us out with joy. Sometimes families can feel busy, tired, or discouraged, like the disciples on the road. But Jesus does not leave us alone. He walks with us, teaches us, feeds us at Mass, and helps us begin again. A Christian family becomes a small missionary household when it learns to recognize Jesus and share His peace with others.

How can our family make more room for Jesus to speak to us through Scripture and Sunday Mass?

What is one simple way our family can bring the joy of the Risen Jesus to someone else this week?

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.

See You in the *Eucharist*



PAUSING TO PRAY

At SLM's Lenten Penance Service before Holy Week, one of the items in the Examination of Conscience was: "Do I promise prayers for people and situations and not follow through?"

I have done this. Someone will ask me for prayers, or I would tell them I would offer prayers and then forget to do so, not out of empty promises or malice or apathy but sheer forgetfulness. Now I try to offer my prayer immediately, right there and then: face-to-face or over the phone. I don't wait until the evening to include the prayer intention in my prayers before sleeping. This simple practice has made a real difference in my own spiritual life. It keeps me attentive, present, and faithful to what I have promised. More importantly, it transforms a passing moment into a genuine act of charity. When we pause to pray immediately, even briefly, we are not only remembering. We are responding in love. The prayer doesn't have to be long or elaborate. A simple "Lord, be with them," or "Jesus, I trust in You," offered sincerely in that moment is enough. What matters is the intention and the faith behind it. In doing so, we accompany one another spiritually, lifting each other up to God without delay. Perhaps this can be a small Easter practice we carry beyond the season: to be people whose promises of prayer are not postponed but fulfilled right away. In a world that often moves too quickly, this is a quiet but powerful way to remain rooted in compassion, accountability, and grace.

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SLM GIFT SHOP

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



Looking for the perfect Baptism or First Holy Communion gift? Visit our Gift Shop for a lovely selection of faith-filled keepsakes, cards, and sacramental gifts to commemorate these special moments.

DONUTS THIS WEEK

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

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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, Apr 19, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
A group of women supporting each other through life's many transitions.
310-540-0329 x 540

SINGALONG JAM NIGHTS

Mon, Apr 20, 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

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mon, Apr 20, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center
Young Adult fellowship and formation guided by Fr. Charles.
310-540-0329

AMERICAN MAHJONG CIRCLE

Tue, Apr 21, 10:00 am | Parish Hall
New and experienced Mahjong players sharing laughter & good conversation.
310-540-0329 x540

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Wed, Apr 22, 7:00 pm | Parish Hall
Family Support Group for those with loved ones suffering from mental illness.
310-792-0244

PADDLE N PRAISE

Sat, Apr 25, 9:00 am | Lower Courts
All adults 18 and over invited to fun, faith and fellowship through Pickleball.
424-408-9738

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

Sun, Apr 26, 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, Apr 27, 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, Apr 27, 7:00 pm | In the Church
Dedicated to bringing the message of life to the parish & the world.
310-678-2583 | DaleSheckler@gmail.com

ONE IN CHRIST MINISTRY

Tue, May 5, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center
A ministry for racial healing and cultural celebration. Come pray with us.
310-540-0329 x 276

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Wed, May 6, 10:00 am | Pastoral Center
Small Community of Faith who love reading & discussing books.
310-415-0876

CATECHISM & COFFEE

Thu, May 7, 9:00 am | Parish Hall
Discussion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church guided by Fr. Charles.
310-540-0329

SOUTH BAY STRUMMERS

Sat, May 9, 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, May 10, 10:30 am | Pastoral Center
Group meeting for those mourning the loss of a loved one.
310-540-0329 x 540

LGBT+ (ONE HEART) MINISTRY

Tue, May 12, 7:00 pm | Pastoral Center
Ministry open to members of the LGBT+ Community, family, friends & allies.
Don.Burt@stlm.org

ST. KATERI CIRCLE

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

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT

May 16 | Houston Group | Call for time
Small groups discuss topics through the lens of faith and provide support for each other.
310-722-0176

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY

Thu, Aug 20, 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

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.



SINGALONG JAM NIGHTS

Enjoy an evening of uplifting music and community! Whether you play an instrument or just love to sing, all are welcome—no experience needed. It's all about joy, not perfection!

3rd Mondays | 7:00 pm | Parish Hall

Lisa Rau | rau.lisa.v@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the Pastoral Center at 7:00 PM every 1st & 3rd Monday of each month as we break open the Word and have honest conversations about our faith. ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!



The SLM American Mahjong Circle

Gather for relaxed, friendly play and fellowship. Whether you're an experienced player looking to join a table or a brand-new player simply curious, all are welcome. New players are invited to watch, learn, and jump in when ready. Bring a tile set if you have one, and come connect through this classic game - sharing laughter, conversation, and good company along the way.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10 am | Parish Hall | 310-540-0329 x540



NAMI Family Support Group

You are NOT alone

National Alliance on Mental Illness

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

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



Pickleball is in full swing at SLM, and everyone 18 and older is invited to join the fun! No matter your skill level, you're welcome to pick up a paddle and be part of the excitement in the nation's fastest-growing sport. Come enjoy an uplifting time of Fun, Faith, and Fellowship as we paddle and praise together. We can't wait to see you on the court!

2nd & 4th Saturday | 9 AM | LOWER FIELD



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**

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BROCHURE FOR 2026-2027

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures in English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean are available in the parish vestibule or online at lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month.

Rosaries for Life

Join us Tuesday evenings
May 5, 12, 19, 26
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Questions? Contact Karen Rosolowski (310) 809-2708



WALK FOR LIFE SOUTH BAY

SATURDAY | MAY 16, 2026
8:30AM – 11:00AM
VETERAN'S PARK



Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 13, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall
Thursday, June 11, from 3:00 - 8:00pm
Friday, June 12, from 12:00 - 8:00pm.

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Rich Heisen | 310-686-0309 | rjheisen@cbbank.com
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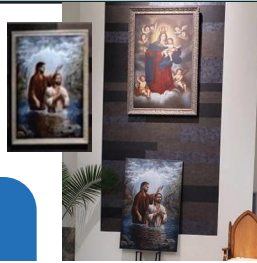
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