



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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NEXT SUNDAY
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ON THE COVER: Some of the ministries of St. Raymond. Join us for the Ministry Fair on Sept. 8, 2019, following the Installation Mass at 10 am.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor to St. Raymond Parish, we want you to know you are welcome here—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or another parish in the Archdiocese. Say hello to any of our parishioners! For information about our parish or to register, please contact us at office@straymondmp.org.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASSES

Saturdays 5:15 pm Vigil

Sundays 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon,
6:00 pm

Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon.-Sat.) in the Chapel

Holy Days 8:15 am, 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturdays after the 8:15 am Mass (Chapel)

Thursdays 7:00 pm—8:00 pm at Holy Hour

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

1st Thursdays after 8:15 am Mass (Chapel)

or by appointment

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:45 pm-4:45 pm or by
appointment

Thursdays 7:00 pm—8:00 pm at Holy Hour

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mon.-Sat. 7:25 am (Office of Readings and
Morning Prayer) in the Chapel

ROSARY

Mon.-Sat. 8:00 am in the Chapel

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755 or
email office@straymondmp.org.

VISION STATEMENT St. Raymond Parish is a family. As disciples of Jesus, we are “children of God” and “brothers and sisters in Christ.” Jesus himself says, “Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Matthew 12:50). We welcome all to belong to our Catholic family and to inherit with us in Christ the mission to preach the Gospel!

MISSION STATEMENT St. Raymond Parish is a community united by our Catholic Faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through ongoing personal and communal conversion to Christ and a deeper commitment to the mission Jesus gives each of us to preach the Gospel. The sacred scriptures and sacraments of the Church sustain us. We dedicate ourselves to Truth and strive to grow in love of God and neighbor through community, prayer, study, and service, as we work by grace to build up in one another and share freely with others the abundance of magnificent gifts God has given.

RELIGIOUS ED STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!



Religious Education begins **Sunday, September 15, 2019.**

Register your children for Pre-K to 8th Grade Religious Education. You can register & pay at www.straymondmp.org/RE/registration.

ONE MORE CATECHIST NEEDED!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have stepped up and are serving as Catechists this coming year ~ we appreciate your commitment to this ministry!

We are in need of just one more catechist to co-teach the Pre-K/K group. Please contact Amy Jobin at ajobin@straymond.org if you are interested and feel called to this ministry. No prior experience needed, on the job training provided!



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

St. Raymond Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs, this is you!) -

Please note: We will hold TRAINING SESSIONS for ALL EMs on **September 12 from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm** and on **Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am**. If you are EM currently or would like to become one, please PLAN TO ATTEND one of these sessions. Thank you! Please contact Amy Jobin at ajobin@straymondmp.org if you have any questions.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Arthur Ang, Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Candy Hernandez, Celeste Green, Concepcion Varron, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Janice Hagy, Karen Lundberg, Ken Newell, Lynn Bacon, Margaret McSweeney, Modesta Cintron, and those who wish not to be named. Please contact the parish office if you wish to add a name to this list.



Angels fascinate us. These spiritual beings who are the subject of much lore and Hollywood dramatization also hold a compelling place in the Catholic tradition.

What do we know about angels? What do they do? Can we interact with them? Are demons real? Can they influence me? Do I have a personal guardian angel? Join us as we answer these questions and more on **Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 7:00 pm** in the St. Raymond School gym.

Fr. Michael Hurley is the pastor of St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco. He received his Master's degrees in Philosophy, Theology and Divinity from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology.

TAIZÉ SERVICE Taizé prayer is a simple form of Christian prayer in which we gather around the cross in candlelight to share scripture, chants, silence, and prayer. Brother Roger of Taizé describes it as: "... a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again... awakening us to heaven's joy on earth."



St. Raymond now holds a Taizé prayer service on the **second Monday** of each month at **7:00 pm** in the chapel. If you have not experienced it before, give yourself the gift of prayer and peace by trying it— all are welcome!

Next service: Monday, September 9, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat., Sept. 7, 5:15 pm** The Nelson Family, Both
Twenty-Third Sunday Living & Deceased
in Ordinary Time
- Sun., Sept. 8, 8:00 am** St. Raymond Parish
- Sun., Sept. 8, 10:00 am** The Imperial & Bantug
Families, Both Living & Deceased
- Sun., Sept. 8, 12:00 pm** Bernarda Guino †
- Sun., Sept. 8, 6:00 pm** Don Potter
- Mon., Sept. 9, 8:15 am** Lydia Moreno †
St. Peter Claver, Priest (M)
- Tues., Sept. 10, 8:15 am** Alice Carr † & Family
- Wed., Sept. 11, 8:15 am** For the Souls in Purgatory
- Thur., Sept. 12, 8:15 am** Jean Marquess †
The Most Holy Name of Mary (m)
- Fri., Sept. 13, 8:15 am** Mary Ann Egging
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)
- Sat., Sept. 14, 8:15 am** Maria Sa-ing Swang-ngam †
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)
- Sat., Sept. 14, 5:15 pm** Julian Rhodes
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Sun., Sept. 15, 8:00 am** Ralph Ruocco †
- Sun., Sept. 15, 10:00 am** Dr. Larry Burns †
- Sun., Sept. 15, 12:00 pm** Luige Benedetti †
- Sun., Sept. 15, 6:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish
S—Solemnity F—Feast M—Memorial m-Optional Memorial

For Mass intentions, call or visit the parish office.

PARISH EVENTS

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

10:00 am Fr. Jerome Installation Mass,
Ministry Fair, and Picnic

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

7:00 pm Taizé Service (p.3) in chapel
7:00 pm Pastoral Council

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

9:00 am Legion of Mary
7:00 pm Finance Council

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

10:00 am Small Group Bible Study

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

7:00 pm Holy Hour in chapel
7:00 pm Extraordinary Minister Training (p.3)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

8:45 am Adoration after morning Mass
9:00 am Extraordinary Minister Training (p.3)

NEXT WEEK!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

7:00 pm All About Angels, a talk with Fr.
Michael Hurley, O.P. (p. 3)

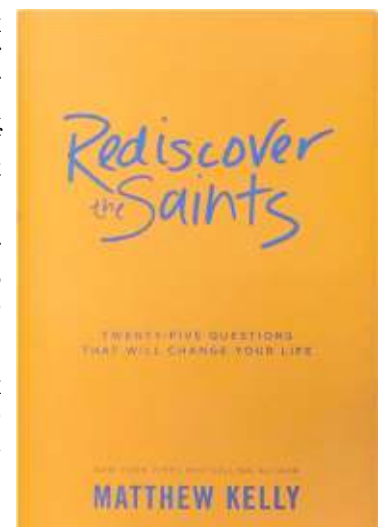
CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Almost one-third of the people in our pews this Christmas will likely not be back until Easter unless something changes. The sad fact is this: one Mass, no matter how great, isn't enough to hook them. So, how do we engage these people after they go home? Sending them off with a great book, that's how! It might sit on their desk or countertop for weeks, but eventually they'll pick it up. They'll leaf through it and then they'll start asking themselves life's BIG questions. The right book at the right time can change everything.

"Rediscovering the Saints" details the lives of 25 saints and shows how their spirituality can assist us in our spirituality today. The format of the book is 2-3 pages per saint in an easy to read and relate to format. The book is designed to show us that saints are not just in history books but looking at us in the mirror.

I would like to have 500 books on hand to give away at Christmas. Each book costs \$1.50. So, this project would cost a total of \$750. If you would like to help us be able to reach out to our "Christmas and Easter" brothers and sisters in Christ, please let me know.

God bless,
Fr. Jerome



STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPT 1, 2019

Offertory:	\$5,706.00
E-contributions:	\$2,117.00
Total collections:	\$7,823.00

There will be a special collection on the weekend of September 23 for the diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund.

The weekend of September 29 will be the 5th Sunday collection for the St. Raymond Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

FORMED PICK

Lectio: Prayer

Session 1: Prayer

Prayer as a Conversation

Prayer is one of the most basic elements of a life of faith, but sometimes it feels like a one-way "conversation." Dr. Gray shows how the solution to this problem can be found in the Scriptures.

Watch on formed.org



"Dr. Tim Gray explains the practice of Lectio in a way that makes you thirst for more!"

—Debbie S., Austin, TX



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- 1) Download the app for Android or iOS at app.formed.org.
- 2) Once the app is open, click on "Create New Account". On the next screen, enter access code **WQZZFM**. From there, you can create your account and access Formed.

To sign up via a web browser:

- 1) Visit <http://straymondmp.formed.org> and click "Register Here" to sign up.

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SVdP CORNER

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It goes by quickly, but we are once again approaching the 5th Sunday of the month. The SVdP Conference quietly goes along its mission to make home visits to those of the wider community who need assistance for food, clothing, beds, rent, or PG&E bills. We also work at the homeless desk at the Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City assisting with providing basic needs like food, showers, haircuts, clothing, toiletries, sleeping bags, warm coats, etc.



There are other parish projects we assist in such as coat drives and bundle Sundays. We exist for the sole purpose of extending help and support to our fellow brothers and sisters. Your financial contributions make this work possible and we are so appreciative of your willingness to give us the monetary foundation we need to extend this helping hand to the needy of the community. We once again have a matching grant for the first 2,500 dollars, so please help us exceed that challenge.

Thank you for your financial support and God bless you.

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YOUNG ADULT GROUP

ALMADEN QUICKSILVER HIKE SEPT. 15

Join us **Sunday, September 15** for our next young adult hike! We will be going to Almaden Quicksilver County Park in San Jose. All young adults welcome (bring your friends)! More details to follow.

Join our Facebook group for the latest details: bit.ly/yastraymond

TRUE AND FALSE NOTIONS OF FREEDOM

By Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

*“Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me cannot be my disciple”
(Lk 14:27)*

CS Lewis tells the story of his conversion in a little autobiographical piece entitled, *Surprised by Joy*. His journey has some things to teach us.

For years he was blocked from committing himself to faith precisely because of his keen, uncompromising intellect. Brilliant, searching, skeptical of easy answers, he was unable to picture to himself how the great events of Christ’s life and resurrection could have happened. Moreover, he saw commitment to faith as somehow selling short one’s freedom. In all of this, he was constantly challenged by **JRR Tolkien**, the author of *Lord of the Rings*, a friend and a practicing Roman Catholic. Lewis recalls how, on many an evening, Tolkien and he would have dinner together and then walk the streets of Oxford for hours, arguing faith and religion. On one such evening, shortly before Lewis’ conversion, Tolkien challenged him to this effect: “Your inability to picture for yourself the mysteries of Jesus’ life is a failure of imagination on your part!” Lewis was stung by that remark, but realized too its truth.

Not long afterwards he converted to Christianity and, as *Surprised by Joy* puts it, on the night when he finally, first, knelt down to acknowledge his faith he did so not in a burst of joy and enthusiasm, but “as the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom.” Parts of him were still in rebellion, but he knew he needed to kneel in a certain acquiescence because, as he put it, he had come to know that “the harshness of God is kinder than the softness of man and God’s compulsion is our liberation.” Happiness and freedom, he realized, are paradoxical in the extreme. You can only have them by giving them away. Giving away freedom is what makes us free, just as jealously hoarding it is the ultimate enslavement.

Scripture speaks of truths that were “hidden since the beginning of the world.” What Jesus reveals about the relationship of love and freedom is one of these truths. What does he reveal? That the essence of love is a certain obedience, a free acquiescence, a giving over of one’s freedom, a laying down of one’s life for love, morality, duty. Freedom doesn’t achieve its purpose by claiming itself for itself, but by giving itself away.

There is a great paradox in that and we see it stunningly portrayed in the scene where Jesus stands before Pilate during his trial. From every outward appearance, Jesus is unfree. He stands before Pilate

and the crowd, shackled, helpless to walk away, seemingly a victim. Yet, in all of literature, one will never find an image of someone more free than Jesus at that moment. When Pilate says to him: “Don’t you know that I have the power to set you free or put you to death,” Jesus answers, “You have no power over me. Nobody takes my life. I lay it down of my own free will.” Pilate understood exactly what that meant: you can’t make a saint into a victim or a martyr into a scapegoat. You can’t take by force what someone has already freely given over.

Scholastic philosophy used to make a distinction around the notion of freedom that partly captures this. It spoke of freedom as “freedom-from” and “freedom-for.” The former designates a certain adolescent ideal, where freedom means lack of restraints, lack of duty, lack of moral inhibition, the capacity to do whatever you like. The latter designates the purpose of freedom itself, namely, the capacity for self-donation in love, for altruism, for morality, for duty, for service.

This is not something we understand or accept easily. We are all too easily seduced by the idea that freedom means “freedom-from”—from duty, from moral restraint, and from anything else that inhibits or ties us down. Duty, morality, and religion are then seen as unhealthy weights, shackles to be shed.

But that’s a dangerous, unhappy, notion.

In Mark’s gospel, the disciples of Jesus are cast in a particularly bad light. They don’t just abandon Jesus during his passion and death, they misunderstand, betray, and get things wrong all the way along. That’s partly the point of Mark’s Gospel. For him, it’s difficult, indeed impossible, to come to faith in Jesus unless we share precisely in the cross by giving away our freedom as Jesus did, freely, without resentment. In Mark’s view of things, discipleship can only be grasped existentially, by participation in what lay at the heart of Jesus’ mission, his giving away his freedom to his Father.

Simone Weil, a fiercely independent mind who died fighting for freedom, was once asked: “What are you searching for?” Her answer, in essence: “I’m searching for someone to be obedient to because without obedience we inflate and grow silly, even to ourselves.”

It was precisely this realization that drove a reluctant CS Lewis to his knees in genuflection. God’s harshness is softer than our kindness and obedience in love is what sets us free.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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12th Annual Gala Saturday, September 14, 2019

Please join us on **Saturday, September 14** at St. Patrick's Seminary & University's premier fundraising event of the year, the 12th Annual Gala. This year we are pleased to honor Ignatius Press on their 40th anniversary.

Through our Annual Gala, we raise the unrestricted operational funds necessary for us to form courageous men of reflection and action who live joyous lives as priests. www.stpsu.edu/gala



Author Paul Murray, a Dominican friar, and a poet, professor, and Irish *raconteur extraordinaire*, is in the United States now to film a number of talks for the Word on Fire Institute. Bishop Barron has called him "one of today's great Catholic poets and spiritual writers," and his many books have been translated into at least eight languages. His latest book is *God's Spies: Michelangelo, Shakespeare and Other Poets of Vision*. This event is sponsored by the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship. Admission is free, but please register at Benedict XVI Institute. <http://bit.ly/2ZvGthz>



The ON FIRE NorCal Jam is a one-day Catholic event with concerts, talks, Mass, and more, co-sponsored by the Dioceses of Sacramento, Stockton, Oakland, Santa Rosa, Monterey, Reno, Fresno, and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The event takes place **Saturday, September 14, 2019**, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo. For more information, visit onfirenorcal.com or check for flyers inside the church.

HARD RE-SETTING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

El Retiro San Inigo
THE JESUIT RETREAT
CENTER OF LOS ALTOS

NON-SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN AND MEN
Fri., Oct. 18, 4:00 pm to Sun., Oct. 20, 2:00 pm

When our cell phones or computers don't work as they should, we are told to "hard re-set" them. That means literally turning the power off and restarting them. Our spiritual lives are the same. Sometimes things are not working as they should and we need to do something. Come and re-set your spiritual life. Fr. Brendan will use his experience as a former executive from the IT world to guide people working in the tech industry through a re-set procedure for our spiritual life. Led by Fr. Brendan McGuire.

You can register at www.jrclosaltos.org or call 408-917-4010.

2019 SAN FRANCISCO ROSARY RALLY SAVE THE DATE

October 5, 2019 10:00 am, San Francisco

www.rosaryrallysf.com



Sick of innocent babies being daily slaughtered in our county? Take a stand for JUSTICE & LIFE for ALL this Autumn of 2019:

From September 25 - November 3 commit to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) at the 40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at:

2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City.

Make this commitment by scheduling yourself online at: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity or for questions, difficulties or help, contact Jessica (scheduler) at 650-572-1468 or 650-918-9119 (mobile) or at themunns@yahoo.com. God will surely bless you for it -you will not be at the vigil alone -and you may save a life!

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