

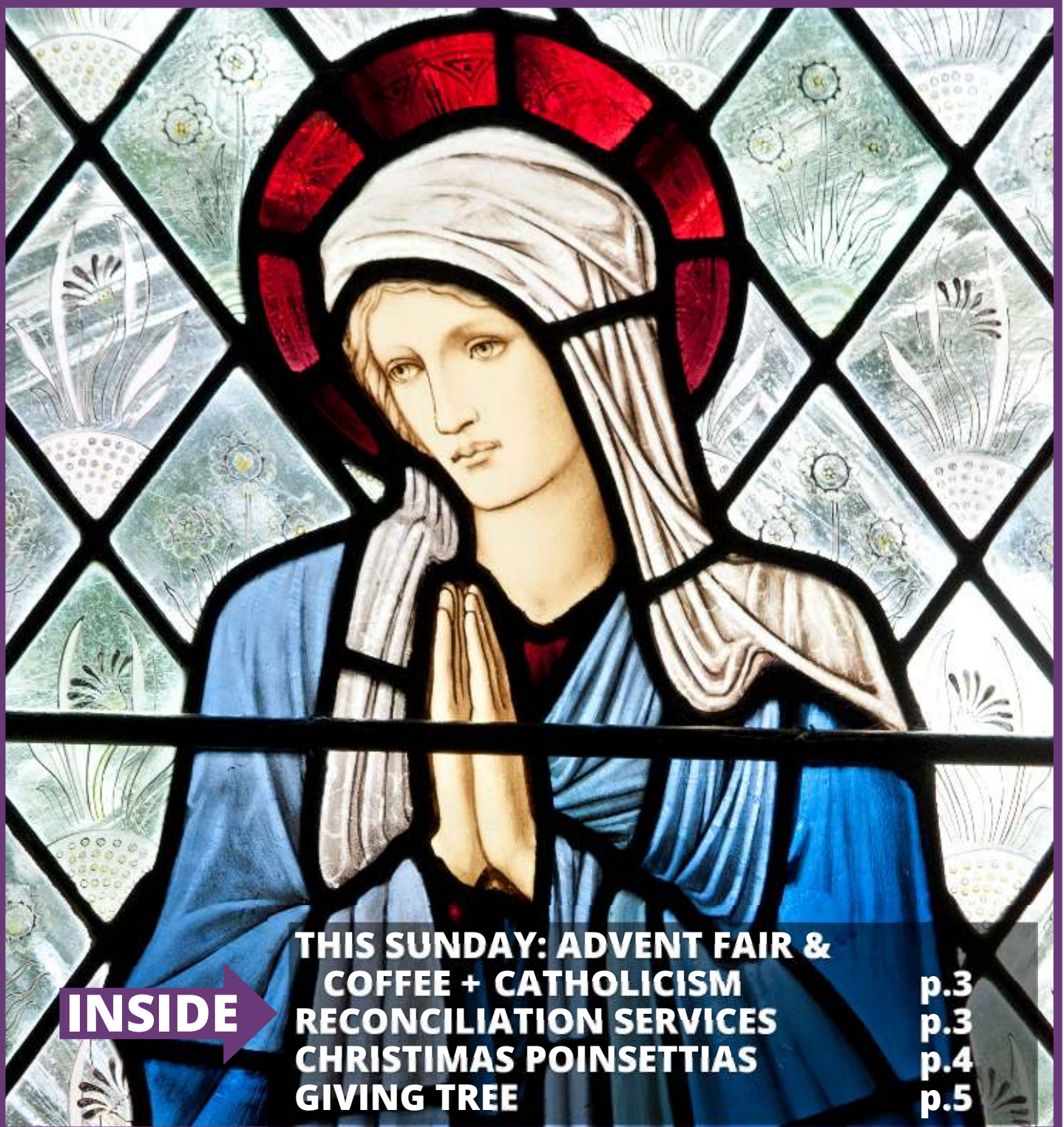


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ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

9:00 am Coffee & Catholicism
 11:00 am Advent Fair
 3:00 pm R.C.I.A. in Parish Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

9:00 am Advent Reconciliation Service
 9:00 am Legion of Mary
 7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

There is no Holy Hour this week.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

8:45 am Adoration after morning Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

3:00 pm Vallombrosa Choir Christmas Concert

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

5:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass & Dinner

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:40 pm Children's Singing Program
 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass
 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass
 8:00 am Christmas Day Mass
 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

There will be **no** 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm Masses.

ON THE COVER: *The Virgin's Assent*, detail of stained glass window *Annunciation* by Edward Burne Jones in St Mary's in Buscot, England. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. Image: [flic.kr/p/bG5cRg](https://www.flickr.com/photos/bG5cRg/) CC BY-NC-ND 2.0. License: bit.ly/ccbynnd20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 7, 5:15 pm The Nelson Family, Both
Second Sunday of Advent Living & Deceased

Sun., Dec. 8, 8:00 am Ralph Ruocco †
10:00 am Charles Galdes †
12:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
6:00 pm Allyson Hoffman †

Mon., Dec. 9, 8:15 am Concepcion Sanchez
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S) - not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

Tues., Dec. 10, 8:15 am For all of the living relatives & friends of the Order of Preachers

Wed., Dec. 11, 8:15 am Rosina & George Iuzzolino † and Family

Thur., Dec. 12, 8:15 am Wan-Lan Lee †
Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)

Fri., Dec. 13, 8:15 am Mary Ann Egging
St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (M)

Sat., Dec. 14, 8:15 am Fernando B. Silva †
St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (M)

Sat., Dec. 14, 5:15 pm Sr. Christina Heltsley
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Sun., Dec. 15, 8:00 am Sr. Judy Roach, RSCJ
10:00 am The Imperial & Bantug Families, Both Living & Deceased
12:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
6:00 pm Addi Porcella †

S—Solemnity F—Feast M—Memorial m—Optional Memorial

Mass intentions are now available through 2021. Please visit or call the parish office.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019, 8:15 AM MASS

Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. **The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer, therefore Monday, Dec. 9 is NOT a holy day of obligation.** The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year.



Advent Fair

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019, 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

St. Raymond's Third Annual Advent Fair will be held on **Dec. 8 from 11 am- 1 pm** in the parish hall. The Fair will feature:

- Advent wreath decorating (You are welcome to bring your own wreath or purchase one here.)
- A store area with fair trade nativity sets, fair trade coffee, and Advent/Christmas books
- Art projects for children (and all!), and making Christmas cards for SVdP's homeless clients

Please join us for this special event as we prepare for Christmas and the birth of our Lord, Jesus!



THE MEANING AND SPIRITUALITY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019, 9:00 AM

Br. Patrick Rooney, O.P., will talk about some basic principles and practices relating to Advent (e.g., colors, candles, darkness, mystery, the incarnation, waiting for the Lord, etc.). He will also reflect on some spiritual themes to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord.



Br. Patrick grew up in Oakhurst, CA (just south of Yosemite). After graduating from Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, CA, he joined the Western Dominican Province in 2015 and is currently working on an M.A. in Philosophy. He's very excited to come and talk about Advent. Fun fact: he can also ride a unicycle (but not at the talk).

LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the parish hall. Join us!

ALTAR SERVERS—If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an altar server (4th Grade and up), email John at jsanchez@straymondmp.org for more info.

Stewardship

COLLECTIONS THROUGH DEC. 1, 2019

Sunday Collections	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / -
At Mass	\$99,502.28	—	—
E-Giving	\$74,801.00	—	—
Total Offertory	\$174,303.28	\$208,450.00	(\$34,146.72)
	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>	<u>+ / -</u>
Fall Campaign	\$182,528.90	\$600,000.00	(\$417,471.10)

This week's Special Collection: Retirement for Religious. The National Religious Retirement Office coordinates the annual national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious and distributes financial assistance for retirement needs to eligible religious institutes. The National Religious Retirement Office and the Retirement Fund for Religious are sponsored by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, Leadership Conference of Women Religious, and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You can also donate online at retiredreligious.org.

Reconciliation Services

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

Communal reconciliation services will be held on **Tuesday, December 10**, at **9:00 am** and again at **7:00 pm**. Several priests will be available to hear confession. Come early.



Simbang Gabi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018, 5:00 PM

Please join us in celebrating Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition. Our Mass is part of a 9-day Novena of Masses as a spiritual preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Mass will be followed by dinner and fellowship. All are welcome.



Christmas Poinsettias

Join us again this year in decorating the altar with poinsettias, which will be available to order after each Mass this weekend. You may wish to honor a friend or loved one with a poinsettia. Names will be published in an upcoming bulletin. The altar will be decorated in time for the Christmas Eve Masses on December 24, 2019.



Poinsettias can also be ordered online at straymondmp.org/donate.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

with

THE VALLOMBROSA CHOIR



St. Raymond Church
1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park

Sunday 15 December 2019 at 3pm

Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

STOCK DONATION / MATCHING GIFTS / FALL DRIVE CAMPAIGN

I have been asked if the parish has the ability to accept stock donations. Yes! So, if you have stocks you would like to donate, we would love to receive them. Also, please check to see if your company does matching gifts. Last year one company matched its employee's gift 2 to 1. —Fr. Jerome.

Catholic Charities

FAMILY SHARING WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

You can have a big impact on the families Catholic Charities serves by giving individually or gathering members of your church or workplace, friends, family, or neighbors to give collectively. Catholic Charities will match you with families hoping for the joy of the holidays. If you decide to participate, we will send you a list of the individuals in your family, their ages, and wishes for the holidays. With the list in hand, you shop for the family and bring the unwrapped gifts to the address we provide.

To volunteer and for more information, contact Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or visit us at www.catholiccharitiessf.org.

Speaker Series

MUSIC AND EVANGELIZATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019, 7:00 PM

Through all of its history, the Catholic Church has used music to proclaim Jesus Christ! This was true in the early church, the medieval times, the counter-reformation, the evangelization of the new world, and even down to our present day. In this talk, **Fr. James Moore, O.P.**, will give lots of musical examples from throughout history and explain how the church has used beauty in sound to capture the heart for Christ! It will be a feast for the ears – and hopefully, will lead hearts closer to Christ even now. Fr. James Moore is a member of the Western Dominican Province and a Ph.D candidate in music at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.



BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday in the Parish Center at 10:00 am. Join us for prayer and scripture.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is having a potluck and white elephant gift exchange on Sunday, Dec. 15 after the 6:00 pm Mass. For more info, join their Facebook group page at bit.ly/yastraymond for updates.

Digital Advent

As we delve into Advent and preparing our hearts and our very selves for the coming of our Lord, Jesus, the infant Christ Child, we thought you might want to know about some great resources that can be found online. The resources below range from articles to weekly or daily reflections that correspond with Cycle A readings, the readings that we began last Sunday with the first week of Advent and the start of the new liturgical year. Check these out and commit to giving a few extra moments of your day to God during Advent so that you are truly ready when Jesus comes into our lives once again this year.

An article from the Western Province Dominicans with some very practical and family friendly suggestions on how we can prepare for Advent: opwest.org/preparetheway/

Daily Reflections for Advent 2019 from Loyola Press, for those who appreciate Ignatian/Jesuit Spirituality or want to check it out: bit.ly/LoyolaPressAdvent

An Ignatian imaginative prayer for Advent based on the book of Isaiah: bit.ly/IgnatianAdventPrayer

Three videos from those who appreciate the Franciscan perspective, including a history of how Nativity scenes and sets began in Italy in the early 13th century: cac.org/faculty-advent-messages/

Sisters of Mercy Weekly Reflections for 2019 following scripture and the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love: sistersofmercy.org/blog/tag/advent/

A Special Thank You To

Carmen, Esther, Josie, Rose R., Lan, Jack, Kate, Renate, and Jen Secker for helping with decorating the church for Advent.

Thanks also to everyone who helped with the missal change.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS If you have a notice for the bulletin, please send it to bulletin@straymondmp.org. Submissions are due by Friday two weeks before the publication date. You can also send any St. Raymond event photos that you would like to share with the community to the same address.

Giving Tree

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Participate in the St. Raymond 2019 Giving Tree, benefitting the St. Francis Center. Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree. Each ornament specifies a boy or girl and an age range. Please purchase a **new** gift for that child and bring it **unwrapped** to the Church or to the Parish Office on or before **Sunday, December 15**. On the next day, volunteers from the parish will take all the gifts collected from St. Raymond Parish to the St. Francis Center in Redwood City. There, families will be able to select items for their children. Your donations help to make a very merry Christmas for many local families. Thank you for your support and have a blessed Christmas!

Gift Suggestions:

Dolls - baby dolls and clothing, toy pets (dogs, horses);

Cars and Trucks - Tonka trucks, hot wheels, remote control cars;

Sports Equipment - soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, baseballs, bats, volleyballs, jump ropes, yoga balls, pull up bars;

Sports Attire - caps, t-shirts, sweatshirts (Please no blue or red);

Arts and Games - paints, markers, crayons, craft kits, games;

Clothing - t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, jeans;

Accessories - hair clips & ties, jewelry, watches, colognes, makeup, blow dryers, curling irons or straighteners, scarves;

Books - Spanish and English.

Please no war toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, or used items. Thank you!



St. Vincent de Paul

As we approach the last 5th Sunday of the year (December 28 & 29), we thank you sincerely for both your financial and spiritual support.

St. Vincent de Paul envelopes are available at the tables by the four entrances of the church. If you're away for the holidays, please consider an early contribution. You can also contribute online at straymondmp.org/donate and look for "St. Vincent de Paul". Thank you.

Music Ministry

PLEASE don't forget to contact your friends, relatives, neighbors, work colleagues, anyone whom you know loves to sing carols or likes to play an instrument, and INVITE them to join our choirs for Christmas Masses at St. Raymond, at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve (starting with carols with the children at 4:40 pm) and at 10:00 am Mass on Christmas Day.

We need more voices! Many of our year-round choir members are away this Christmas so come help us out!

Questions? Call or email Donna 408-406-6240 dstoering@gmail.com.

Children's Christmas Program

Children ages 3-18 are invited to come to music practices at 11:00 am (just following the 10:00 am Mass) on Dec. 15 and Dec. 22. This is to prepare for a short Children's Singing Program that will take place at 4:40 pm before the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass this year. All children who would like to sing some Christmas songs/prepare for Dec. 24 are welcome. Practices to be held in the Church; meet at the piano!



NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT

TUE., DECEMBER 31, 2019 7:00 PM—10:30 PM

This retreat is facilitated by **Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, O.P.**, and will include a reflection, Eucharist, and festive dessert (provided by the Dominican Sisters).



Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Chapel, 43326 Mission Circle (off Mission Tierra), Fremont, CA.

RSVP by Dec. 28th at bit.ly/2019NewYrRtrt or call 510-933-6360. Free will offering.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Go to Father's line during Communion and ask for a low-gluten host. To avoid contamination, please take a host from the low-gluten pyx.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK Do you know of anyone who is homebound or ill? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 or email office@straymondmp.org and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

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 Mojtehedí, Emmanuel Barbariol, Gayland Hagy, Janice Hagy, Karen Lundberg, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Margaret McSweeney, Modesta Cintron, and those who wish not to be named.

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FEATURED CONTENT

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Guadalupe

The Miracle and the Message

WATCH ON
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*The Heart of the Evangelization
of the Americas*

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December of 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak). This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

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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.

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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

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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*

HOLY HOUR (ADORATION & RECONCILIATION)

Thursdays 7:00 pm—8:00 pm*

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.*

* except Dec. 12

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.