

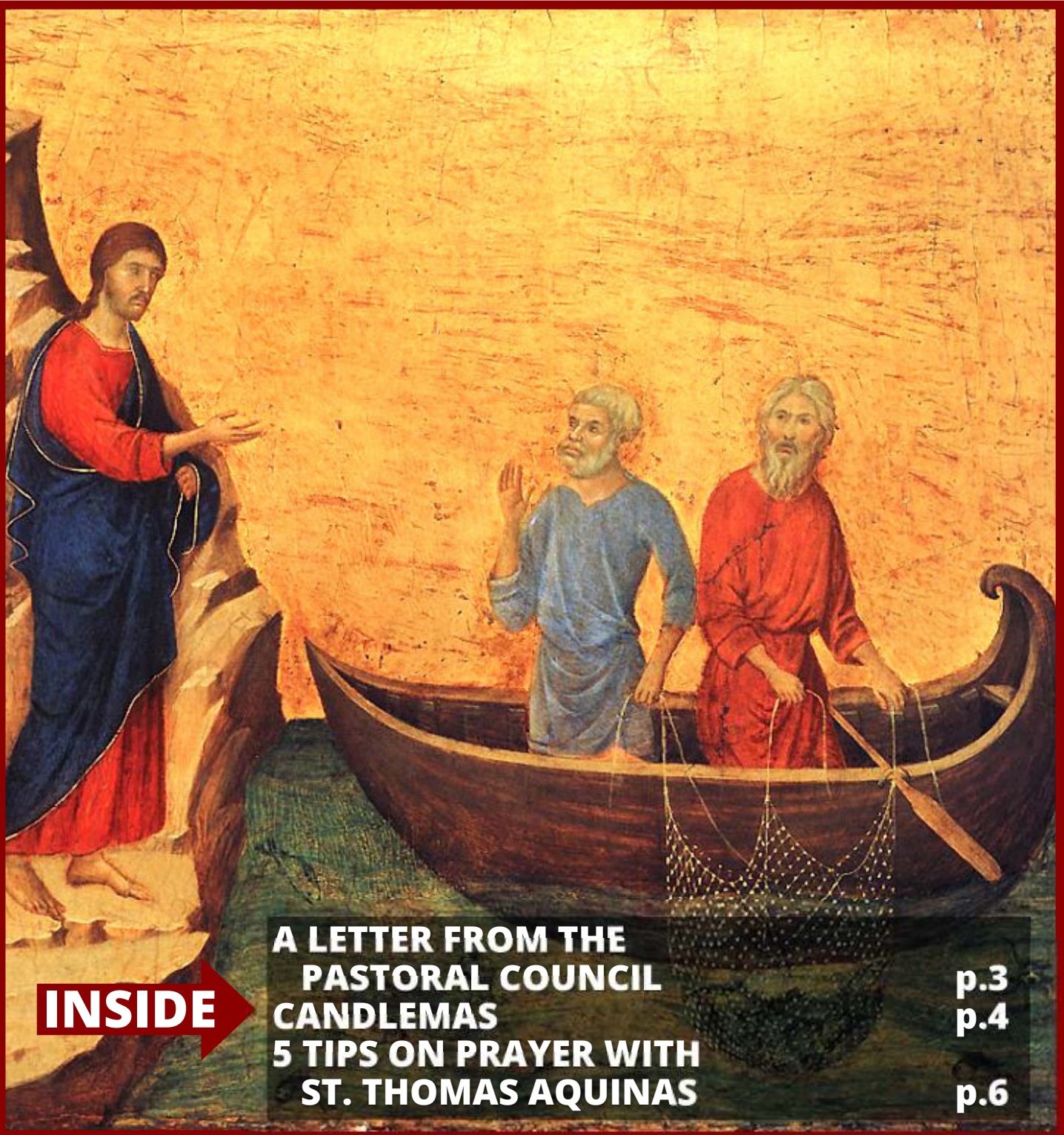


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ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH EVENTS

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

- 10:00 am Catholic Schools Week Mass followed by the St. Raymond School Open House
 3:00 pm R.C.I.A. in Parish Hall
 7:00 pm Young Adult Dinner following 6:00 pm Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

- 6:00 pm Men's Ministry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

- 9:00 am Legion of Mary
 9:00 am Buildings & Grounds

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

- 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

- 7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

- 2:00 pm Helen Pflaum Memorial Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

- 8:45 am Adoration after morning Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

- 3:00 pm R.C.I.A. in Parish Hall

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Leap into Lent: Men's Ministry Retreat

MARCH 21-22, 2020

St. Raymond 9th Annual World Famous Rummage Sale

ON THE COVER: *The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew* (1308-1311), by Duccio. Siena cathedral. Public Domain.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 25, 5:15 pm Mary Shepherd

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Jan. 26, 8:00 am Vitalus Nwogwugwu †

10:00 am St. Raymond Parish

12:00 pm Irinea Medina-Ortiz †

6:00 pm Craig Journey †

Mon., Jan 27, 8:15 am Mother Cabrini (in

St. Angela Merici, Virgin (m) Thanksgiving)

Tues., Jan 28, 8:15 am Aurelio Maestrini †

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church (F)

Wed., Jan. 29, 8:15 am Jerome & Susan Wasserman

Thur., Jan. 30, 8:15 am The Galvez, Herborn, &

Ritzen Families, Both Living & Deceased

Fri., Jan. 31, 8:15 am Thomas R. Lyons Jr. †

St. John Bosco, Priest (M)

Sat., Feb. 1, 8:15 am John & Cecilia Thieman

Sat., Feb. 1, 5:15 pm The Ferrando Family,
Both Living & Deceased

The Presentation of the Lord (F)

Sun., Feb. 2, 8:00 am Candy Hernandez

10:00 am Sergio & Angela Maestrini †

12:00 pm Mother Cabrini (in

Thanksgiving)

6:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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

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

MINISTRY CORNER

BIBLE STUDY is every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the parish hall, rain or shine.

LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am! Don't worry, it's held in the parish hall. Join us!

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) meets Sunday at 3:00 pm in the parish hall.

MEN'S MINISTRY is planning a Lenten retreat for February 29, 2020, and their Second Annual Fish Fry. More details to be announced soon.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS from the school's 4th grade class will be altar serving Tuesdays at the morning Mass.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I shared with you about the new radical kinship model which we are rolling out to our ministries. The radical kinship model focuses on the importance of regularly praying, serving, and socializing in community—like Jesus did. This approach drives parish engagement, deepens formation, and fosters commitment. A staff member has been assigned to each ministry head to help ministry leaders ensure that their members are praying, serving, and socializing together. This week I would like to share with you the approach that our Pastoral Council has taken to provide the service component.

Some ministries at St. Raymond already naturally serve together on a regular basis—for instance, the Eucharistic ministers serve together at the weekly Masses. Others may focus more on praying or socializing. For those latter two groups, we thought we should identify and vet 1-2 local service mission organizations that would like to partner with us to make it easier for those ministries to locate a service opportunity and to maximize the impact of our service outreach and the impact of St. Raymond Church. First, we conducted a brainstorming session in which we identified numerous local service organizations that might be appropriate. We spent a few months praying about and discussing this initiative and narrowed the list down to a top five. As we progressed with our discernment, we realized that we wanted to provide two distinct types of service opportunities: a large, local one that allows for the largest possible demographic to serve in a multitude of ways and a second smaller global one that helps us to serve far outside of our familiar Bay Area communities. We choose to work with Catholic organizations for our first endeavors. We also learned that it would be important to get to know our service partners and their needs—not merely what we'd like to provide for them—as well as how important the components of education and advocacy are in our service approach. Finally, we had a dedicated council member research and explore each of those five options. The result was that we have decided upon the following two service mission projects for our church:

1. Catholic Charities' St. Francis Youth Center. The youth center is right in our backyard in East Palo Alto! Their Program Director, Amy Hafter, has already worked with us to identify four categories of projects varying from one-time to ongoing events in which parishioners from sixth grade and older can engage. The projects range from tutoring their elementary students to running a book drive or to hosting parties to celebrate holidays.
2. Fr. Edward's (our wonderful previous Pastor) church in Nigeria. We already have an excellent relationship with Fr. Edward, and he welcomes

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTIONS THROUGH JAN. 19, 2020

Sunday Collections	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / -
At Mass	\$132,591.51	—	—
E-Giving	\$102,105.00	—	—
Total Offertory	\$234,696.51	\$274,775.00	(\$40,078.49)

COLLECTIONS THROUGH JAN. 19, 2019

	YTD Actual	YTD Goal	+ / -
Fall Campaign	\$417,590.65	\$600,000.00	(\$182,409.35)

Special Collection—Support the Church in Latin America—As our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean expand their ministries to train and support lay leaders, we can share our faith by helping to expand ministries such as catechesis, Liturgy of the Word, and distribution of Holy Communion in the region. Together with Catholics across the United States, we can answer the Gospel call and spread the faith by supporting the Collection for Latin America at Mass. Learn more visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Envelopes are in the pews. As is our custom, there will only be one passing of the basket.

our prayers and service. These projects range from our school children writing letters to Fr. Edward's school children (they have no Internet!) to our assisting with funding water projects.

Our parishioner, Sarah Berger Gonzalez, who has great experience with and passion for Catholic Social Teaching, has graciously agreed to lead our service initiative. You will hear more from her in a later letter. Of course, we welcome your creative ideas as to how we might additionally serve both of these wonderful communities.

We will be continuing to share key updates from our meetings in future bulletins as well as on our website so you can stay current with our discussions and plans. Please go to www.straymondmp.org/bulletins/ to read the previous letter in the January 18 bulletin for additional information or feel free to contact me at pastoralcouncil@straymondmp.org.

Blessings,
Lori Mirek,
Pastoral Council Chair

COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER 10:00 AM MASS—In case you didn't know, Coffee & Donuts are available after every 10:00 am Mass in our parish hall. Socialize!



HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE HOUR AFTER 8:00 AM MASS Join us after the 8:00 am Mass for Coffee Hour in Parish Hall.

RUMMAGE SALE

Our 9th Annual, World Famous, St. Raymond Rummage Sale will take place the weekend of **March 21-22**. This year's sale will benefit parish ministries. To



help you begin cleaning out your closets and garages, lightening your load, and simplifying your life, we are introducing the **8 Week Purge Challenge!** This week the focus is on the kitchen. We'd love dishware and silverware sets, entertaining pieces, small appliances, etc. Each week you will be given a suggested area of the house to focus on to collect GENTLY USED - LIKE NEW - BRAND NEW items your family wishes to donate. The storage container will be placed in the faculty parking lot at the school on February 1 and will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-3:15 pm, and Sundays from 10:00-11:30 am. We want to make it easy for you donate anytime throughout the day.

SUPER DONATION WEEKEND: We ask that small furniture or large quantities of donations be delivered directly to the school gym on **Super Donation Weekend March 14-15** or the week of March 16.

All donations are tax deductible. We also need non-wire hangers, plastic and paper bags and cardboard boxes, so please begin setting these aside. Please let us know if you have wagons we can borrow for helping to deliver sold merchandise to people's cars. A reminder of a few things we can't accept: Mattresses, sofas, large furniture, children's car seats, cribs. For a complete list, please see flyers in the church.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! We have only 7 days this year to prepare for the sale so please consider volunteering by going to our online sign-up: <http://signup.com/go/vnspeTX> as we need help with set-up, organizing, merchandising (prior to sale), check out, cashiering, security, being a runner, and clean-up on the last day. Not sure? You'll be able to sign up for general help too. It is a lot of fun and a great way to connect with so many wonderful people in the parish community. Thank you in advance for generously donating gently used merchandise AND for volunteering your time to make this year's sale our biggest one yet!

Look for additional details to come. Questions? Contact: Karyn Leahy at leahyfamily@msn.com

HELEN PFLAUM MEMORIAL

The memorial Mass for Helen Pflaum will be held on **Friday, January 31, 2020**, in the church at **2:00 pm**. Helen was the beloved wife of Bill Pflaum.

CANDLEMAS

On Sunday, February 2nd, bring your candles to Mass for the annual blessing!

Many Catholics keep shrines or prayer-stations of some variety in their homes. In these special places in the home, a candle or candles are often burned during times of prayer. In the same way that icons or medals are blessed, it is traditional for these candles to be holy items, and blessed by the priest. The annual blessing of devotional candles takes place on the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** in the Temple, or "**Candlemas**"-- "Mass of the Candles"-- forty days after Christmas. This marks the official close of the Christmas season on the Church calendar (as it was kept before Vatican II).



According to Jewish law and tradition, a mother and her newborn child present themselves to the community in the Temple for the first time since the baby's birth on the child's fortieth day of life outside the womb. The child is blessed and the mother purified by the Rabbi. This is what took place with the child Jesus and his mother, Mary, so many years ago. The Rabbi who blessed them was the infamous Simeon, who was aged far beyond the normal human lifespan because he was living out a prophecy that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Although he was by then blind, when presented with the Christ child he exclaimed: "Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled!" The Church sings this prayer, known as the "Canticle of Simeon" (or "Nunc Dimittis") at the end of every single day. This is a regular part of the Liturgy of the Hours (Compline, Night Prayer).

Bring your own devotional candles to be blessed on Sunday, February 2nd! (...and the Vigil). Candles do not need to have any specific composition, such as beeswax, to be used in household devotions.

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.

St. Raymond now holds a Taizé prayer service on the **FIRST 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, February 3, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

INTERFAITH REFUGEE WELCOME BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Interfaith Refugee Welcome, a Bay Area interfaith group providing financial support for immigrants in transition, will host a concert featuring world-class chamber musicians Amy Foote and Matt Linder on **Friday, February 7, 2020 at 7:30 pm**, at Zion Lutheran Church, 495 9th Ave. (at Anza) in San Francisco. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities Center for Immigration Legal & Support Services. Suggested donation is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. Includes wine and cheese reception preceding concert.

Catholic Charities has been chosen as this year's beneficiary for its steadfast work in protecting the lives and dignity of immigrants by providing legal services, counsel, and advocacy. All are invited to come and listen to this married couple perform music from the Renaissance to the present day while benefitting our immigrant community.

Pro Bono Immigration Attorneys

Catholic Charities Center for Immigration Legal & Support Services welcomes pro bono immigration attorneys to work alongside our immigration legal staff at our San Mateo and San Francisco locations. Hours and days are flexible during the work week between 9-5. To volunteer, contact Carol Laughlin at claughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or 415.972.1236.

STARS SENIOR MASS & BINGO

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 5, 2020**, for a special Valentine's gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 pm for a senior Mass and Anointing of the Sick. We will then move to the Parish Center for a light lunch and delicious treats. Bring a friend or three to join in the fun with this wonderful group - all are welcome!! If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Leahy at leahyfamily@msn.com.

BINGO				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

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LIKE: THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON OUR LIVES
AN INDIEFLIX ORIGINAL PRODUCTION
DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, February 6, 2020, 6:30pm - 8:00pm
St. Raymond School (Gym)
1211 Arbor Road, Menlo Park

Info & Tickets: [like2020straymond.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/like-2020-straymond-tickets-61234567890)

Join us for an exclusive showing of **LIKE**, the new IndieFlix Original documentary that explores the impact of social media and technology on our lives.

Technology is a tool, and social platforms are a place to connect, share, and care—but what is really happening? By understanding the impact of technology and social media on the brain, we can learn how to navigate it more safely with our children and teens.

Parents, students, friends, and family members welcome! Free admission and light refreshments. Film showing will be followed by a panel discussion.

St. Raymond Parent Education Series events are sponsored by St. Raymond Catholic School.

Questions? Contact Charlene Margot, M.A., Founder and Director, The Parent Education Series, cmargot@csmconsulting.net or Stacey Holmes, staceywharton@yahoo.com.

YOUNG ADULTS

NEXT MONTHLY DINNER THIS SUNDAY

The next monthly dinner will be this Sunday, **January 26 after the 6:00 pm Mass!**

Join our Facebook group for the latest details and new event announcements: bit.ly/yastraymond.



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, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Gayland Hagy, Janice Hagy, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Lynn Cintron, Margaret McSweeney, Modesta Cintron, Penny Bantug, and those who wish not to be named. Contact the parish office if you wish to add a name to the list.

5 TIPS ON PRAYER WITH ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, OP

By Br. John Sica, O.P.

Prayer, St. John Damascene says, is the unveiling of the mind before God. When we pray we ask Him for what we need, confess our faults, thank Him for His gifts, and adore His immense majesty. Here are five tips for praying better— with the help of St. Thomas Aquinas (Feast Day January 28).

5. Be humble.

Many people falsely think of humility as a virtue of a low self-esteem. St. Thomas teaches us that humility is a virtue of acknowledging the truth about reality. Since prayer, at its root, is an “asking” directed at God, humility is crucially important. Through humility we recognize our neediness before God. We are totally and entirely dependent on God for everything and at every moment: our existence, life, breath, every thought and action. As we become more humble, we recognize more profoundly our need to pray more.

4. Have faith.

It's not enough to know that we're needy. To pray, we also have to ask someone, and not just anyone, but someone who can and will answer our petition. Children intuit this when they ask mom instead of dad (or vice versa!) for permission or a gift. It is with the eyes of faith that we see God is both powerful and willing to help us in prayer. St. Thomas says that “faith is necessary... that is, we need to believe that we can obtain from Him what we seek.” It is faith which teaches us “of God's omnipotence and mercy,” the basis of our hope. In this, St. Thomas reflects the Scriptures. The Epistle to the Hebrews underlines the necessity of faith, saying, “Whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). Try praying an Act of Faith.

3. Pray before praying.

In old breviaries you can find a small prayer that begins, “Open, O Lord, my mouth to bless your Holy Name. Cleanse, too, my heart from all vain, perverse and extraneous thoughts...” I remember finding this slightly amusing— there were prescribed prayers before prescribed prayers! When I reconsidered it, I realized that although it might seem paradoxical, it gives a lesson. Prayer is utterly supernatural, and so it is far beyond our reach. St. Thomas himself notes that God “wishes to bestow certain things on us at our

WOMEN ON THE JOURNEY: INSPIRING LIVES A ONE NIGHT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

with Mary Abinante

Fri. Feb. 7, 6:00 pm—Sat. Feb. 8, 1:00 pm

Companionship is a key component of the spiritual life. We will consider saints and companions in our tradition and in our own lives. Who inspires us? Who gives us strength? Always, we seek to be renewed on our own journey of faith.

The retreat will include presentations, reflection time, conversation, and prayer experiences. You might wish to bring your journal if you use one. \$145—\$165

Register at vallombrosa.org/calendar or call 650-325-5614.

asking.” The prayer above continues by asking God: “Illumine my mind, inflame my heart, that I may worthily, attentively and devoutly recite this Office and merit to be heard in the sight of Your divine Majesty.” The attentiveness and purity of heart needed to attain to God in prayer is itself received as a gift— and we will only receive if we ask.

2. Be intentional.

Merit in prayer— that is to say, whether it brings us closer to heaven— flows from the virtue of charity. And this flows from our will. So to pray meritoriously, we need to make our prayer an object of choice. St. Thomas explains that our merit rests primarily on our original intention in praying. It isn't broken by accidental distraction, which no human being can avoid, but only by intentional and willing distraction. This also should give us some relief. We need not worry too much about distractions, as long as we don't encourage them. We realize something of what the Psalmist says, namely, that God “pours gifts on His beloved while they slumber” (Psalm 127:2).

1. Be attentive.

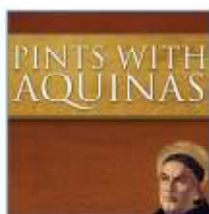
Although, strictly, we need only be intentional and not also perfectly attentive to merit by our prayer, it is nevertheless true that our attention is important. When our minds are filled with actual attention to God, our hearts too are inflamed with desire for Him. St. Thomas explains that spiritual refreshment of the soul comes chiefly from being attentive to God in prayer. The Psalmist cries out, “It is your face, O Lord, that I seek!” (Psalm 27:8). In prayer, let us never cease to search for His Face.

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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Pints with Aquinas 12 Stories about Aquinas



January 28 is the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas. In celebration, Matt Fradd sits down with Peter Greiff as he shares 12 quick stories about Aquinas.

LISTEN ON FORMED.ORG

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 or register online at www.straymondmp.org/register.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS ⁷

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

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.*

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.