



BULLETIN

ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2020
(UPDATED)



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AN EXCORIST - MARCH 10 P.3

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PARISH EVENTS

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

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

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

7:00 pm Pastoral Council

7:00 pm Lenten Small Group Faith Sharing (p. 3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

9:00 am Legion of Mary

7:30 pm Speaker Series: An Evening with an Exorcist - Fr. Gary Thomas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020

10:00 am Small Group Bible Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

10:00 am Lenten Small Group Faith Sharing (p. 3)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:45 pm Soup Supper

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

8:45 am Adoration after morning Mass

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 21-22, 2020

St. Raymond 9th Annual World Famous Rummage Sale (p.4)

MARCH 29, 2020

50/50 Party (p.4)

MINISTRY CORNER

BIBLE STUDY is every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the parish hall. All are welcome.

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

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

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 7, 5:15 pm Vitalus Nwogwugwu †

Second Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 8, 8:00 am Lillian Duzanica †

10:00 am Raffaella & Aurelia Maestrini †

12:00 pm Mary Cague †

6:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Mar. 9, 8:15 am Edward Tien-Zen Lee †

Tues., Mar. 10, 8:15 am For the Souls in Purgatory †

St. Frances of Rome, Religious (m)

Wed., Mar. 11, 8:15 am Thomas R. Lyons, Jr. †

Thur., Mar. 12, 8:15 am Dr. Karen Chan †

Fri., Mar. 13, 8:15 am Elena Loo Kung †

Anniversary of Election (2013) of Pope Francis

Sat., Mar. 14, 8:15 am Lizandro Magaña †

5:15 pm Eleanor Jekot †

Third Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 15, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Josephine Spiteri † & Family

12:00 pm Audrey Ratkovich

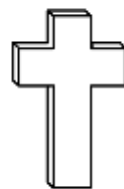
6:00 pm Harold Ero Meconi †

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

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

ST. RAYMOND CHOIRS

LITURGICAL CHOIRS FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITY LEVELS ARE BEING FORMED FOR AN INSPIRED OFFERING AT ALL MASS TIMES



From professional musicians to those who only sing in the car... and no matter how busy you already are...

All are encouraged to make a gift of your time and talent!

Children in our school and Religious Education Programs are especially encouraged to participate.



Call, email, or introduce yourself to find out how you can make a contribution. Call 650-323-1755 or email Lauri Hofstrom at music@straymondmp.org.

SPEAKER SERIES

AN EVENING WITH AN EXORCIST

THIS WEEK! How does one become an exorcist? What does an exorcist do? What is the rite of exorcism? What is the difference between temptation, oppression, obsession, and possession? What are the signs of possession? Are haunted houses real? Can animals be possessed? **Fr. Gary Thomas**, the exorcist of the Diocese of San Jose, will answer these and other questions regarding the topic of exorcism when he joins us for a presentation on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm** in the Church. Fr. Thomas' journey to become an exorcist is also the subject of the book "The Rite: The Making of a Modern Exorcist" by Matt Baglio.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS

Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday** from now to April 3 at 6:00 pm in the Church.

Soup Suppers will be held following the Stations of the Cross. The Soup Supper on March 13 will be hosted by the **Mothers' Ministry**.

On **April 3**, Stations of the Cross will be followed by the **2nd Annual Men's Ministry Fish Fry** in the Kennedy Center (school gym). Details to follow.

ON THE COVER: Fr Jerome preaches at the 10:00 am Mass on March 1, 2020. Used with permission.

STEWARDSHIP

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COLLECTIONS THROUGH MARCH 1, 2020

Sunday Collections	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / -
At Mass	\$165,987.39	—	—
E-Giving	\$122,397.00	—	—
Total Offertory	\$288,384.39	\$331,625.00	(\$43,240.61)

COLLECTIONS THROUGH MARCH 1, 2019

	YTD Actual	YTD Goal	+ / -
Fall Campaign	\$441,255.49	\$600,000.00	(\$158,744.51)

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

LENTEN SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING are starting now! Come together to reflect on scripture, share experiences through the lens of faith, and pray together. Join Mary McCarty on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm or Christine Galvez on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am; contact Mary at mhmccarty@gmail.com or Christine at chrisgalvez@aol.com to join. All are welcome!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available the following times:

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

Saturdays: 3:45 pm—4:45 pm before the Saturday evening Mass

A communal reconciliation service will be held **Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm**.

Confession is also available by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call the parish office or email Fr. Jerome at jcudden@straymondmp.org.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday:	April 5	Regular Sunday Schedule
Tenebrae:	April 9-11	8:15 am with the Dominican Community
Holy Thursday:	April 9	7:00 pm Mass
Good Friday:	April 10	12:00-3:00 pm Tre Ore 7:00 pm Service
Easter Vigil:	April 11	8:00 pm Mass
Easter Sunday:	April 12	8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (no 6:00 pm Mass)

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all of our Religious Ed. Families and students for their participation in the St. Francis Youth Center duffel bag project and for helping us kick off our partnership with such a great show of support! Forty duffel bags, along with towels, water bottles, and toiletries were donated and put together by our students during religious education class on Feb. 23.... just in time for some of the students at Catholic Charities St. Francis Youth Center to go on an outdoor education experience. Thank you, Religious Ed. families and students for your generosity!



"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

~Matthew 25:40

SAVE THE DATE

50/50 PARTY

In March, Fr. Jerome will turn the big 50! In June, Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P., will also turn the big 50! To celebrate we will be having a celebratory Mass at the Sunday, 10:00 am Mass on **March 29** followed by a picnic. Please mark your calendars. Special guest stars scheduled to appear include St. Raymond alums Fr. Christopher and Fr. Augustine. More details to follow.



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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Our **9th Annual, World Famous, St. Raymond Rummage Sale** will be the weekend of **March 21-22**. Proceeds support parish ministries. To help you simplify your life, we are introducing the 8 Week Purge Challenge! Week 7 focuses on the **PLAYROOM/TOYS**: Complete games/puzzles, Legos, doll houses, dolls, American Girl, Barbie's, ride on toys, Star wars/Marvel/ action figures, etc. We hope you collect **GENTLY USED - LIKE NEW - BRAND NEW** items your family wishes to donate.



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 16th. 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 peoples 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: signup.com/go/vnspeTX as we need help with set-up, organizing, merchandising (prior to sale), check out, cashiering, security, be 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.

SVdP CORNER

I was working in the trailer at Redwood City Homeless Help Center when a man came and asked if we might have a blanket because it had been SO cold! I had just found a strange unmarked bag which happened to have a large Mickey Mouse throw. I asked if he had to carry the blanket or not and he said he had an encampment so he didn't have to carry it. I pulled out the bag and took out the throw- he was so thrilled. Under the throw there was a hand crocheted throw. The man saw it and his eyes grew big- "Wow!" he said.



"You should take that too," I said and he took a step back and started to refuse because it was too nice for him. "Go on, you deserve something nice too," I said. The other volunteer encouraged him too and he took it, hugged it and got tears in his eyes. It must have brought back precious memories of someone or sometime in his life that really touched him. He took it and wrapped it up carefully in the bag and went off speechless.

I will never forget the look on his face. I felt for a flash that I was looking on the face of Jesus! It changed me forever! A flash of pure, generous, grace I believe.

Judy Caletti
Redwood City Homeless Help Center



Feb. 26 - April 5, 2020

Help save lives this Lent with 40 Days for Life. All are welcome to join in peacefully praying for an end to abortion.

The 40 Days for Life campaign runs from **now until April 5** at the public right-of-way outside of the Planned Parenthood location at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. You may sign up for vigil hours on the website at 40daysforlife.com/redwood-city.

For more information on these events, please email themunns@yahoo.com.

DOMINICAN CORNER ⁵

LENTEN ASPIRATIONS

BY BR. PASCHAL STRADER, O.P.

The season of Lent is underway! This time of preparation for Easter gives us an opportunity to reexamine and refocus our spiritual lives. We are encouraged to take up individual Lenten observances, usually falling in the traditional categories of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Along with making some kind of sacrifice, hopefully we are also adding something to our spiritual lives. If something we add proves fruitful, we should consider continuing the practice after Lent ends.

One simple practice that can make a significant difference in our spiritual lives is to incorporate short prayers into the midst of our daily schedules. These short prayers, called aspirations, may be just a few words long. They are a momentary pause in what we are doing to turn our attention to God's presence. The prayer could be a favorite line from Scripture. It could also be a simple **"Thank you, Jesus"** for some blessing in the day, or a **"Help me, Lord!"** or **"Come, Holy Spirit"** when we are about to do something difficult or in a time of temptation. It could even be saying the name Jesus, with an inward glance at Him.

Forming a habit of saying prayers like this throughout the day can transform our daily routine into a continuing dialogue with God, inviting Him into everything we do. This is a way to follow St. Paul's instruction to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thes 5:17). We would also be imitating St. Dominic, who "always spoke either to God or about God" (Brother Paul of Venice, at the canonization proceedings for St. Dominic, 1233).

To form a habit, it helps to attach prayers to particular routine actions or times. Many friars pray when they start their cars: **"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."** I recently reread St. Alphonsus Liguori's short work, *How to Pray at All Times*. He gives many suggestions of ways to add moments of prayer to our lives. He especially recommends making an offering of the day when we first wake up and to offer up any work as we set to it. St. Francis de Sales also has many suggestions in this regard in his *Spiritual Directory* and in his *Introduction to the Devout Life* where he says, "I should advise you not to tie yourself to any formal words, but rather to speak with heart or

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BRIGHTEN THE DAYS OF A SENIOR WITH COMPANIONSHIP

Help out at Catholic Charities Adult Day Services Program in San Carlos by playing games, reading, or doing crafts for a few hours per week. Flexible dates and times, Mon.-Fri. between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm. Please contact Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@catholiccharitiessf.org for more details.



VOLUNTEER TUTORS are needed at Catholic Charities Youth Club at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in East Palo Alto in the afternoons. Adults and students ages 15 and up can volunteer independently and students younger than 15 can volunteer with a parent. To apply, contact Amy Hafter, director of the program at ahafter@catholiccharitiessf.org or call her at 650-327-7432.

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE HOUR AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

Join us after the 8:00 am Mass for Coffee Hour in Parish Hall. Help is always needed. Bring a treat to share.



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. Come and make a new friend.



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, GB, Janice Hagy, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Lynn Cintron, Margaret McSweeney, Modesta Cintron, Penny Bantug, PN, and those who wish not to be named. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have a name added to this list.



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Ready Reasons Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

The Catholic teaching on penance is often rejected because they think it implies Jesus' death on the cross was not enough. Learn why that is not actually the case.

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mouth whatever springs forth from the love within you, which is sure to supply you with all abundance" (pt. II, ch. XIII).

More than once I have resolved to incorporate these kinds of short prayers into my life, but usually the practice tapers off through forgetfulness. Forming a new good habit, even a simple one like this, is challenging. This Lent, I am re-doubling my effort. I'll start by saying a short prayer for help.

Lord, help us with our Lenten observances and make them fruitful in bringing us closer to you.

Source: opwest.org

Br. Paschl Strader, O.P., is a student brother in the Western Dominican Providence.

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.

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.

HOMILY ARCHIVE

Revisit homilies from Fr. Jerome and Deacon Tom, along with special guest **(+)** preachers such as Fr. Michael Amabisco, O.P., and more. Homilies are available online at www.straymondmp.org/homilies.

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WITH FR. JEROME



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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 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.