



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ALL EVENTS ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AT
facebook.com/straymondmp/live

ALL MASSES ARE ALSO STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AT
straymondmp.org/youtube

MONDAY TO FRIDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Indoors)
3:00 pm Prayer/Devotional
6:40 pm Rosary (M-Thur) / Stations of the Cross (F)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020

7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

7:00 pm Finance Council

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

10:00 am Bible Study (below)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

7:30 pm From Hard Science Ph.D. to Religious Life O.P (Zoom) (p.3)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

8:15 am Mass (Indoors)
9:00 am Rosary at Holy Cross Cemetery Menlo Park
3:00 pm Confessions in Rose Garden
3:30 pm Vigil Mass (Outdoors)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

8:00 am Sunday Mass (Indoors)
10:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)
5:00 pm Sunday Mass (Indoors)

RSVP for weekend Masses at
www.straymondmp.org/eventbrite

** Please visit straymondmp.org for the latest schedule for the day.

BIBLE STUDY

The St. Raymond Small Group Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** on Zoom. The group discusses the readings for the upcoming Sunday. If you would like more information, please contact Christine Galvez at chrisgalvez@aol.com.



LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 14, 3:30 pm St. Raymond Parish

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Nov. 15, 8:00 am The Ruocco Family, Both Living & Deceased

10:00 am Charles Galdes † and Family

5:00 pm  Tori Lane

Mon., Nov. 16, 8:15 am Paul Manni

St. Margaret of Scotland (m); St. Gertrude, Virgin (m)

Tue., Nov. 17, 8:15 am Romilda Garibaldi †

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious (M)

Wed., Nov. 18, 8:15 am Joseph Thinh Vuong †

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles (m); St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin (m)

Thur., Nov. 19, 8:15 am The Souls in Purgatory †

Fri., Nov. 20, 8:15 am Jocelyn Volkens

Sat., Nov. 21, 8:15 am Armando Maestrini †

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

Sat., Nov. 21, 3:30 pm Becky Galvez

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S)

Sun., Nov. 22, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Eleanor Jekot †

5:00 pm The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

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

To request a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office.

SUNDAY READINGS

Nov. 15, 2020 (33rd in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 128:1-5

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111520.cfm

Nov. 22, 2020 (Christ the King)

Reading 1: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23:1-3, 5-6

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

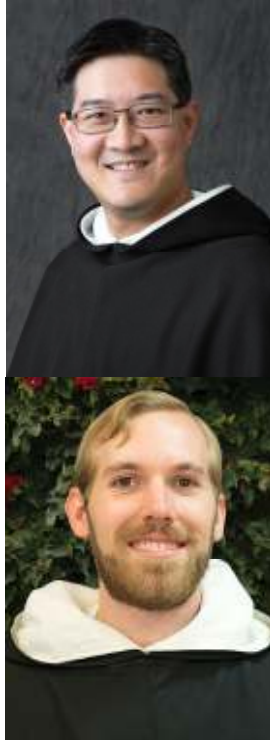
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SPEAKER SERIES

FROM HARD SCIENCE PH.D. TO RELIGIOUS LIFE O.P.: HOW THE BEAUTY OF NATURE LEADS TO LOVE OF GOD

THURSDAY, NOV. 19, 7:30 PM

All are invited to hear two Dominicans tell their story. First, **Fr. Gregory Liu, Ph.D.**, (top right) will tell his story of going from the altar of lab bench to the altar of the Eucharist, sharing how a chemist became a Catholic priest. Second, **Br. Paschal Strader, Ph.D.** (bottom right), will share how after years of marveling at creation as an astrophysicist, the influence of community, prayer, and study drew him to religious life and preaching about the Creator. After a discussion, we will have time for Q&A.



For more information and to join, visit <http://straymondmp.org/zoom>.

Note: Dn. John is working on upcoming Speaker Series events, including a talk with Fr. Ambrose Sigman, O.P. in December.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on **Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 am**. Please note the new time. The Mass will be held outdoors on the school lawn. The collection for this Mass will benefit St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park.



There will be a Blessing of Food following Mass.

MASS LOCATIONS

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This last weekend's weather was a reality check regarding the outside Masses. The **3:30 pm Saturday Vigil** went well. So, the default location of this Mass will be outside. However, should the temperature drop or it is raining, the Vigil Mass may be moved inside on an as needed basis. The 8 am Mass was cold and windy. As such, the **8 am Mass** will be moved inside on a permanent basis. Fr. Jerome would like to have at least one Mass a weekend outside; this will be the **10 am Mass**. In the event of rain, there is covering under the school's overhang, but a wise person would also bring an umbrella. Finally, the **5 pm Mass** on Sunday will continue to be inside.

Monday-Saturday 8:15 am Indoors

Saturday, 3:30 pm Outdoors (weather permitting)

Sunday, 8:00 am Indoors

Sunday, 10:00 am Outdoors

Sunday, 5:00 pm Indoors

COOKIE MINISTRY

Can't gather with friends this year for a Holiday Cookie Exchange? Start a new tradition! We can bake and freeze cookies in advance for Table of Plenty! We can bake as a family in thanksgiving for all our blessings. We can spread our Christmas Spirit with those more vulnerable here in San Mateo County, recalling the poverty of the manger in Bethlehem.

Collection schedule: November 18th & 25th; December 16th & 23rd

If you can provide 48-60 cookies, please call Carol at the Parish Office (650-323-1755).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 22—Campaign for Human Development
Thursday, Nov. 26—St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room
Sunday, Nov. 29—5th Sunday SVdP Collection

Donations for special collections will be accepted in the collection basket at our Masses and online at straymondmp.org/donate/.

HOMELESS FAMILY FUND

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us all in profound ways but falling disproportionately on marginalized and vulnerable populations.

In responding to the signs of the times, the Homeless Family Fund at St. Raymond Parish is partnering with Catholic Charities San Mateo and St. Francis of Assisi Parish in East Palo Alto to identify individuals and families in need of support to cover basic necessities and to provide information referrals to other services and opportunities in the County.

What has St. Raymond supported to date?

- Disbursed **\$97,986.20** to cover rental assistance for the current month; and, for those that who were in arrears due to unemployment from COVID-19 and other reasons, we have brought them up to date;
- Prevented **25 households** (including 34 adults and 39 children) from being evicted; and
- Provided, through Catholic Charities, **just-in-time information referrals** to other services and benefits within the San Mateo County system including CalFresh, Legal Aid, and employment.

In late March 2020, a single mother to 3 children (2 boys, 8 and 4 years old, the younger with disabilities; and 1 girl, 2 years old) lost her income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To avoid being completely homeless, she moved into the garage of her landlord's residence, where she was paying \$1,500 a month.

After burning through all her savings at the end of August 2020, she approached Fr. Goode in mid-September for rental support so that they would not end up on the street. Fr. Goode referred the applicant to the Homeless Family Fund. In mid-October, the Fund was able to provide rental assistance for the two months of arrears (September and October) and her rent through the month of November for a total of \$4,500. Catholic Charities is currently working with the family to explore other services and means of support for the family.

In early September, the applicant received a notice to pay rent or be evicted after her rent was past due since April. The single woman lost her income as a housekeeper in April due to the shelter in place order and spent all her savings to maintain her housing. Fr. Goode was able to provide some rental assistance for the months in arrears, but the only 25 percent of the total rent due.

Fr. Goode referred the applicant to the Homeless Family Fund. The Fund was able to cover the applicants rent in arrears for the months of September and October and cover the rent for the month of November to prevent eviction for a total of \$5,100. The applicant has since been able to recover some of her income in picking up some housekeeping jobs and Catholic Charities is working with her to ensure she is connected with other services in the county.

A single mother who has been chronically homeless for many years and living in her car with her 9-year old son has been working with Fr. Goode for the last year to find sustainable and safe housing for her and her son. In September 2020, her car was deemed unlivable after a hit and run accident. With the support of Fr. Goode, she was able to find and put down a security deposit at a mobile home.

When he referred her to the Homeless Family Fund, the Fund was presented with the opportunity to provide rental assistance for the months of October and November (\$2,400) or help her purchase the mobile home unit (\$3,000). With the support of the Fund, St. Raymond Parish was able to support the applicant in purchasing the mobile home (\$3,000), ensuring she will have safe housing in the years to come. Since then, the applicant has also secured a job at Safeway.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have 15 applications waiting for assistance and anticipate more with the moratorium on eviction ending January 31, 2021.

Consider making a reoccurring monthly e-donation or a large lump sum to help support the ongoing need. Please make donations payable to St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund. They may be placed in the collection basket, sent to the parish office or through the St. Raymond website (straymondmp.org/donate). Questions or want to get involved? Please reach out to: HFF@straymondmp.org.

SAINTS IN AMERICA

ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 18

Born in Grenoble, France, of a family that was among the new rich, Rose learned political skills from her father and a love of the poor from her mother. The dominant feature of her temperament was a strong and dauntless will, which became the material—and the battlefield—of her holiness. She entered the Visitation of Mary Convent at 19, and remained despite family opposition. As the French Revolution broke, the convent was closed, and she began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for homeless children, and risked her life helping priests in the underground.

When the situation cooled, Rose personally rented the former convent, now a shambles, and tried to revive its religious life. The spirit was gone, however, and soon there were only four nuns left. They joined the infant **Society of the Sacred Heart**, whose young superior, **Mother Madeleine Sophie Barat**, would be her lifelong friend.

In a short time Rose was a superior and supervisor of the novitiate and a school. But since hearing tales of missionary work in Louisiana as a little girl, her ambition was to go to America and work among the Indians. At 49, she thought this would be her work. With four nuns, she spent 11 weeks at sea en route to New Orleans, and seven weeks more on the Mississippi to St. Louis. She then met one of the many disappointments of her life. The bishop had no place for them to live and work among Native Americans. Instead, he sent her to what she sadly called “the remotest village in the U.S.,” St. Charles, Missouri. With characteristic drive and courage, she founded the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi.

Though Rose was as hardy as any of the pioneer women in the wagons rolling west, cold and hunger drove them out—to Florissant, Missouri, where she founded the first Catholic Indian school, adding others in the territory.

“In her first decade in America, Mother Duchesne suffered practically every hardship the frontier had to offer, except the threat of Indian massacre—poor lodging, shortages of food, drinking water, fuel and money, forest fires and blazing chimneys, the vagaries of the Missouri climate, cramped living quarters and the privation of all privacy, and the crude manners of children reared in rough surroundings and with only the slightest training in courtesy” (Louise Callan, R.S.C.J., Philippine Duchesne).

Finally at age 72, retired and in poor health, Rose got her lifelong wish. A mission was founded at Sugar Creek, Kansas, among the Potawatomi and she was taken along. Though she could not learn their language, they soon named her “Woman-Who-Prays-Always.” While others taught, she prayed. Legend has it that Native American children sneaked behind her as she knelt and sprinkled bits of paper on her habit, and came back hours later to find them undisturbed. Rose Duchesne died in 1852, at the age of 83, and was canonized in 1988.

Source: franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-rose-philippine-duchesne



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How do you use your God-given talents?

Today in the Gospel Jesus is again talking about the final judgement. The master is going away for a time and entrusts his possessions to his 3 servants – each according to his ability. The talents represent gifts of abilities, opportunities, knowledge, and faith in God. The first two servants take what they have been given and put it to work for their master. They take risks but are rewarded.

Jesus talks most about the third servant. This is perhaps because most of us are more like the third servant. Jesus describes him as having a narrow view of God only as demanding and to be feared, instead of a God who is to be loved and trusted. The third servant buries his talents thinking he won't risk losing anything and that will be enough to keep him in good standing with the master. Jesus warns that this is not enough. Just being a believer and attending Mass, but not doing anything with our gifts to serve God and to care for each other and our planet, despite all the knowledge and resources He has given us, will not be enough. When we have knowledge of problems or injustice we need to respectfully but firmly engage, speak up, and take some action.

Just like the two good servants, we need to use our talents wisely.

What are ways that we can use our talents to honour God?



IMAGE CREDITS

Cover – St. Joseph and Child Jesus statue located on the Rose Garden side of our church.

LOCAL EVENTS

ONLY WONDER KNOWS: HUMANITY'S IRRESISTIBLE ATTRACTION TO THE MYSTERIES OF CREATION

STARTING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 7:00 PM

How can we understand physical reality while being in it? Why is there something instead of nothing? Join St. Raymond parishioner Dr. Maria Elena Monzani, astrophysicist at the SLAC particle accelerator at Stanford, with Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and other great minds as we explore these big questions and more.

Classes continue until January 18. A course description, syllabus, and link to register are available at www.sfarch.org/wonder.

CELEBRATING ADVENT HOPE: PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 18 TO DEC. 16, 7:00 PM

Gather online for free sessions of discussion and reflection: How do the Scripture readings of the four weeks of the Advent season call us to hope and trust?

For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Deacon Chuck McNeil at St. Dominic's SF at deaconchuck@stdominics.org.

ADVENT WAITING WITH MARY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020, 9:00 AM—NOON

A virtual retreat morning.

While many of our neighbors will already be celebrating the "holiday season", we Catholics have a special gift in the season of Advent. This morning we will take as our model Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to enter more deeply into this time of grace. Together we will contemplate the ways in which our choice to "wait in joyful hope" can help us prepare to receive the great gift of God-with-us at Christmas.

For more information and to register, visit www.jrclosaltos.org/.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Send in your prayer requests to the Rosary Center at rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/request-prayers/ and the Dominican Nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery at opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer.

SVDP

HELP SAVE A LIFE THIS WINTER

These chilly evenings make us so grateful for the warmth of our homes. Sleeping in a car or on the cold, damp street would be really hard. Yet this is how many of our homeless neighbors live – they do not have a warm place to greet them at the end of a long day. You can help the homeless stay warm and protect them from hypothermia and other cold weather related conditions. Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul's Stay Warm Appeal provides basic survival necessities to those who are struggling to keep warm this winter. Every donation makes a difference in the life of someone who is need of love and support. Thank you!

To donate, visit svdpsm.org or mail to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County 50 North B Street San Mateo, CA 94401 (Note 'Stay Warm' on your check). Tax ID #: 94-1375833

CROP WALK



WALK VIRTUALLY.
GIVE ONLINE.
CHANGE THE WORLD.

This year the MidPeninsula CROP Hunger Walk has gone virtual! Visit crophungerwalk.org/menloparkca/straymond to find out how you can help end hunger both locally and around the globe. Donations will be collected through December.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

is a spiritual association of the Catholic Church, the members of which strive to pray the entire Rosary during the course of one week. To join, you must have your name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity. There are no meetings, and no dues. To enroll and learn more, please visit www.rosary-center.org.

E-GIVING: GIVING MADE EASY

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. You can pay with a credit/debit card or your checking or savings account. Schedule or update recurring donations at straymondmp.org/giving.

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

MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE OCT. 31, 2020

Saturdays 3:30 pm Vigil (Indoors)

Sundays 8:00 am (Outdoors), 10:00 am (Outdoors), 5:00 pm (Indoors)

Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon.-Sat. Indoors)

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755.

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 as we pray-serve-socialize in His Name.

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 as we pray-serve-socialize together, and work by grace to build up in one another and share freely with others the abundance of magnificent gifts God has given.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bill Pflaum, Candy Hernandez, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Gail Blach, Janice Hagy, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, Penny Bantug, William Cintron, those suffering from the coronavirus, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have a name added to this list.

