



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | NOVEMBER 22, 2020



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SCHEDULE

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)*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020

10:00 am Bible Study (below)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 2020

9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass (Outdoors)
 followed by Blessing of the Food

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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 29, 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

* Due to the holidays, 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. 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

Mon., Nov. 23, 8:15 am Carmen LeFevre †

*St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr (m); St. Columban, Abbot (m);
 Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr (m)*

Tue., Nov. 24, 8:15 am The Blach & Derry Families,
 Both Living & Deceased

*Sts. Ignatius Delgado, OP, Bishop, Vincent Liem, OP, Priest,
 Dominic An-Kam, OP, Layman, Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest &
 Companions, Martyrs (M)*

Wed., Nov. 25, 8:15 am Harold Curtis †

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr (m)

Thur., Nov. 26, 9:00 am Daya Carver

Fri., Nov. 27, 8:15 am  Patty-Lisa Kaufusi

Sat., Nov. 28, 8:15 am Armando Maestrini †

Sat., Nov. 28, 3:30 pm Kathy Campbell

First Sunday of Advent

Sun., Nov. 29, 8:00 am Eveleen Lopez †

10:00 am Elvira Dossola †

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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. 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

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112220.cfm

Nov. 29, 2020 (First Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 64:2-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112920.cfm

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.

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.

The next collection date is Wednesday, Nov. 25. If you can provide 48-60 cookies, please call Carol at the Parish Office (650-323-1755).

HOLIDAY CARDS

Please make a card to be given to one of our brothers or sisters who go to **Table of Plenty** in Half Moon Bay to have a meal. With the holidays, we would like to give them a handmade card to put a smile on their face and let them know they are being thought of in a special way.

Grab a sheet of paper at your home and just be creative! (Draw flowers, trees, cars, planes, heroes - anything you like.) You might also write them a message from your heart. (Such as, 'I Am Thinking of You', 'I Am Saying a Prayer For You', 'You Are Loved' or whatever comes to your heart.)

Collection schedule for cookies and cards is November 25th, December 16th & 23rd. Cards can be left at the Parish Office. Thank you for caring for your brothers and sisters.

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/.

SVdP

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The First Sunday of Advent is also the 5th Sunday of November. We again are blessed by a donor who will match each dollar we receive up to \$2,500. Please be as generous as you can. A separate collection bucket will be available at each Mass next weekend. SVdP envelopes will also be available at the bulletin cart.



You can also donate at straymondmp.org/giving and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St. Vincent de Paul".

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 in 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

SPEAKER SERIES

NEW SPEAKERS

Saturday, December 5th, 9am

Fr. Ambrose Sigman, O.P. live from Rome.
"The Eucharist in the Life and Faith of the Church"

Wednesday, December 9th, 7pm

Dn. John Winkowitsch, O.P.
"Forgiveness: Healing the Darkness of Resentment"

More details will be available soon.

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.

The applicant and his wife, who have 7 children (18, 17, 13, 10, twins that are 4 and a 1-year-old), approached Fr. Goode in September 2020 to seek rental support as they were in arrears and unable to pay the month of October. The applicant lost his construction job due to the COVID-19 pandemic and burned through all of their savings to prevent eviction.

Fr. Goode was able to provide some financial support for the WiFi and electricity service so the kids could continue to attend school online safely but was unable to provide the rental support needed and referred them to the Homeless Family Fund. The HFF was able to provide \$5,600 in rental support to prevent eviction and cover the family's rent through October. St. Raymond Parish was also able to provide a gently used stroller so the family could get around the neighborhood with the younger kids. Catholic Charities referred the families to CalFresh and WIC for additional services and benefits. The applicant has since been able to find employment again.

The applicant, a single 59-year old woman, was working at the San Francisco 49ers Levi Stadium as a concession worker until the park was closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Unable to pay her rent, she was evicted and has since moved in with a neighbor, where she has been renting a room for \$200 a month, but unable to pay the neighbor.

In September, the neighbor let her know that she would have to evict her if she didn't start paying the rent in arrears and rent moving forward. The applicant approached Fr. Goode for support and Fr. Goode referred her to the Homeless Family Fund. The Fund was able to provide \$1,400 in support, covering 6 months in arrears and the month of October. During the month of October, Catholic Charities was also able to provide important information referrals for other services to support her as she looked for employment.

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.

Join us as we Zoom into RCIA

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the 2020-2021 **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. Classes will be held via Zoom until further notice.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Tom at tkelly@straymondmp.org or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

Benefits of using Eventbrite to register for weekend Masses:

- Quick check-in for indoor Masses (just give us your name—no paperwork needed)
- Contact Tracing

Register for Masses at straymondmp.org/eventbrite.

LOCAL EVENTS

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

MONDAYS 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 THRU 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 deaonchuck@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/.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? A VIRTUAL ADVENT AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

SUNDAY DEC. 13, 2020, 1-5 PM ON ZOOM

This Advent, explore the two major figures of the Advent Scriptures: Mary and John the Baptist. They both embody the work of Advent—Growing in Contemplation and Action. How do we do this work and yet remain focused on what Advent is for? Come and see! Presented by Fr. Jim Clarke and the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. RSVP by 12/11/20. \$40. Details at bit.ly/msjdAdvent2020.



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

***"The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."* (#84)**

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis addressed not only the care of nature, but also of our brothers and sisters. He said: "We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so **as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.**" (#49)

Today's gospel is again about the end times. Jesus' message to his listeners and to us is that we will be judged by how we treat each other, especially our brothers and sisters in need. Do we take the opportunity to offer help when we can, or do we cross the road and walk past? Jesus spoke of giving food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcoming strangers, clothing the naked, caring for the ill, and visiting those in prison. For us, this can mean a family member, our neighbor, someone who is homeless, an illegal immigrant..... We have so many opportunities! Will we use them?

"The deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet." (#48)

***"We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature."* (#139)**

So, while I invite you to grab your sweatshirt, your hat, your water and your mask to take a walk and marvel at the changing seasons, I urge you also to help someone in need. Some ideas are:

- If you have a family member that needs help, step up.
- Table of Plenty: Bake cookies for our homeless and low income brothers and sisters (watch the bulletin for dates).
- St. Vincent de Paul: bins are outside church to collect blankets or adult size jackets or warm clothing
- Send a card or call someone you know will be alone for the holidays.
- St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund: to help a family with gifts for the holiday, contact HFF@straymondmp.org.

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is a spiritual association of the Catholic Church, the members of which strive to pray the entire Rosary during the course of one week. They form a union of hundreds of thousands of the faithful throughout the world who, along with their own intentions, include the intentions and needs of all its members.

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.

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.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Father will announce which line has the low-gluten host.

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We'd like to leave you with this final quote from *Laudato Si'* for today: "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God." (84)

Happy Thanksgiving!



IMAGE CREDITS

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CAPTION THIS



Fr. Jerome sanitizes the pews (for your protection) with his Ghostbusters-style backpack. Please send captions to office@straymondmp.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.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

November 22, 2020

WATCH

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Ever considered consecrating yourself or your family to the Mother of God? Follow Fr. Michael O'Leary this Advent in order to draw nearer to Mary—the Mother of God—and her Son and to prepare yourself for a spiritual renewal.



LEARN

PRESENCE

This week we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Ring in this great feast by diving deeper into the mystery of Christ's greatest gift to His Church—the Holy Eucharist.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/s-group and select our parish.

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

Saturdays 3:30 pm Vigil (Outdoors)

Sundays 8:00 am (Indoors), 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, Patricia Riggsby, 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.

