



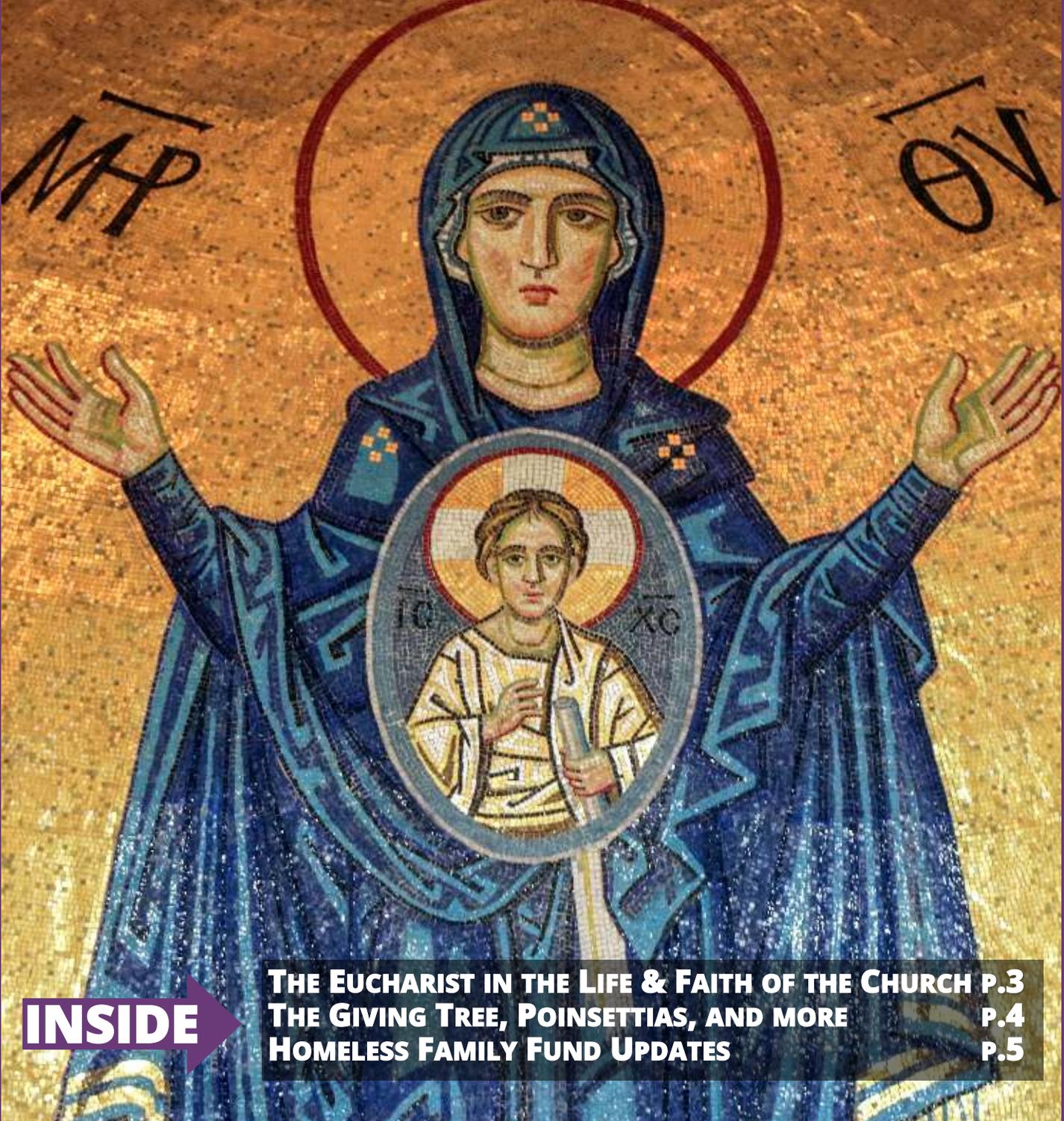
# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 29, 2020



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## SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AT  
[facebook.com/straymondmp/live](https://facebook.com/straymondmp/live)

ALL MASSES ARE ALSO STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AT  
[straymondmp.org/youtube](https://straymondmp.org/youtube)

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (TBA)  
 3:00 pm Prayer/Devotional  
 6:40 pm Rosary (M-Th) / Stations of the Cross (F)\*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

10:00 am Bible Study (below)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

8:15 am Mass (TBA)  
 9:00 am Talk with Fr. Ambrose Sigman, O.P.  
 3:00 pm Confessions in Rose Garden  
 3:30 pm Vigil Mass (Outdoors)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

9:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)  
 10:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)  
 3:30 pm Sunday Mass (Outdoors)

RSVP for weekend Masses at  
[www.straymondmp.org/eventbrite](https://www.straymondmp.org/eventbrite)

\* Due to the holidays, please visit  
[straymondmp.org](https://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](mailto:chrisgalvez@aol.com).



## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 29—5th Sunday SVdP Collection  
 Sunday, Dec. 13—Retirement for Religious

Donations for special collections will be accepted in the collection basket at our Masses and online at [straymondmp.org/donate/](https://straymondmp.org/donate/).

## LITURGY

### MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**Mon., Nov. 30, 8:15 am** Special Intentions of the Vuong & Haarmann Families

*St. Andrew, Apostle (F)*

**Tue., Dec. 1, 8:15 am**  Victoria Rose Colorado

**Wed., Dec. 2, 8:15 am**  Lan Haarman & Family

**Thur., Dec. 3, 8:15 am**  Milo Pitera

*St. Francis Xavier, Priest (M)*

**Fri., Dec. 4, 8:15 am**  Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

*St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church (m)*

**Sat., Dec. 5, 8:15 am** Thanksgiving for blessings received

**Sat., Dec. 5, 3:30 pm** Cristina Hernandez

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**Sun., Dec. 6, 9:00 am** St. Raymond Parish

**10:00 am** Charles Galdes † & Family

**3:30 pm** Jessica Buscho

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

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

## SUNDAY READINGS

Nov. 29, 2020 (First Sunday of Advent)

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112920.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112920.cfm)

Dec. 6, 2020 (Second Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85:9-14

Reading 2: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120620.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120620.cfm)

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

## SPEAKER SERIES

### THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE AND FAITH OF THE CHURCH

Saturday, December 5, 9 am (via Zoom)  
Fr. Ambrose Sigman, O.P.

The Christian life has its center and source in the Holy Eucharist, and yet many Catholics remain ignorant of the depth of the Church's reflection on this most important of topics. This talk will offer a window into the history of that reflection, offering a glimpse into the two millennia of the Church's experience with the most holy sacrament of the altar. Special emphasis will be placed on Scriptural and Patristic reflections on the Eucharist and what we mean when talk about the Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion.

Join us on Zoom, or watch the presentation following the Saturday morning Mass in the church. Fr. Ambrose will be presenting from Rome. Zoom details are available at [straymondmp.org/zoom](http://straymondmp.org/zoom).

### FORGIVENESS: HEALING THE DARKNESS OF RESENTMENT

Wednesday, December 9, 7 pm (via Zoom)  
Dn. John Winkowitsch, O.P.

Advent is a time to forgive. Forgiveness, however, may be a long, difficult and painful process. Thankfully, a clear understanding of the nature of forgiveness can ease the process and help us avoid common pitfalls. Deacon John will begin by pointing out some common misunderstandings of what forgiveness entails before walking everyone through the necessary steps of truly forgiving someone. If you, or someone close to you, is struggling with resentment, come learn how to give the great gift of forgiveness this Christmas season.

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together?  
Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.

Sign up at [formed.org/advent](http://formed.org/advent) o para español [formed.org/adviento](http://formed.org/adviento)

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## SVDP 5TH SUNDAY

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It's 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 this weekend. SVDP envelopes will also be available at the bulletin cart.



You can also donate at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving) and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St. Vincent de Paul".

## 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 Dec. 16th & 23rd. 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 December 16th & 23rd. Cards can be left at the Parish Office. Thank you for caring for your brothers and sisters.

## IMAGE CREDITS

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**Page 2**—Christmas ball made of decorations and cookies by Zamurovic Brothers from Noun Project. Picture of Fr. Ambrose courtesy of opwest.org.

## 4 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The schedule will be available soon. As you know, a lot depends on which COVID tier San Mateo County falls into as Christmas gets closer. We are working on having the best and safest socially-distanced Christmas ever!

### POINSETTIAS

**Poinsettias** will once decorate the altar this Christmas. Poinsettias will go on sale beginning the weekend of December 5-6. You can purchase a poinsettia in the honor of or in remembrance of a loved one. Names will be published in the bulletin in January. Proceeds will go toward Christmas decorations.

### NEW LOOK FOR THE GIVING TREE

As most of you know, St. Raymond has been supporting the St. Francis Center in Redwood City for many years through our annual Giving Tree program. As with many things this year, the face of this program has needed to change. Unfortunately, there is not a way to manage all the facets of the toy drive (including volunteers, collection of toys and socially distancing for the many families who participate). The St. Francis Center has created a way to assist families this holiday season and do so safely. They have decided to collect Target gift cards in the amount of \$25 a piece. Why Target gift cards? These cards will give parents the opportunity to either shop online or safely go to the store for whatever the family may need. Some will select toys, some will need to select clothing, food or household items.

If you would like to participate in this program, please drop your gift cards in the offertory box when you attend Mass or you may drop them off in the slot at the Church office by **Thursday, December 10**. We will be delivering the gift cards to St. Francis by December 11.

Thank you for your support of St. Francis Center, Redwood City!

### GET PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

Sign up for our parish email newsletter at [straymondmp.org/newsletter/](http://straymondmp.org/newsletter/).

Since many details about Advent and Christmas are still up in the air, we will send you information once it becomes available.



### SUNDAY, NOV. 29 TO CHRISTMAS DAY

This year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 29 and leads up to Christmas. Join Parousia Media for daily video meditations and scriptural readings with world-class speakers on scripture and the Catholic Faith. *Plus:* Join the nine-day novena from Mexico called *Las Posada Navidena* – built right into this pilgrimage. Open to everyone!

To register for this free pilgrimage, visit [www.parousiamedia.com](http://www.parousiamedia.com).

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Tuesday, December 8**, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be held at 8:15 am, 12:15 pm, and 7:00 pm. There will be no vigil Mass.



### RSVP FOR MASS ON EVENTBRITE

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](http://straymondmp.org/eventbrite).

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us all in profound ways but is 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.

We have 15 applications waiting for assistance and anticipate 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.**

- If 10 families contribute \$250, we can prevent a family from being evicted next month
- If 5 families contribute \$500, we can prevent a family from being evicted next month

Please make donations payable to St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund. They may be placed in the collection basket, sent to the parish office or made through the St. Raymond website (e-contributions). Questions or want to get involved? Please reach out to: [HFF@straymondmp.org](mailto:HFF@straymondmp.org).

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 July 2020, a single mother of two girls (8 and 3 years old) became homeless when she lost her employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society was able to put her up temporarily in a motel but was seeking to find something more sustainable for the mother and children. A social worker for SVdP contacted Fr. Goode and he referred the social worker and family to the St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund.

With the support of the SVdP social worker, the applicant was able to find a large room for rent for her and her girls. The St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund was able to provide one month of rent in the amount of \$1,300, which allowed the applicant to transition to more sustainable housing. Catholic Charities was also able to refer the applicant to other services including CalFresh and Legal Aid to support the family.

The applicant, a 69-year-old male, resides in Redwood City with his wife and two adult sons. In April, he lost his income due to a reduction in work hours; and, in June, both of his sons lost their employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a janitor at Home Depot, the applicant was unemployed for 9 weeks before approaching Fr. Goode for support so they wouldn't be evicted. Given his age and the risk of infection, the applicant was hesitant to return to work without greater protocols in place.

Fr. Goode provided some support toward the family's rent in arrears but was unable to provide the full amount. He referred the applicant to the Homeless Family Fund, which was able to support the family with rental support for 1 month rent in arrears and the month of October for a total of \$6,200. Since providing support, the applicant has returned to work full time at Home Depot and both sons have found employment.

## **EGIVING: GIVING MADE EASY**

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. You can also support the Homeless Family Fund and St. Vincent de Paul. You can pay with a credit/debit card or your checking or savings account. Schedule or update recurring donations at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving).

## 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](http://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 [deaconchuck@stdominics.org](mailto: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/](http://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](http://bit.ly/msjdAdvent2020).



### CARRY ON, LOVE IS COMING

In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we do not know when the Lord will come, so we must "Stay watchful." In previous Gospels we've heard the same warnings, and that the good servants who have prepared and taken action were welcomed into the kingdom.

As Pope Francis has urged us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we are facing a similar "day of reckoning" in our stewardship of the planet and the dangers of climate change. What will we say on that day? As Joe Paprocki points out in the video reflection below, our first reaction might be "If only....". If only we recognized the danger signs. If only we'd taken action when we had the chance. But we do see the signs all around us, and we do still have the opportunity to take actions to reverse the global environmental degradation we already see around us. It is time to wake up, and stay awake!

Our second response, especially as we take action to reverse climate change, is "Thank God!" Thank God the damage wasn't worse! Thank God we acted in time! Thank God for His beautiful creation that we love and protect!

As Pope Francis reminds us: "This [ecological] conversion ... entails gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works." (220)

As we begin this holy season of Advent, we celebrate the Incarnation of our God, His arrival on our planet, and again invite His rebirth in our hearts. "The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He comes not from above, but from within, he comes that we might find him in this world of ours." (236)

CARRY ON, LOVE IS COMING:

Joe Paprocki <https://youtu.be/9DMMpt2Us4A>

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."

~Henri Nouwen

## 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](mailto:office@straymondmp.org) or register online at [www.straymondmp.org/register](http://www.straymondmp.org/register).

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## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS <sup>7</sup>

### MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE OCT. 31, 2020

Saturdays 3:30 pm Vigil (Indoors)

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

### ANOIDING 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](mailto: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 Rigsby, 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.

