

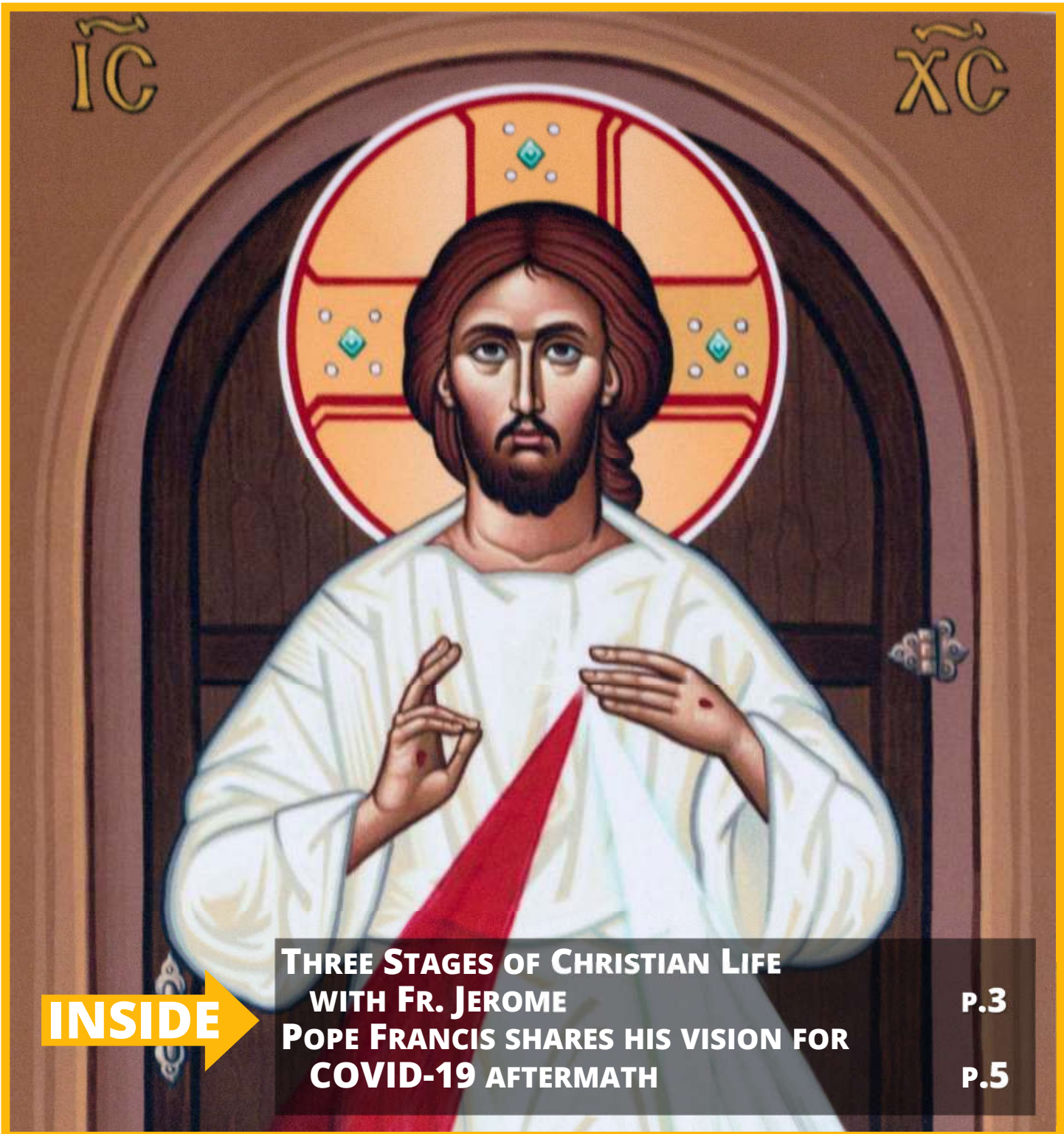


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020



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ONLINE SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON:

FATHER JEROME'S FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden/live

(This link will work with or without a Facebook account)

AND

FATHER JEROME'S YOUTUBE:

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

9:00 am Sunday Mass with Fr. Jerome

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

8:30 am Mass with Fr. Jerome
 1:30 pm Rosary *
 3:00 pm Prayer Opportunity (Various) *
 5:30 pm Fr. Jerome's Mission Talk #1 (p.3)
 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service * (p.3)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

8:30 am Mass with Fr. Jerome
 1:30 pm Rosary *
 3:00 pm Prayer Opportunity (Various) *
 5:30 pm Fr. Jerome's Mission Talk #2 (p.3)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

8:30 am Mass with Fr. Jerome
 1:30 pm Rosary *
 3:00 pm Prayer Opportunity (Various) *
 5:30 pm Fr. Jerome's Mission Talk #3 (p.3)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

8:30 am Mass w/ Fr. Michael Augustine *
 1:30 pm Rosary *
 3:00 pm Prayer Opportunity (Various) *
 No 6:45 pm Rosary today

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

8:30 am Mass with Fr. Jerome
 1:30 pm Rosary *
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet *
 6:45 pm Rosary with Fr. Jerome

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

8:30 am Mass with Fr. Jerome

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

9:00 am Sunday Mass with Fr. Jerome


LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE SAID, THOUGH SOME MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A NEW DATE, DUE TO OUR REDUCED SCHEDULE.

Since there was no bulletin last week, these are the Mass Intentions for last week and this week.

Sun., Apr. 12, 8:00 am The Ruocco Family, Both
Easter Sunday Living & Deceased
10:00 am Pierino & Maria Silvestrini ††
12:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., April 13, 8:30 am Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P.
Easter Octave 

Tues., April 14, 8:30 am For the Souls in Purgatory †

Wed., Apr. 15, 8:30 am Otis Cochran †

Thur., Apr. 16, 8:30 am Rina Dioli †

Fri., Apr. 17, 8:30 am Fr. Greg Haake 

Sat., Apr. 18, 8:30 am Gemma Rose Stracke †

Sun., Apr. 19, 8:00 am Wan-Lan Lee †
Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Renaldo & Virginia Rossetti ††
12:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
6:00 pm Eleanor Jekot †

Mon., April 20, 8:30 am Isaura Cobral †
St. Agnes of Montepulciano, OP, Nun & Virgin (M)

Tues., April 21, 8:30 am John Siri †
St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)

Wed., Apr. 22, 8:30 am The Galvez, Herborn &
 Ritzen Families, Both Living & Deceased

Thur., Apr. 23, 8:30 am
St. Gregory, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr (m)

Fri., Apr. 24, 8:30 am
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr (m)

Sat., Apr. 25, 8:30 am Harold Curtis †
St. Mark, Evangelist (F)

Sun., Apr. 26, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Eleanor Jekot †
12:00 pm
6:00 pm

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

Three Stages of the Christian Life

April 20, 21 & 22, 2020

5:30 pm each day

Presented by Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P., Pastor of St. Raymond Parish

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Stage One - "In the beginning..." Genesis 1-3

Creation...how the Fall impacts our lives today... And the promise of a Savior

Stage Two - "So, faith, hope, love remain... but the greatest of these is love." 1Cor 13:13

How the three theological virtues should inform our lives

Stage Three - "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20

Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell

R.C.I.A. INITIATIONS MOVED TO MAY 30, VIGIL OF PENTECOST

In the Archdiocese of San Francisco, initiation into the Catholic Church, traditionally done at the Easter Vigil, will occur this year on May 30, the vigil of Pentecost, because of the ongoing closure of public Masses. Archbishop Cordileone has selected the vigil of Pentecost as a replacement because of its close connection to the descent of the Holy Spirit. *This is dependent on the stay-in-place orders being lifted by then.*



É-TAIZÉ!

Join Ronnica and Lauri for our Taizé prayer service on **Monday, April 20 at 7:00 pm** at the St. Raymond Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MUST MEET URGENT NEW NEEDS

There is an unprecedented wave of need in our communities. St. Vincent de Paul needs your support today to meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors during these challenging times. The 10th annual Hands & Hearts Making a Difference dinner, the main fundraising event



of the year, scheduled for April 23, has been canceled. This event supports the Safety-Net Services, which are needed now more than ever. We encourage instead donations to the Children of God Community Impact Fund, where 100 percent of donations goes directly to providing critical services such as rental and utility assistance, food, and warm clothing. No contributions are applied towards the administrative or overhead expense of the organization. To get more information and to donate, please visit bit.ly/svdpsmhh.

THANK YOU

MERCI BEAUCOUP to Florence and Thibaut de Bretagne for hosting Children's Liturgy online on Easter morning with over 30 of our St. Raymond families attending! Thank you, Florence and Thibaut, for helping us remember what Easter is all about- Jesus' death, resurrection, and love for us- and making Easter special for our younger parishioners. Families, stay tuned, another online Children's Liturgy will be coming soon!

Thank you to our St. Raymond women who stepped up and worked with Sr. Jeanette Braun, SNDdeN, to provide 200 bags of cookies and fruit for the Table of Plenty project on Holy Thursday! Table of Plenty provides (take out only right now) meals to seniors, persons without homes, and low income families along the coast. Featured is Sr. Jeanette holding one of many boxes of beautifully prepared bags of cookies and fruit- she says a big "thank you to all, God's goodness is at work!"



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ST. AGNES OF MONTEPULCIANO

FEAST: APRIL 20

Agnes was born in the little town of Graciano Vecchio in Tuscany in 1268. Drawn to a life of intimate prayer even from her infancy, she was 9 years old when her parents finally allowed her to consecrate herself to God in the religious life. The radiant young girl joined a convent of sisters in nearby Montepulciano who were renowned for their prayer, penance, and poverty—they were called “del Sacco,” or “of the Sack,” because of their rough habits. Once in the monastery, Agnes grew rapidly in the love of God and the practices of the religious life. When the nuns were asked to found a new monastery in another town, her Novice Mistress chose Agnes to join her in making the foundation. There at Procena, with the express permission of the Holy Father, the 15-year-old Saint was soon named Abbess of the budding community.



Agnes' installation as Abbess was marked by a miracle of falling “manna,” a mysterious substance composed of little white flakes shaped like crosses (seen in the image above). Indeed, heavenly miracles seemed to confirm many of her virtues: her love of the Eucharist, which she received miraculously at the hand of an angel for nine Sundays in a row; her tender devotion to Our Lady, who once appeared to her and let her hold the Infant Jesus; her remembrance of Christ's Passion, once rewarded by an angel who gave her a handful of earth from the Garden of Gethsemane. Agnes' generosity to the poor did not deplete the community stores, as several time provisions were miraculously supplied or multiplied, and her charity for the suffering had practical effect in the deliverance of possessed persons and the miraculous conversion of sinners.

In Agnes' two decades as Abbess, her virtue became famous—but although a nun, she was not yet a Dominican! One day, as Agnes implored God in prayer to show her clearly what he seemed to be asking of her, St. Francis, St. Augustine, and St. Dominic appeared to her in a vision. Each Saint stood at the helm of his own ship, and invited her to join him on board. The poverty she had espoused as a Sister “del Sacco” endeared her to St. Francis; it was St. Augustine's Rule she continued to follow as Abbess at Procena; but St. Dominic spoke with authority: “Agnes will sail in my ship; that is the Will of God.” With that, he took her hand and drew her aboard.

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BY GERARD O'CONNELL

April 17, 2020

Pope Francis has presented “a plan for the rising up again” of humanity in the midst of a global crisis that has brought the world’s peoples and the economy to their knees. He shared it in an exclusive meditation for *Vida Nueva*, the Spanish religious weekly, in which he reflects on the coronavirus pandemic in the light of the resurrection of Jesus.

“Un plan para resucitar” (“A plan for rising up again”) is the title he chose for the reflection. In it he does not conceal his concern over the crisis caused by a pandemic that has infected more than 2 million people, caused the deaths of over 140,000 and wreaked havoc on the world’s economy. In Spain alone 190,000 people have been infected and 19,600 have died.

Pope Francis says our experience today mirrors in many ways that of the disciples of Jesus after his death and burial in the tomb. Like them, “we live surrounded by an atmosphere of pain and uncertainty,” and we ask, “Who will roll away the stone [from the tomb?]”

He likens the stone that sealed the tomb of Jesus to the tombstones of the pandemic that “threatens to bury all hope” for the elderly living in total isolation, for families who lack food and for those on the front lines who are “exhausted and overwhelmed.”

He recalls, however, that the women who followed Jesus did not allow themselves to be paralyzed by anxiety and suffering. “They found ways to overcome every obstacle,” simply “by being and accompanying.”

He notes that many today are following suit, including “doctors, nurses, people stocking the supermarket shelves, cleaners, caretakers, people who transport goods, public security officials, volunteers, priests, women religious, grandparents, teachers, and so many others.”

But like the women, the pope said, they all ask: “Who will roll away the stone?”

Francis says many are participating in the passion of Christ today, either personally or at the side of others, and he reminds everyone: “We are not alone, the Lord goes before us on our journey, and removes the stones that paralyze us.” This is the hope that no one can take from us, the pope says.

Pope Francis says the disciples of Jesus discovered something that we are now learning: “No one is saved alone.”

Pope Francis describes the present moment as a “propitious time” to be open to the Spirit, who can “inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible.”

Indeed, today, “frontiers fall, walls crumble, and all

the discourse of the fundamentalists [integristas] dissolve in the face of an imperceptible presence which shows the fragility of which we are made.” But, he says, “Easter calls us and invites us to remember this other discreet and respectful, generous and reconciling presence, so as to start that new life which is given to us.”

This presence “is the breath of the Spirit that opens horizons, sparks creativity and renews brotherhood and makes us say, ‘I’m present’ in the face of the enormous and urgent task that awaits us.”

He describes the present moment as a “propitious time” to be open to the Spirit, who can “inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible.” He recalls that the Spirit does not allow itself “to be closed in or manipulated by fixed or outmoded methods or decadent structures” but rather moves us to “make new things.”

At this moment in history, Francis says, “We have recognized the importance of joining the entire human family in the search for a sustainable and integral development.” We have also understood that “for better or worse all our actions affect others because everything is connected in our common home, and if the health authorities order that we remain confined in our home, it is the people who make this possible, aware of their co-responsibility in stopping the pandemic.”

He insists that “an emergency like Covid-19 is overcome in the first place by the antibodies of solidarity.” This lesson “breaks all the fatalism in which we have immersed ourselves and allows us to return to be the architects and protagonists of a common history,” he says, and it enables us “to respond together to the many evils that are affecting so many of our brothers and sisters across the globe.”

“We cannot allow ourselves to write the present and future history by turning our backs on the suffering of so many people,” he says. Quoting the book of Genesis, he writes that God himself is asking us, “Where is your brother?” He expressed the hope that our response would be marked by “hope, faith and charity.”

Indeed, he says, “if we act as one people, also in the face of the other epidemics that are hitting us, then we can have a real impact.”

In reference to these other epidemics, Francis raises a series of questions: “Are we capable of acting responsibly in the face of the hunger, suffered by so many in a world where there is in fact food for all? Will we continue looking the other way in the face of wars fueled by [the quest for] domination and power? Are we willing to change our style of life that submerges so many in poverty, by promoting and

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encouraging a more austere and human lifestyle that makes possible a more equitable sharing of resources? Will we adopt, as an international community, the necessary measures to stop the devastation of the environment, or will we continue to deny the evidence [of this devastation]? Will the globalization of indifference continue threatening and tempting our journey?"

Pope Francis expresses the hope that, in the light of the resurrection, "we would encounter the necessary antibodies of justice, charity and solidarity" to change the world. He calls for the building of "a civilization of love," which he described as "a civilization of hope," contrary to one marked by "anguish and fear, sadness and discouragement, passivity and tiredness."

This civilization "has to be built daily" and requires "the commitment of everyone."

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This vision, which has counterparts in the lives of many of our Saints and Blesseds, shows in a striking way how our Holy Father St. Dominic is truly the Father of all those chosen by God and himself to join his religious family. Following the heavenly instructions, Agnes indeed returned to Montepulciano and founded there a monastery of Dominican nuns. She died in 1317 at the age of 49 at the head of her Dominican community, full of virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, after a life of intense love and suffering in union with Christ. Her story also has a Dominican post-script: only a few decades later, when St. Catherine of Siena visited St. Agnes' tomb to venerate her incorrupt relics, the holy deceased nun actually raised her foot (lying there in the coffin) as the holy still-living tertiary bent to kiss it in reverence, so as to spare her the trouble of bending further down.

Source: www.marburydominicanuns.org/st-agnes-of-montepulciano/



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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS ⁷

MASSES (see p.2 for current online schedule)

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

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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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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



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.

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