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ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020



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ONLINE SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON:

FATHER JEROME'S FACEBOOK:

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FATHER JEROME'S YOUTUBE:

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WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 am	Mass
9:15 am	Scripture Reading *
1:30 pm	Rosary *
3:00 pm	Prayer Opportunity (Various) *
6:45 pm	Rosary with Fr. Jerome **

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

9:00 am Sunaday Mass

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2020

8:30 am Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

9:00 am Sunday Mass

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

EMAIL SCAMS

A familiar e-mail scam is operating again. It generally involves an e-mail purporting to originate from a priest or bishop and asking for donations or contributions in the form of **gift cards**. No priest or bishop or archbishop will ever ask for money in this way. Anyone who receives such a message should ignore it and delete it. Anyone with a concern should phone the parish or the archdiocese.

IMAGE CREDITS

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sun., May 17, 9:00 am St. Raymond Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mon., May 18, 8:30 am Mary Barrett 

St. John I, Pope and Martyr (m)

Tues., May 19, 8:30 am Bud Hjelm †

Wed., May 20, 8:30 am Sue Connelly 

St. Bernardine, Priest (m)

Thur., May 21, 8:30 am Toni Herborn †

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions,

Martyrs (m), Bl. Hyacinth Mary Cormier, Dominican

Priest and Master of the Order (m)

Fri., May 22, 8:30 am Renaldo & Virginia Rossetti ††

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious (m)

Sat., May 23, 8:30 am Moises and Reyes Families,
Both Living & Deceased

Sun., May 24, 9:00 am St. Raymond Parish

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

UPCOMING DATES

May 31 Pentecost Sunday

June 7 The Most Holy Trinity

June 14 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from
You. Amen.

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MAY CROWNING LIVE STREAM SUNDAY, MAY 17, 10:00 AM

This Sunday, May 17, is officially the last day of St. Raymond Religious Education for this school year!

We will finish the year with a livestream May Crowning and final blessing from Amy and Fr. Jerome at 10:00 am (right after the 9:00 am Mass). All Religious Ed. students and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend this special program online and take a few moments to honor Mary and how she is a mother to us.

A big thank you to all of our catechists who have stepped up and provided families with email and online class support and to all parents for helping your kids with the weekly lessons. Students, families and catechists, we truly miss seeing you in person and look forward to the day we can gather together again!

~Amy, Camilo, and the St. Raymond Staff

24 HOUR LIVESTREAM FROM THE GROTTO AT LOURDES

Have you been to Lourdes or long to go?!

Lourdes is a place in France known for its Marian apparitions and healing waters. Thousands of pilgrims travel to Lourdes each year in hope of finding healing for body, mind, and spirit. If you haven't had a chance to go, but would like to "pray at the grotto," Lourdes has a 24-hour livestream of the Grotto there and you can hear the sound of the waters running... this may be the perfect time to take a virtual pilgrimage of sorts and spend some moments "in prayer at Lourdes" and ask for our world's healing. Check out their live-stream at www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/.



SUMMER BOOK GROUP³

POPE FRANCIS' *LAUDATO SI'*: *ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME*

Have you, like many of us, been thinking about our planet and what is happening in our world right now? Or wondering how we, as people of the Church, are called to care for our earth? Join us for a 6 week

book study and discussion group on Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, meeting

Thursdays from

June 4 through July 16 from 12 noon-1:15 pm (one extra week scheduled for make up date/extra class).



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ADULTS AS WELL AS ANY STUDENTS AGE 12 AND UP (or just finished with 7th grade) TO JOIN US for an intergenerational conversation. The class will meet on Zoom; space is limited. Email Amy at ajobin@straymondmp.org to register.

THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to the St. Raymond Parish Community for all of the ways you have "stepped up" and been of service to our local community in the last two months:

- *Calling people from the parish to check in on them
- *Providing dessert bags for the Table of Plenty meals in Half Moon Bay
- *Making cards for parishioners (Religious Ed students)

Keep your eye out for more opportunities coming soon!

É-TAIZÉ!

Join Ronnica and Lauri for our Taizé prayer service on **Monday, May 18 at 7:00 pm** on the St. Raymond Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live

HOW TO HELP

Have you been wondering how to help our brothers and sisters who may be living on the margins and in need at this time? Please know there are two great opportunities to donate to Catholic organizations who are still working and providing services right here in San Mateo County during the COVID-19 crisis.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Did you know that St. Raymond Parish is a partner to the St. Francis of Assisi Youth Club in East Palo Alto that is sponsored and run by Catholic Charities? The partnership began this past Fall and we look forward to continuing our work with them. At present, Catholic Charities is helping individuals and families meet their most basic needs- for shelter, food, medicines, and more. Visit their website catholiccharitiessf.org, take a virtual tour of their programs and consider donating to the important work they are doing during the pandemic.

These are just some of the ways Catholic Charities is serving individuals and families in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin Counties:

- Staffing a 64-room **hotel for homeless families** during shelter-in-place and providing robust problem solving to move these families out of homelessness when the pandemic is over;
- Helping families remain housed by providing financial assistance for rent, medical bills, groceries, and utilities through the **Silicon Valley Community Foundation COVID-19 Regional Response Fund**;
- Helping San Francisco families and individuals, regardless of immigration status, maintain housing stability through temporary financial assistance through the **Give2SF COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund**;
- Providing groceries and delivery services to seniors and neighbors who otherwise would go hungry;
- Staffing residential homes 24/7 for children and youth and chronically-ill people; and
- Helping undocumented adults residing in California who have been affected by COVID-19 apply for vital, one-time financial assistance through the state-funded **Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI)** project.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping support our local Catholic organizations who are providing the essential services and support that are keeping so many safe and healthy at this time.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."~ Matthew 25:40

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

Donate to SVdP's COVID-19 Relief Fund at: svdpsm.org.

SVdP continues to provide much needed housing assistance, food, and clothing to those in need, along with continuing to operate their Catherine Center ministry for women. With the closure of many other social service agencies in our area, their services are more important than ever.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Second Harvest coordinates with their vast partner network throughout Silicon Valley to meet the increased need resulting from the economic crisis. Serving almost 5,500 households each week, **Catholic Charities** is instrumental in the operation of our new home delivery program, while also running seven large drive-thru distributions.



Joseph Eckert, a volunteer at last week's Catholic Charities distribution at St. John Vianney's Catholic Church shared:

"There is a tremendous sense of uncertainty in all of us during this time. By distributing food during the week, we aim to provide people with the feeling of hope that there will soon be an end to this virus and that we all need to support each other as a family during these times."

FR. JEROME'S TALKS



Fr. Jerome's four talks— **The Miracles in the Gospel of Mark**, **Near Death Experiences**, **The Characters of the Passion** (3 parts), and **The Three Stages of Christian Life** (3 parts)— are available online at straymondmp.org/fr-jerome-talks.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION TALK

Did you miss the Spiritual Communion talk again? You can now view it online at https://youtu.be/No7SyUH_QN4



VIRTUAL EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY OFFERS FREE VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

St. Patrick's Seminary and University offers a series of informative videos by faculty and staff, all available and viewable anytime on the school's Vimeo site. Spend a few minutes becoming informed on matters theological, pastoral, and educational, with presenters that include Dr. Adrian Walker, Fr. David Robinson, S.J., Fr. Pius Pietrzyk, O.P., Dr. Nina Heereman, Fr. Kevin Joyce, Fr. Michael Carey, O.P., Sr. Maria Concepcion, O.J.S., and others. Visit vimeo.com/user82763584/videos to watch.

THE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE PRESENTS "QUARANTINE LECTURES"

The Thomistic Institute (TI), founded in 2009, exists to promote Catholic truth in our contemporary world by strengthening the intellectual formation of Christians at universities, in the Church, and in the wider public square. Dominican scholars from the San Francisco Bay Area are among the associated teachers. **St. Thomas Aquinas** wrote that God always brings good out of evil. It is in that spirit that TI has created the livestream "Quarantine Lectures." The live lectures, with post-lecture discussion, are on Facebook Live and/or YouTube. For full information and to register for lectures, visit thomisticinstitute.org/#home-section.

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WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, EVEN IF WE CAN'T RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

BY JAIME L. WATERS

In a time when the world has been dramatically transformed, many people feel disconnected and abandoned by God. Today's readings reveal that we are not alone, for the Holy Spirit is with us. As we near the feast of Pentecost, we are reminded of the power of the Spirit in the world.

In the Gospel, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit as an advocate for his followers. The Spirit will offer them support by being within the community after Jesus' death and resurrection. Recognizing the distress of his friends, Jesus reveals that although he would physically leave the earth, the Holy Spirit would sustain them.

Jesus' promise is both comforting and instructive. While foretelling the role of the Spirit, Jesus proclaims the importance of love within the community: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). In the previous chapter of John, Jesus offers a new command, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34)—a modified version of "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). By loving one another, we come to receive the Spirit.

Similarly, in Acts, we hear about the role of the Spirit in early Christian communities. The first reading builds on the readings from the past two weeks. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we heard about Peter baptizing converts so that they would repent and receive the Holy Spirit. On the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we heard of the selection of leaders who were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Today, these ideas emerge again when one of the selected members, Phillip, preaches to Samaritans who are converted and believe in Christ. Peter and John pray for these new converts, baptize them and lay hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit, ritual actions that inspire the sacraments of initiation, baptism and confirmation.

In a time of social distancing, the reception of sacraments has been limited or delayed. Because physical, sacramental rituals are an important way to express faith and connection with God and one another, the absence of them can lead to a feeling of abandonment, similar to that of the apostles in the Gospel. How can people receive the Spirit without baptism and confirmation? How can we have God within us without regularly receiving the Eucharist?

Fortunately, the Holy Spirit is not constrained in the same ways we are. Sacraments connect us to God's grace in concrete and visible ways, but they are not the only vehicles for grace. Remember that when Jesus promises the Spirit, he does not limit it to baptism or laying on hands. The Spirit is promised freely as an advocate (Gk. *paraclete*), a defender and a comforter, who resides within the community whose members love one another.

This article also appeared in print, under the headline "Trust in the Holy Spirit," in the May 11, 2020, issue of America Magazine.

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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. 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.



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 (see p.2 for current online schedule)

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!

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,, 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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