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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK
www.facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden/live
 AND YOUTUBE straymondmp.org/youtube

* UNLESS NOTED AS ST. RAYMOND'S FACEBOOK PAGE WHICH
 IS: www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 29-JULY 3, 2020

8:15 am Mass
 6:40 pm Rosary (except Thursday)

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Book Club

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020

8:15 am Morning Mass
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

8:00 am Sunday Mass
 10:00 am Sunday Mass
 5:00 pm Sunday Mass

RSVP for weekend Masses at
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 schedule for the day.

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 generally involves an e-mail purporting to
 originate from a priest or bishop and asking for
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cards. No priest or bishop will ever ask for
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 archdiocese.

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 protect yourself, visit [https://www.usa.gov/
 common-scams-frauds](https://www.usa.gov/common-scams-frauds).

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., June 27, 5:00 pm Michael Stewart

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., June 28, 8:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †

10:00 am Lillian Duzanica †

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., June 29, 8:15 am Maurice † & Christine Galvez

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles (S)

Tues., June 30, 8:15 am Harold & Carlyn Iuzzolino

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church (m)

Wed., July 1, 8:15 am Kristen Spingola & Dan
 Spingola 

St. Junipero Serra, Priest (m)

Thur., July 2, 8:15 am Anthony Guzman †

Fri., July 3, 8:15 am Rosa Lee Young †

St. Thomas, Apostle (F)

Sat., July 4, 8:15 am James Robert Scribner †

5:00 pm The Blach & Derry Families,
 Both Living & Deceased

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., July 5, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish †

10:00 am Charles Galdes † & Family

5:00 pm Barbara Opper †

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

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

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.

Dear St. Raymond Community, we are sharing with you a letter that Fr. Edward recently sent to Sarah Berger Gonzalez in an email. As many of you know, our parish made the decision late this past year to partner with Fr. Edward's Parish in Nigeria.

There is much need in his community right now for funds for food, medicines, and other basic needs. We would like to ask every parishioner/family that is able, to consider making a donation to Fr. Edward's Parish community in Nigeria. Donations can be made through Mother of Mercy Charitable Foundation, started by Fr. Edward and all funds going directly to his community at: <https://www.mmcharitablefoundation.org/about.html>.

Here is the letter from Fr. Edward:

The grace and peace of Christ be with you.

Thanks for your email which came a while ago, and sorry for my late response. I deeply appreciate your prayers for me and my community in these difficult times. The Lord has been so gracious to us through the assistance of friends to overcome and deal with the challenges of COVID-19 in our area. Angela's postings and the interview that I [was] granted with Catholic San Francisco summarized the recent events in my place.

However, things have changed and we have even more challenges because of the increased infections here. We seem to have a spike while the rest of the world is gradually slowing down. Unfortunately while the country is opening up, the rate of infections is increasing daily, so it has heightened our anxiety.

We are holding up okay, and praying for the best under these circumstances. My community is surviving. We do not have any confirmed cases here in the community, but there are from nearby communities.

Thanks so much for letting me know about the concern of St. Raymond Parish community and your willingness to support us here. I am delighted and excited at the same time.

As per the best way to support us, we would need money at this time, to take care of all of medications, food, help

with shelter, and clothing. You can send the money directly to us through the Foundation.

Thanks so much for always thinking of me and my community. I hope that we will build up a great and loving relationship for the future to help the two communities share their experiences of faith with each other. Thanks so much for taking up this great and huge responsibility on your shoulders. I am blessed and honored that the Lord let our paths cross.

Give my warm regards to Fr. Jerome and the team at St. Raymond.

Sending warm hugs and prayers from Uburu-Amachi, Nigeria.

God bless you,
Fr. Edward



4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants from St. Raymond School and St. Raymond Religious Education who have received their First Holy Communion this Saturday, June 27, 2020.

Abigail Milotich
Amelia Graffeo
Andrew Stanley
Ava Ferrari
Avonlea Popple
Baker Wright
Blake Budelli
Camilla Colorado
Catherine Fusz
Charles Hourigan
Clare Koziol
Emily Milotich
Ian Smith
Josie Fenton
Lauren Stanley
Luc Castaillac
Michaela Smith
Patrick Kavanaugh
Philip Howard
Theo McCullagh

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS

Saturday, September 12, 8:45 am – 4:00 pm

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont

Save the date for the 5th annual “Together in Holiness” marriage conference presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage and Family Life. This one-day conference includes dynamic presentations as well as Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and an opportunity to learn about diocesan and local ministries. The conference includes Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone; and the speakers are Damon Owens, Fr. Cameron Faller, Fr. Kyle Faller, and Joshua Bitting, PhD (cand.)

The cost: \$59 for a couple; \$35 for an individual; the charge for online-only attendance is \$15. Early bird discount is available until August 17. Scholarships are available upon request. For information, please visit <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th20-sfca/>

FR. JEROME'S TALKS



Fr. Jerome's **FIVE** talks— **May Marian Talks** (3 parts), **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.

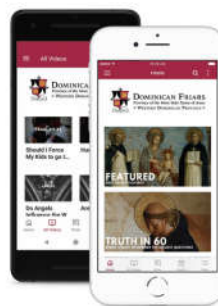
TALKING ABOUT RACISM

UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT CRISIS THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

Thank you to all who participated in this week's Zoom gathering with Fr. Ken Hamilton, SVD.

To view the recording of the talk, visit <https://youtu.be/j99ssElWxkw>.

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LETTING GO OF THE BELOVED

BY JOHN KAVANAUGH, SJ

Those who find their life will lose it. (Matthew 10:39).

In Matthew's account, Jesus tells us not to love our family members more than we love him. This text illuminates, I believe, the rather troubling formulation found in chapter 14 of Luke. Luke has it this way: "If you come to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and your own life too, you cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). Although the word translated "hate" in Luke is closer to the original Aramaic, John L. McKenzie reminded us that Aramaic actually had no words for "love more than." Thus, the comparative softening of Matthew's "loving more than" is a fair alternative. It also provides an insight into the nature of human loves.

In scripture passages dealing with the claims human relations make upon us, at least two dangers are suggested. First, the beloved can become more important than God. Second, such love can become possessive.

If the totality of our love is exhausted by any created thing or person, then that "loved one" must become the anchor of our being, our purpose and fulfillment, our security and final hope. Sooner or later such a total object of our love becomes our idol, a false god.

But God must always be "more than" any creature of earth. If we turn a human person into a god, either that person will eventually possess us, or we will try to possess and use the fabricated god as an idol.

Psychologically this paradox makes sense, although not to the person under the spell of idolatry. If we say to another, "You're my everything; you're my meaning; I am nothing without you," then what is left of us to give that person? Why would he or she even be bothered with us, if we are nothing without them?

Thus our love shatters because we are shrunk by the idolized creature without whom we would be nothing. Oddly enough, we also shrink the beloved; for there is a strategy in counterfeit love, always doomed to failure, which seeks control by investing all our attention. Parents thus suffocate the child who becomes their

"everything." Love-idols are functions of a craving inadequacy; but when they fail as our "rock" or "security," we come to hate them for betraying our expectations.

The same paradox applies to the way we love ourselves. If we make ourselves the absolute goal of our seeking, we bring ruin upon ourselves. Only when we die to such narcissistic illusions can we be fulfilled. Only when we take up the cross of true love—"laying down our lives," sharing ourselves freely with our family and friends, not demanding that they be our gods or we be theirs—do we find ourselves.

If neither I nor you are God, but only God is God, then we may love each other freely, nonpossessively, and without jealousy. There is no question of domination or control. Then we know the greatest gift God has given us: the capacity to bestow our lives freely in covenants and promises to our dear ones, who even in eternity are loved in God.

"Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me and the one who sent me," Jesus said. In this life and the next, when we so welcome each other, we truly love the God who dwells in us and yet is not reduced to us.

Father Kavanaugh was a professor of Philosophy at St. Louis University in St. Louis. He reached many people during his lifetime.

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FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK



SAINT PETER

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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 ⁶

OUTDOOR MASSES ON SCHOOL LAWN

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil

Sundays 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Gail Blach, Gayland Hagy, Janice Hagy, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Lynn Cintron, Margaret McSweeney, Michael Stewart, Modesta Cintron, Penny Bantug, 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.



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