



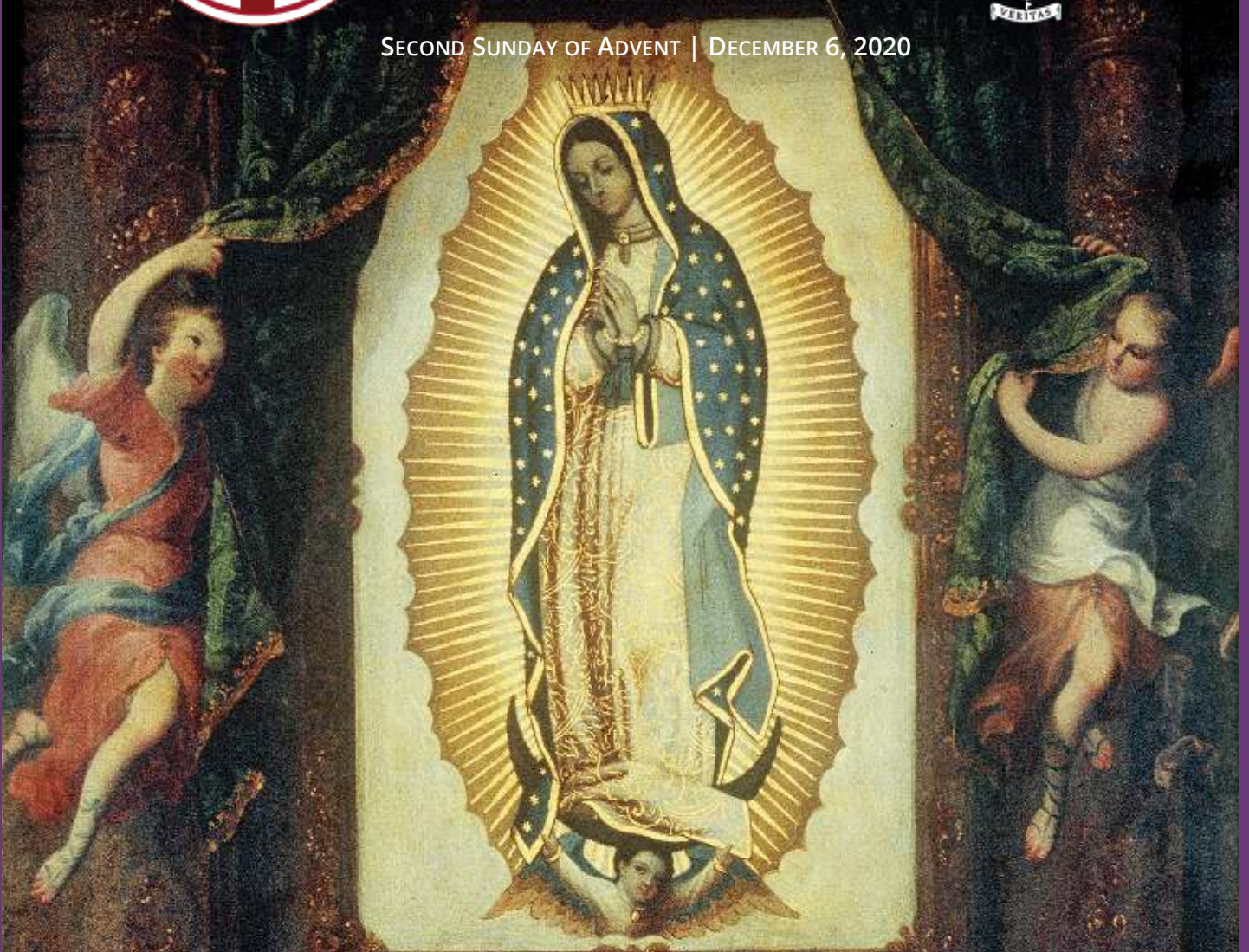
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 6, 2020



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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

9:00 am Mass (Outdoors)
3:00 pm Prayer/Devotional
6:40 pm Rosary (M-Th) / Stations of the Cross (F)*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020

9:00 am, 12:15 pm, 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception Masses in Rose Garden

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

10:00 am Zoom Bible Study (below)
7:00 pm Forgiveness: Healing the Darkness of Resentment Zoom Talk with Dn. John (p.3)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

9:00 am Mass (Outdoors)
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

* 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.



Beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2021 we will start a NEW Evening Zoom Bible Study Group. We will gather every Wednesday, year round, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. We will read, reflect on and discuss the readings for the following Sunday.

If you would like more information, please contact Christine Galvez at chrisgalvez@aol.com.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Mon., Dec. 7, 9:00 am Fr. Ambrose Sigman, O.P.


St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (M)

Tue., Dec. 8, 9:00 am St. Raymond Parish

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

12:15 pm  Concepcion Sanchez

3:30 pm The Lussier Family, Both Living & Deceased

Wed., Dec. 9, 9:00 am  Carolina Reyes Pitera

St. Juan Diego Cuathtlatoatzin (m)

Thur., Dec. 10, 9:00 am Romilda Garibaldi †

Fri., Dec. 11, 9:00 am Sosefo Afu Veatama †

St. Damasus I, Pope

Sat., Dec. 12, 9:00 am Wan-Lan Lee †

Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)

Sat., Dec. 12, 3:30am Thanksgiving for blessings received

Third Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 13, 9:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Elmo Fatica †

3:30 pm  Emelda Chico

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

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

SUNDAY READINGS

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

Dec. 13, 2020 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121320.cfm

Speaker Series

FORGIVENESS: HEALING THE DARKNESS OF RESENTMENT

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 pm (via Zoom)
With 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.

Visit straymondmp.org/zoom/ for Zoom links.

CHRISTMAS CONSPIRACIES TALK

Thursday, December 17, 6:30 pm (via Zoom)
With Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P.

Does the Bible teach Jesus Christ was born on December 25th? Did the Church invent Christmas to suppress the Roman festivals in honor of Saturnalia and Sol Invictus? Would sheep really be in Bethlehem in December? Fr. Jerome will be addressing these Christmas conspiracies on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 pm.

Visit straymondmp.org/zoom/ for Zoom links.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will once again decorate the altar this Christmas. You can sponsor a poinsettia in the honor of or in remembrance of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$20 per poinsettia. Proceeds will go toward Christmas decorations.

You can place your order at straymondmp.org/poinsettias/.

GET PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

Sign up for our parish email newsletter at straymondmp.org/newsletter/.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION³

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

Mass Times:

9:00 am, 12:15 pm & 3:30 pm.
All Masses will take place in the Rose Garden.



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 mail 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!

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 o para español formed.org/adviento

FORMED Daily

⁴ SUPPORT FOR FR. EDWARD'S PARISH IN NIGERIA

We have just learned that Fr. Edward Inyanwachi, who many of you will remember from his wonderful service to our parish as Administrator in 2013, is in URGENT need of financial support for his parish in Nigeria. The closing down of regular church services due to the COVID 19 pandemic and escalating violence within the country have created extreme circumstances and financial stress for his community.

Fr. Edward has used all of his local resources to do what he can to sustain his parish during this challenging time. Reluctantly, he has reached out to his friends in the Bay Area asking for any financial assistance we may be able to provide. He is in desperate need of funding to help provide basic goods such food, water, and medicines, which are in very short supply.

To make a donation, please visit www.mmcharitablefoundation.org/donations.html and designate your donation for "St. Patrick Catholic Church Uburu".

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 among those more vulnerable here in San Mateo County, recalling the poverty of the manger in Bethlehem.

The next collection date is **Dec. 16th & 22nd**. 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 & 22nd. Cards can be left at the Parish Office. Thank you for caring for your brothers and sisters.



NOW 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.

Advent Resources

Bishop Robert Barron's Daily Reflections on the Gospel at adventreflections.com.

Advent resources from the USCCB at www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/advent.

Advent activities from Loyola Press at www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/.

2020 Advent Calendar & Family Activities at CatholicMom.com.

Advent resources for teachers at ncea.org.

Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever at www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever.html.

Advent at BustedHalo.com.

We are the verge of what could be the largest humanitarian crisis the Bay Area has ever experienced. On January 31, 2021, the moratorium on evictions will no longer be in place. For those households who have not paid at least 25% of what they owe in back rent, effective February 1st, they will be homeless and out on the street.

St. Raymond Parish and THIS Fund are working to ensure that doesn't happen. Every dollar you give will ensure families stay safe during this crisis by maintaining stable housing and keeping kids out of shelters. On average, rent in East Palo Alto for a 1 bedroom (usually in a shared house) runs approximately \$1,400 to \$2,600 a month.

Please consider making a reoccurring monthly e-donation or a large lump sum to help support the ongoing need. In the last two weeks, we were able to cover the need of 24 more families with individual generous donations of \$1,000, \$5,000, \$15,000 and a bequest of \$88,000.

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 (e-contributions). Questions or want to get involved? Please reach out to: HFF@straymondmp.org

What has St. Raymond supported to date?

- Disbursed **\$175,953.43** 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 **44 households** (including 61 adults and 75 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 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

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/.

In March 2020, a single mother with 3 dependent children (19 years old, 12 years old and 5 years old) lost her job and income working as a dishwasher at a local pizza restaurant in downtown Menlo Park. In April, she contracted COVID-19 and subsequently gave it to her children. She and her three children live in a small studio with 1 bathroom, where the youngest two are engaged in distance learning.

After exhausting all of her savings and asking her oldest son to stop his schooling and give the tuition money toward rent, she came to Fr. Goode for support. He referred her to the St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund, which was able to provide \$6,000 in rental assistance, covering her two months in arrears and the month of November. Catholic Charities also worked with the family to access other services in the county.

The applicant, a single 54-year old woman, was at the risk of eviction for non-payment of rent since June 2020. In April 2020, she lost her employment (cleaning homes) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In July 2020, she was also the victim of assault, suffered a major concussion, and was robbed of many of her personable valuables, including her remaining savings which she had in cash.

In October 2020, St. Vincent de Paul agreed to put forth \$1,200, Samaritan House agreed to put forth \$1,200, and the Homeless Family Fund was able to provide the remaining \$4,200 to cover her rent in arrears from mid-June through October and the month of November. Since then, with the support of Fr. Goode, she has been able to find work again for those in the community.

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.

LOCAL EVENTS

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 December 11. \$40. Details at bit.ly/msjdAdvent2020.

HOLIDAY GRIEF WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm with Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher at St. Pius, Redwood City. For information and to register, please email griefministry@pius.org or phone 650-361-0655.

Friday, December 11, 10:00 am–12 Noon at Church of the Nativity in Menlo Park. To register or for any questions, call Sheila Kennedy at 650-619-7079 or email sheila-kennedy@sbcglobal.net.

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”
~C.S. Lewis

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.

IMAGE CREDITS

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PAGE 3—Christmas ball made of decorations and cookies by Zamurovic Brothers from Noun Project.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - MARK 1:1-18

John the Baptist is the focus of today's Gospel, as we clearly see his attitude of self-denial and humility. People from all over Judea and Jerusalem come to John. He is humble and is totally focused on calling everyone to the baptism of repentance for forgiveness and to prepare the way for Jesus.

John heralds the coming of God's Kingdom and the need for us to respond with a complete change of heart. He calls us to be selfless, willing to decrease so the Lord, Himself, may increase.

Deep belief in God and His saving grace through Jesus, along with the incredible gift of our earth, should make us all deeply grateful and humble. Pope Francis hopes our recognition of this great gift will “move people to care for the environment of which they are a part, [and] Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith.” (Laudato Si' 64)

“Once we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received we also realize we must share it with others. Adopting an inter-generational solidarity is not optional; but rather a basic question of justice since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us.” (LS 157)



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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 6, 2020

WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



GUADALUPE
THE MIRACLE AND
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FORMED NOW! DO WE MAKE TOO MUCH OF MARY?

Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

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MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.



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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.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY 7

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.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE NOV 30, 2020

Saturdays 3:30 pm Vigil (Outdoors)

Sundays 9:00 am (Outdoors), 10:00 am (Outdoors), 3:30 pm (Outdoors)

Weekdays 9:00 am (Mon.-Sat. Outdoors)

Holy Days 9:00 am, 12:15 pm, 3:30 pm (Rose Garden)

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 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.

