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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

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

10:00 am Zoom Bible Study (below)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

6:30 pm Christmas Conspiracies Talk with  
 Fr. Jerome (p. 3)  
 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi (p. 3)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

9:00 am Mass (Outdoors)  
 3:00 pm Confessions in Rose Garden  
 3:30 pm Vigil Mass (Outdoors)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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).



## GET PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

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

## LITURGY

**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

**Mon., Dec. 14, 9:00 am** Sergio Maestrini †

*St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (M)*

**Tue., Dec. 15, 9:00 am**  Sr. Judy Roach, RSCJ

**Wed., Dec. 16, 9:00 am**  Jocelyn Benitez

**Thur., Dec. 17, 9:00 am** Armando Maestrini †

**Fri., Dec. 18, 9:00 am** The Blach and Derry Families,  
 Both Living & Deceased

**Sat., Dec. 19, 9:00 am** Lillian "Lily" Duzanica †

**Sat., Dec. 19, 3:30am** The Nelson Family, Both  
 Living & Deceased

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Sun., Dec. 20, 9:00 am** The Papa Family, Both Living  
 & Deceased

**10:00 am** Charles Galdes †

**3:30 pm** St. Raymond Parish

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

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

## SUNDAY READINGS

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](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121320.cfm)

Dec. 20, 2020 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: 2-5, 27, 29

Reading 2: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122020.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122020.cfm)

Retirement  
 Fund for  
 Religious

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

## Speaker Series

### 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/](http://straymondmp.org/zoom/) for Zoom links and videos from previous talks.

### 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/](http://straymondmp.org/poinsettias/).

### 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](http://www.mmcharitablefoundation.org/donations.html) and designate your donation for "St. Patrick Parish, Uburu-Amachi in Abakaliki Diocese, Nigeria".

## Christmas Schedule

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### Christmas Eve

3:00 PM

4:15 PM

### Christmas Day

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

All Masses will be held outdoors. More details will be available on the parish website [straymondmp.org](http://straymondmp.org) and through our email list. To sign up for the parish email list, visit [straymondmp.org/newsletter](http://straymondmp.org/newsletter).

Please sign up for these Masses at <https://straymondmp.eventbrite.com/>. Registering for Masses allows us to better prepare for each liturgy.

### Simbang Gabi

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020, 7:00 PM

Please join us **VIRTUALLY** in celebrating Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition. Our Mass is part of a 9-day Novena of Masses as a spiritual preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.



This year, due to COVID, Simbang Gabi will be livestreamed from St. Pius Church in Redwood City. The livestream will be available at [www.pius.org/stream](http://www.pius.org/stream).

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Send in your prayer requests to the Rosary Center at [rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/request-prayers/](http://rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/request-prayers/) and the Dominican Nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery at [opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer](http://opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer).

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## ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND THE SEASON OF BIBLICAL JOY

BY FR. BILLY SWAN, WORDONFIRE.ORG BLOG

This season of Advent is known as one of “Joyful expectation.” In the Church we name the third Sunday of Advent as *Gaudete Sunday* or “Joyful Sunday” as our waiting for the Saviour is almost at an end. Then, we wish each other a “Merry Christmas” as we share meals, exchange gifts and treasure loved ones at this time of year. Yet, the irony is that for many, the joy of Advent and Christmas is hard to come by. Yes, Christmas can be a time of joy for some, but it can be a time of sadness for others for a variety of reasons. It is not the same for everyone. Where then can joy be found?

When we look into the Bible and our faith Tradition, we discover a number of important points about the experience of joy.

The first is that joy is the fruit or consequence of knowing God is near. At Christmas we celebrate “the Word made flesh who lives among us” (John 1:14). God has visited his people and promised us that we are never alone. In our midst, he offers the people he loves the fullness of joy for which we were made. When we accept the friendship of God, we experience joy: “O God you are to my heart a richer joy than all” (Psalm 4:7); “Shout for joy, rejoice, exult with all your heart...the Lord is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:17); “Rejoice so highly favoured. The Lord is with you” (Luke 1:28).

Part of the reason why many of us struggle to find joy at Christmas is because we confuse joy with feeling good. In the world of advertising which peaks at times like Christmas, we are encouraged to feel good all the time and to get whatever it takes to make our lives happier. The truth is that no amount of material things, stimulants, or comforts can compensate for a lack of joy that many experience in the depths of their soul. The source of our joy is not in what we have. It lies in “Emmanuel,” the name which means “God is with us” (cf. Matthew 1:23).

A second feature of joy in the Bible is that it comes about through God’s saving work. God’s presence among his people is not static. When his people experience his salvation, joy flows in abundance. We see this with people like Hannah who “exults in Yahweh...for I rejoice in your deliverance” (1 Samuel 2:1) and with Mary whose spirit “rejoices in God my Saviour...for the Almighty has done great things for me” (Luke 1:47, 49). We see it in the three great parables of mercy in Luke 15 where the stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son all end in a rejoicing that flows from restoration, healing, and forgiveness.

What this teaches us is that joy is produced from God’s action in our lives that always moves us towards harmony and right order. God’s spirit is always leading us into deeper communion with each other and with him. His spirit moves us from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from turmoil to harmony. God is always forming us to become more perfect in love. When God’s saving action brings this about, joy is the result.

A third feature is that the experience of joy from God’s salvation leads to worship, which leads to more joy: “Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy” (Psalm 43:4); “Sing for joy to God our strength; Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob” (Psalm 81:1); “They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces” (Isaiah 35:10).

Here I can’t help but think of the deprivation of joy caused by so many staying away from our communities who gather for

## 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 dates are **Dec. 16th & 22nd**. If you can provide 48–60 cookies, please contact Carol at the Parish Office (650-323-1755) or [office@straymondmp.org](mailto:office@straymondmp.org).

### 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.

prayer and especially the Eucharist. Christian joy cannot be confined to one’s private life. As the angels announced on the night of Christ’s birth, Christianity is “news of great joy: a joy **to be shared** by the whole people” (Luke 2:10). The joy of some is the joy of all and it is found where people gather to pray with hearts filled with gratitude.

A fourth feature of joy is that it is not just rooted in God but in the ways of God. These are the ways of God that we must embrace if joy is to be ours. For example, joy will be impossible if we act unjustly or ignore truth. Plato argued that justice is always happiness (*Republic*) and St. Augustine insisted that “the happy life is joy based on the truth. This is joy grounded in you, O God, who are the truth” (*Confessions* 10, 22, 33). Likewise, St. Thomas argued that all the prescriptions and prohibitions of the Gospel are ordered to our joy (*Summa Theologiae*, q. 99). Here is the invitation to order our lives along the domains of justice, truth, peace, and love. It is the way of the Beatitudes where Jesus teaches us how to be blessed. When we are blessed, joy ensues. Feelings come and go, but the fruit of a well-ordered life is blessedness, which leads to lasting joy.

A fifth aspect of joy is that it is possible to have, even in the midst of suffering and loss. For the prophet Habakkuk: “Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines. Though the yield of the olive should fail...Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation” (Habakkuk 3:17-18). Faced with his impending departure and death, Jesus assures his disciples that “though you will be sorrowful, your sorrow will turn to joy” (John 16:20). Sorrow is temporary. Joy will be everlasting.

For us, this means that while all our lives are incomplete and many of us carry heavy crosses, the experience of joy is still possible when our suffering is united with that of Jesus. The experience of sadness and loss is not an end in itself but a moment that will give way, sooner or later, to joy. Blessed Oscar Romero spoke these words from the darkness of El

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THANK YOU, St. Raymond Parishioners, for your INCREDIBLE generosity to date. Did you know your donations have:

- 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.

**To date, we have disbursed over \$176,000. Fr. Goode and the parish of St. Francis of Assisi are grateful for this partnership and continue to ask for your ongoing support to help prevent 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 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be homeless and out on the street.

St. Raymond Parish and THIS Fund is working to ensure that doesn't happen. Every dollar you give will ensure families stay safe during this pandemic 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.** 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](mailto:HFF@straymondmp.org).

*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.*

## 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).

The applicant, a young married woman with five dependent children (13 years old, 10 years old, 9 years old, 3 years old and 1 year old), rents a 4-bedroom home with a detached studio. She sublets two of the rooms and the studio to 3 other families to help offset the monthly rent. After suffering from extreme postpartum disorder, she extended her maternity leave to cope. Unfortunately, when she returned to work in an office building, she was told the business was non-essential and lost her income permanently. To make matters worse, she contracted COVID-19, making it virtually impossible to find work. Her husband is a gardener and has equally been affected by the closures, with business being slower than usual as restrictions have tightened again.

Having used all of their savings and still in search of work, the family found themselves unable to pay their share of the rent for November and December and turned to Fr. Goode who referred them to the Homeless Family Fund. Together with Catholic Charities, the Fund was able to provide 3 months of rental support for a total of \$4,500 to ensure the family stays housed through January 31, 2021. On December 2, 2020, Catholic Charities received a heartfelt letter from the applicant expressing how grateful she was to those who were able to provide this gift and how much stress has been relieved. Catholic Charities was also able to provide important just-in-time referrals to other services in the county.

The applicant, a single mother with two children (6 years old and 5 years old), lost her income due to school related closures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. With her kids unable to go to school and losing her job, she began working in the apartment complex part-time to help reduce the rent. However, by October, she had exhausted all of her savings and was unable to pay the reduced rent amount.

In the middle of October, Fr. Goode referred the applicant to the Homeless Family Fund. In the beginning of November, the Fund was able to provide \$3,404 to help with rent for October and November. In addition, the school where her children go and where she works reopened after the first week of November and she was able to return to work. Catholic Charities was able to link the applicant with other services at the time as well.

## THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

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.

To enroll and learn more, please visit [www.rosary-center.org](http://www.rosary-center.org).



## PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD, PREPARING AND REPAIRING OUR EARTH

### PRAY

God of all that is yet to come,  
As we enter into Advent this year...  
as we walk into the desert,  
and come upon John the Baptist-  
asking for our attention,  
asking us to stop and consider the enormity  
of welcoming the One who comes after him,  
the coming of Love-  
God, give us the capacity and desire  
to be still, to listen, to watch, to wait,  
to make straight in the desert a highway,  
to prepare the way of the Lord. Amen.

### REFLECT

So often in the Christian scripture, we hear references to nature and to the earth....if we knew Jesus would be here tomorrow and part of his visit would be to some of the most diverse and beautiful parts of God's creation- the Amazon rainforest, the glaciers, African wildlife and the oceans to name just a few, what would we do to prepare? Are there things we would try to remedy before Jesus arrives? What would we need to explain to him? Would you want to be part of the delegation that takes him to these places?

One of the things we can do to "prepare the way of the Lord," is to learn how to care for and re-nourish our earth. To learn more, watch the movie "Kiss the Ground" with Woody Harrelson, on how re-nourishing our soil is an essential part of care for our earth; streaming now on Netflix. Rated G. [kisstheground.com/](http://kisstheground.com/).

### ACT

Have you thought of helping to re-nourish soil in and around your home through composting? Or composting through Recology or in your own home/yard to share with others? What better time to answer the call to "prepare the way of the Lord" than during Advent?! To learn more about starting to compost at home, check out SM County's Office of Sustainability at [smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/composting/](http://smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction/composting/). To find out where you can pick up compost free of charge in SM County, visit [rethinkwaste.org/shoreway-environmental-center/compost-giveaway/](http://rethinkwaste.org/shoreway-environmental-center/compost-giveaway/)

"The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God." - *Laudato Si'*, #84

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Salvador's violence: "It is wrong to be sad. Christians cannot be pessimists. Christians must always nourish in their hearts the fullness of joy" (*The Violence of Love*).

A sixth dimension of joy from the Scriptures is that joy experienced in this life is but a shadow of that which awaits us in heaven: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard and no mind has imagined all that God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). The joy of the present is an anticipation of the joy in the future where our destiny lies—to praise God forever in heaven: "Alleluia! Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory" (Revelations 19:7).

For St. Augustine, this will be a time when "we shall no longer drink the milk of hope, but we shall feed on the reality itself." Therefore, as we journey as pilgrims in this life, "let us rejoice in the Lord; for it is no small reason for rejoicing to have a hope that will someday be fulfilled" (*Sermon 21*). We are an Easter people (even at Christmas!). Even now we possess the joy of the resurrection that draws us forward towards a future of joy with God forever.

The seventh foundation of joy in the Bible is that God himself is joyful. The source of our joy is in God who is joyful: "Do not mourn or weep for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:9-10). The prophet Zephaniah says that "God will rejoice over you with happy song. He will dance with shouts of joy for you" (Zephaniah 3:17). The German Dominican Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 – c. 1327) once wrote that "the Father laughs at the Son and the Son at the Father and the laughing brings forth pleasure and the pleasure brings forth joy and the joy brings forth love" (*Sermon 18*). In more recent times, the Catechism states that: "In God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, there is unending life, joy and communion" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1720*).

This insight raises the question: how often do we contemplate God's nature as joyful love? I suspect we are more likely to image him as stern and serious rather than overflowing with abundant joy. Yet when we reflect on the life of Jesus, a joyful God is who he reveals: "At that time, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, Jesus exclaimed, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth'" (Luke 10:21). Indeed it could be argued that the whole spiritual life is founded on Jesus' invitation to "enter into the joy of your Lord" (Matthew 25:21). God wants to share his joy with us through his gift of the Spirit of Christ: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Therefore, Christ wills that his disciples be known by their joy as a fruit of the Holy Spirit that they possess. In the words of St Paul: "I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord" (Philippians 4:4). In the midst of a world weighed down by troubles, the Christian is a person possessed by a divine joy that is infectious and attractive. This is why for Mother Teresa, "joy is a net of love by which we catch souls," for "the one filled with joy preaches without preaching." It is why joy is described by G.K. Chesterton as "the gigantic secret of the Christian" (*Orthodoxy*) and by Leon Bloy as "the infallible sign of the presence of God" (*Letter to Jacques Maritain*). For all Christians called to participate in the new evangelization, it emphasizes the importance of giving a united witness to the joy of the Lord, for "with Christ joy is constantly born anew" (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 1).

Christianity is a religion of joy. It is truly "glad tidings" for humanity. As Christmas approaches, we may well experience feelings of melancholy or sadness for many legitimate reasons. But let us also have the courage to rejoice in the Lord—in his presence, in his gift of salvation, in our praise of him, in his ways, in our hope of heaven, and even in his cross. God is the source of our joy, for he is the God of joy.

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# 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 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](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, Betty Clark, 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.

