

BULLETIN

ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AT facebook.com/straymondmp/live

ALL MASSES ARE ALSO STEAMED ON YOUTUBE AT straymondmp.org/youtube

(Father Jerome's Facebook Live page has had some issues the last week.)

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2020

8:15 am M-Sat. Mass

9:15 am TuF Scripture Reading 10:00 am W Bible Study (below) Prayer/Devotional TuF 3:00 pm 6:40 pm TuW Rosary with Fr. Jerome Stations of the Cross 6:40 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

8:15 am Morning Mass 10:00 am **Confirmation Mass**

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

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

RSVP for weekend Masses at www.straymondmp.org/eventbrite

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

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Raymond Parish Sat., Sept. 5, 5:00 pm

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

🚣 Bobbie Seagren Sun., Sept. 6, 8:00 am

> Charles Galdes † 10:00 am

5:00 pm 🚣 Don Potter

The Blach & Derry Families, Mon., Sept. 7, 8:15 am Both Living & Deceased

Tue., Sept. 8, 8:15 am Aurelio Maestrini †

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

Wed., Sept. 9, 8:15 am Lydia Moreno †

St. Peter Claver, Priest (M)

📥 Bonnie Morey Thur., Sept. 10, 8:15 am Michelle Galvez Fri., Sept. 11, 8:15 am John & James Kaufusi Sat., Sept. 12, 8:15 am

(Birthday)

The Most Holy Name of Mary (m)

Sat., Sept. 12, 5:00 pm Aurelio Maestrini †

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

🚣 Dn. Charles Seagren Sun., Sept. 13, 8:00 am

> Eleanor Jekot † 10:00 am

St. Raymond Parish 5:00 pm

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

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

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.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON



SUNDAY READINGS

Sept 6, 2020 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2: Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090620.cfm

Sept 13, 2020 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Reading 2: Romans 17:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091320.cfm

PARISH SURVEY

PARISH-WIDE SURVEY AVAILABLE Now

It's official! The Disciple Maker Parishioner Survey **IS NOW OPEN**, and we need your help.

Please help us learn how our parish can best grow our community's faith lives by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to <u>www.disciplemakerindex.com</u>
- If you don't use the computer there will be opportunities to complete the survey after weekend Masses, and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Ronnica in the parish office at 650-323-1755.

The survey will only be **available from now to October 15** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the **highest response rate possible**. This information will be invaluable to Father Jerome, our Pastoral Council, and our various ministries as we plan for our church's future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results later this year at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

COOKIE MINISTRY

Thank you to all of those who have made cookies and helped support the Table of Plenty Ministry in Half Moon Bay. Since we began baking in March, St. Raymond Parishioners have baked over 4,400 cookies for our homeless and low-income brothers and sisters on the coast! Providing beautiful and delicious cookies and bars baked with love has been a special treat for folks during these challenging times.

We have two more dates coming up when we will provide cookies again: **September 16, and September 23.** If you are able to bake 48-60 cookies for either of these dates, please email Carol at office@straymondmp.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

PRAY SERVE SOCIALIZE³

How can we, as a parish family, pray, serve and socialize during the COVID era? In spite of sickness, death, loneliness, and any kind of calamity, we are the Body of Christ. We are in this together and will continue to love the Lord, our God, with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength!

Some of us are great at praying, or being active in service, or at being social; some of us wish we were better at praying, or at finding and participating in service opportunities, or at socializing/sharing community. With God's own help, we can have the confidence to grow in our ability at all three, especially exploring NEW ways to pray, to serve, and to socialize when so many of the "usual" ways are not available to us at this time.

Be sure to participate in the survey taking place from Sep 01-Oct 15; and, be on the lookout for the parish-wide **October Special Event: Pray! Serve! Socialize!**



CONGRATULATION BR. JOHN!

On August 29, 2020, Br. John Winkowitsch, O.P., processed his solemn vows into the hands of the Very Reverend Christopher Fadok, O.P., Prior Provincial, at the Priory of St. Albert the Great, in Oakland, CA.

His Mass of Solemn Profession can be seen on YouTube at https://youtu.be/k97RkbUArrU.

Br. John will join the St. Raymond community this upcoming week.

More photos from his Solemn Profession will be in next week's bulletin.

⁴ CATHOLIC CHARITIES

REGISTER TO VOTE NOW (BEFORE THE OCT 19 DEADLINE)!

Catholic Charities Provides Voter Resources to Reach Our Most Vulnerable Communities

CatholicCharitiesSF.org/voter-outreach



Catholic Charities provides voter resources for residents of San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin counties. All registered voters will receive an official ballot by mail sometime in early October for the Nov. 3 General Election. The earlier your ballot is mailed back, the better as it increases the likelihood that your ballot will be included in the Election Night posted result counts. Visit CatholicCharitiesSF.org/voteroutreach to learn more:

- Vote by mail to protect public health during the pandemic;
- Register to vote online (available in 10 languages);
- Check your current registration;
- Track your ballot;
- Access for voters with disabilities;
- Volunteer to serve as a poll worker on Election Day Nov. 3 - both adults and high school students welcome - apply now!

PARTNERING WITH 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 last 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.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping support our local Catholic organizations.

LAUDATO SI'



Walking, finding gratitude, and praying through the pandemic

By Mary McCarty

Our Laudato Si' group is about caring for our common home; the earth. Before we begin to take responsible actions for something, it helps to appreciate it; to love it. In this case that means to experience and appreciate the world around us. One way to do this is by walking. Walking is wonderful at this time of social distancing because it can be done alone, at a distance from a masked friend, or with those with whom you live. Walking can mean around your yard, your block, or beyond.

In my case, when the pandemic came, I was by myself; not able to be with family or friends or go to church -- you know about sheltering in place. I began walking more, as a way to be out and about. When walking, my feet wanted to keep going, and my heart and mind began to be more open. On walks I found beauty everywhere, enjoying flowers, trees, butterflies, and front yard gardens.

The challenge to myself became: What could I find to enjoy looking at today? What scents could I discover? I began to recognize this time as a gift from God; becoming more thankful for who and what was around me. These thoughts turned to prayer for the family and friends that were not present, for those I'd been asked to pray for, and in gratitude for the beauty all around.

We would like to invite you to walk. Just walk. Discover and enjoy the world around you. We will have more ideas upcoming for you. Please wear a mask, sunscreen, a hat and carry water with you as you walk.

PRAY, REFLECT, ACT



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Join us as we Zoom into RCIA next Sun., Sept. 13 at 12:30 pm

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the 2020-2021 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning Sunday, Sept. 13, 12:30 p.m. Classes will be held via Zoom until further notice. We may change the day and time depending on class preference.

RCIA is a faith formation series for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith and are now considering becoming Catholic. It is also for Catholic adults who never received First Communion or Confirmation. We also welcome those who've been away from the faith and who wish to return, and those who just want to rediscover their faith.

The classes are led by Deacon Tom Kelly and Charlotte Pace from Nativity Parish. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of study, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, April 3 (dependent on pandemic protocol). We will accept new participants throughout September and October.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Tom at 650-670-2200 or tkelly@straymondmp.org. We will need your email address to send you a Zoom invitation. We look forward to welcoming you.

É-TAIZÉ!

New Date! Join Ronnica and Lauri for our Taizé prayer service on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 pm on the St. Raymond Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live



LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Go to Father's line during Communion and ask for a low-gluten host.

FAITH FORMATION

GOSPEL COMMENTARY BY ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. (Matthew 16:19)

The Apostle says: "Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

You will be doing everything for the glory of God if, when you leave this place, you make yourselves responsible for saving a brother or sister, not just by accusing and rebuking him or her, but also by advising and encouraging, and by pointing out the harm done by worldly amusements, and the profit and help that come from our instruction.

You will also be preparing for yourself a double reward, since as well as greatly furthering your own salvation, you will be endeavoring to heal a fellow member of Christ's body. It is the Church's pride, it is the Savior's command, not to be concerned only about our own welfare, but about our neighbor's also.

Think about what high honor you raise yourself to when you regard someone else's salvation as a matter of extreme importance. As far as is humanly possible you imitate God himself, for listen to what he says through the prophet: "Whoever leads another from wrong to right will be as my own mouth." (Pr 28:10)

In other words, "Whoever tries to save those that are negligent, and to snatch them from the jaws of the devil, is imitating me as far as a human being can." What other work could equal this? Of all good deeds this is the greatest; of all virtue this is the summit.

And this is perfectly reasonable. Christ shed his own blood for our salvation; and Paul, speaking of those who give scandal and wound the consciences of people seeing them, cried out: "Because of your knowledge a weak brother or sister is destroyed—someone for whom Christ died!" (1 Cor 8:11)

So if your Lord shed his blood for that person, surely it is right for each of us to offer at least some words of encouragement and to extend a helping hand to those who through laxity have fallen into the snares of the devil.

But I am quite certain that you will do this out of the tender love you bear your own members, and that you will make every effort to bring your neighbors back to our common Mother, because I know that through the grace of God you are able to admonish others with wisdom.

Homily 6, 18-20: SC 50, 224-225

⁶ 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.

TAKE A WALK WITH THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Join Fr. Xavier Lavagetto, O.P., from the Catholic Community at Stanford, for small group discussions and information on the 1st century cultural world. We will be asking **What does Mark have to say to our situation and world?**

Please join any classes or all on Zoom!

Sept. 8th, 7:30 pm—Mark 6:14-8:21, The Feeding Cycle

Sept. 15th, 7:30 pm—Mark 8:22-10:52 Jesus Predicts His Death

Sept. 22nd, 7:30 pm—Mark 11:1-12:44, Jesus in Jerusalem

Sept. 29th, 7:30 pm—Mark 13:1-37, End Times

Oct. 6th, 7:30 pm—Mark 14-16:20, Last Supper Passion, Death, & Empty Tomb

To join on Zoom, email xavierop@stanford.edu for the password and visit: https://bit.ly/TakeAWalkGospelofMark.

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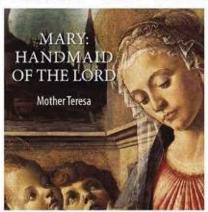
Homilies by Zoom—30-minute reflections or homily with various presenters. Every Tuesday, 10:00 am

"Living the Ups and Downs of Our Faith" A 1-Day Zoom Retreat with Ron Rolheiser September 26, 2020, 9:00 am—4:00 pm. \$25. Recording available for ticketholders who cannot attend.

Register at vallombrosa.org/calendar.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St. Teresa of Kolkata

St. Teresa of Kolkata is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS 7

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. in the

courtyard outside the Parish Hall)

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, Bill Pflaum, Candy Hernandez, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehedi, Emmanuel Barbariol, Gail Blach, Gayland Hagy, Janice



Hagy, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Lynn Cintron, Margaret McSweeney, Modesta Cintron, Penny Bantug, 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.



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