

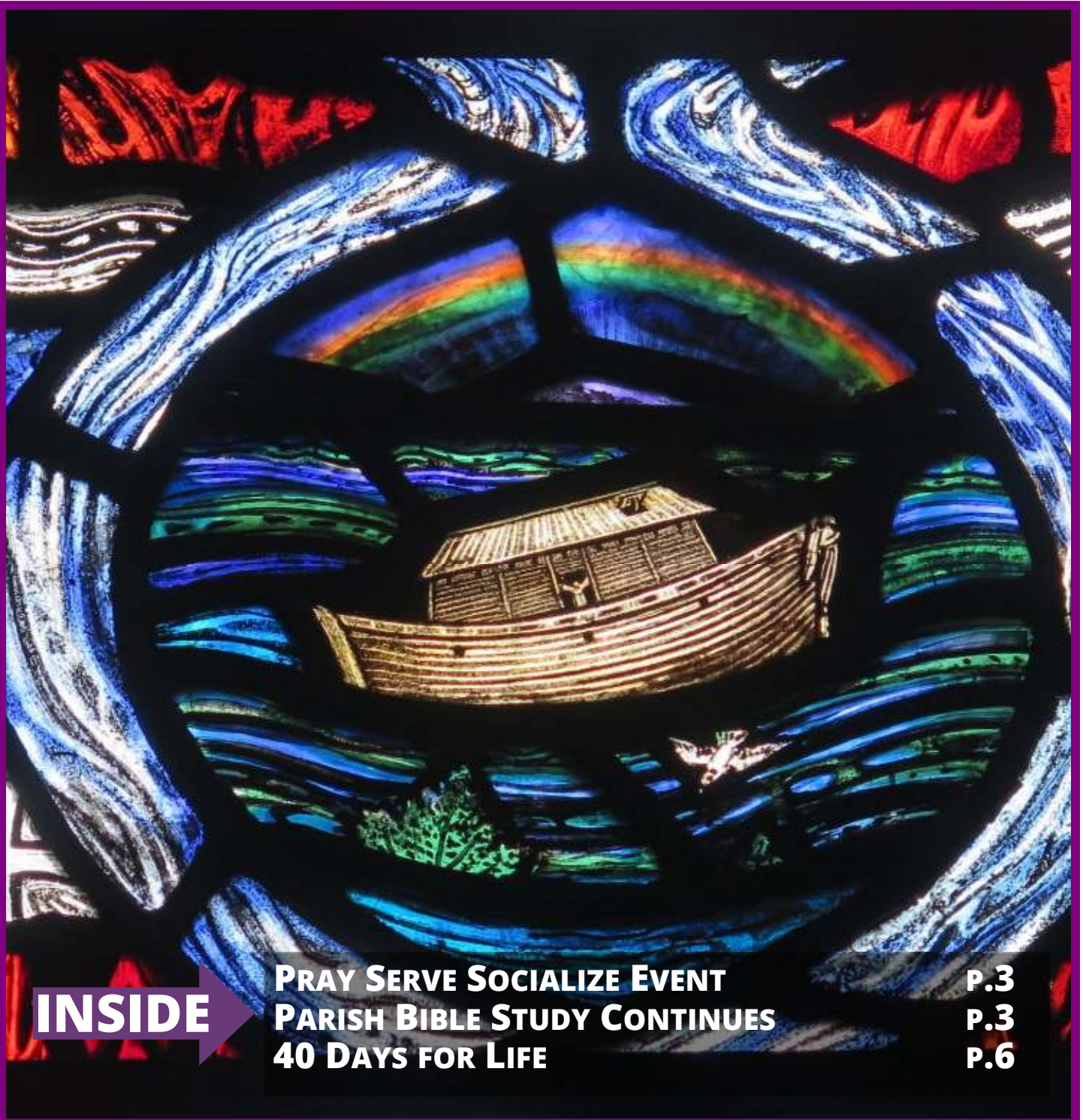


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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 21, 2021



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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\*  
 6:30 pm Rosary (M-Th) / Stations of the Cross (F)\*

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

7:00 pm Parish Bible Study Small Group

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

7:00 pm Parish Bible Study Small Group

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (p. 6)  
 10:00 am Parish Bible Study Small Group  
 7:00 pm Parish Bible Study Small Group

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.5)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

3:30 pm Parish Bible Study Small Group

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

9:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)  
 10:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)  
 3:30 pm Sunday Mass (Outdoors)

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2021

**Please note:** beginning the first weekend of March (Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7), both of the evening Masses will move to 5:00 pm and will still be held on the school lawn.

## LITURGY

Sat., Feb. 20, 3:30 pm St. Raymond Parish

*1st Sunday of Lent*

Sun., Feb. 21, 9:00 am The Harold Curtis & Leo O'Neill Families, Both Living & Deceased

10:00 am Armando Maestrini †

3:30 pm James Palmer †

Mon., Feb. 22, 9:00 am   Nieva Calica & Iraida Espinosa

*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (F)*

Tue., Feb. 23, 9:00 pm Riley Cantorna †

*St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (m)*

Wed., Feb. 24, 9:00 am The Galvez, Herboren, & Ritzen Families, Both Living & Deceased

Thur., Feb. 25, 9:00 am Harold Curtis †

Fri., Feb. 26, 9:00 am Special Intentions of the Vuong & Haarmann Families

Sat., Feb. 27, 9:00 am Klito & Anunziata Filipine ††

Sat., Feb. 27, 3:30 pm The Mijares Family, Both Living & Deceased

*2nd Sunday of Lent*

Sun., Feb. 28, 9:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †

10:00 am Armando Maestrini †

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

February 21, 2021 (1st Sunday of Lent)

Reading 1: Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 25:4-9

Reading 2: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022121.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022121.cfm)

February 28, 2021 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Reading 1: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 116:10, 15-19

Reading 2: Romans 8: 3b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022821.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022821.cfm)



## PRAY SERVICE SOCIALIZE

### CALLING ALL CREATIVE, ARTISTIC, TALENTED, VISUAL, DESIGN-ORIENTED, FAITH-FILLED PEOPLE!

Do you enjoy the purples of Advent & Lent and the bright whites of Christmas & Easter that adorn our sacred spaces? Or perhaps your love of the outdoors attracts you to our rose garden with shrine to Mary Immaculate. And who doesn't love seeing the Nativity Scene at Christmas and smelling the lilies at Easter?... Plus, videography/livestream has become a new and more widely accepted way to experience the beauty of our faith-- a whole new view!

The PRAY, SERVE, SOCIALIZE model of parish life is taking off, and we have an event planned especially for YOU. You are invited to hear a **special presentation by our Pastor, Fr. Jerome Cudden, OP** and be invited to share with one another about our faith and how beauty inspires us. Whether indoors or out, Christ is present in all his glory. Let's get together to share and be energized in this opportunity to PRAY, SERVE, and yes, even SOCIALIZE together! P.S. If you have ever been, or are interested in learning about, the ministries of Sacristan, Altar Society, Liturgical Art & Environment, Buildings & Grounds, Parish Web-Design, Photography, or Broadcasting/Livestreaming/Audio-Visual (for churches) this one's for you! And even if you've never heard of some of those ministries before, **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

#### Two Options:

Monday, February 22, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm on Zoom

Saturday, February 27, 9:45 am—11:15 am LIVE and on Zoom (simultaneously in-person and virtual, your choice of mode of participation).

#### **Register:**

Monday, February 22

[www.eventbrite.com/e/141058057447](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/141058057447)

Or

Saturday, February 27—

[www.eventbrite.com/e/141058721433](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/141058721433)

## PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUPS <sup>3</sup>



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

#### **Sign Up**

To sign up for this course, please visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery> and choose the “Unlocking the Bible Study Set” for \$24.95. Please order now because it will take about two weeks for the print material to arrive. You will receive a PDF version of the workbook in the meantime.

Did you miss this week? It's not too late. Watch a recap of Session 1 at [straymondmp.org/parish-bible-study](http://straymondmp.org/parish-bible-study) with Fr. Jerome.

**Session 2 begins the week of February 22.**

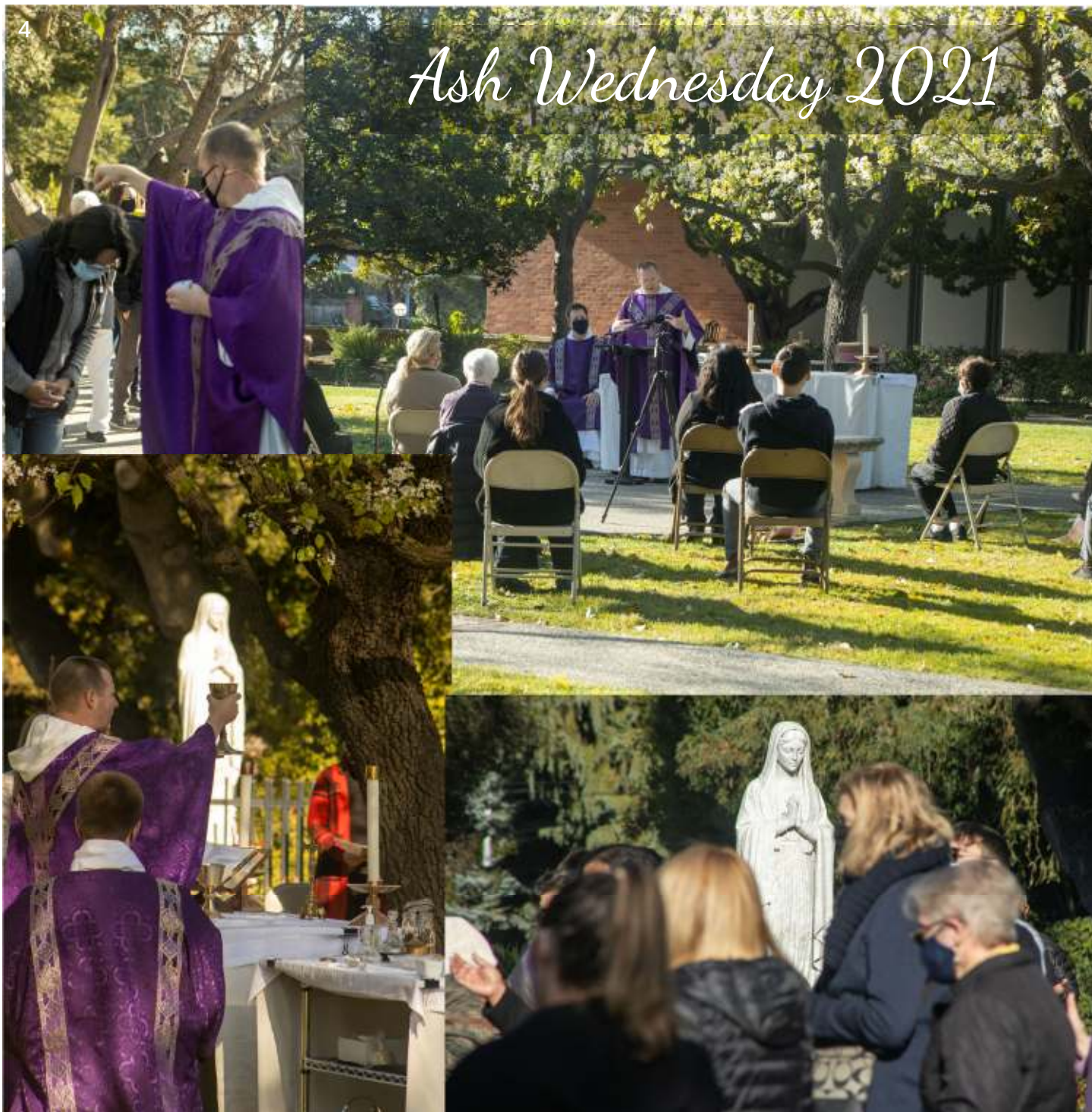
## COOKIE MINISTRY

Thank you to all of those who have made cookies and helped support the Table of Plenty Ministry in Half Moon Bay. St. Raymond Parishioners have baked over 8,400 cookies for our homeless and low-income brothers and sisters on the coast since we began baking in March! Providing beautiful and delicious cookies and bars baked with love has been a special treat for folks during these challenging times.

We will provide cookies again on **Wednesday, February 24**. If you are able to bake 48-60 cookies, please email Carol at [office@straymondmp.org](mailto:office@straymondmp.org).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# Ash Wednesday 2021



## FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are also obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include pregnant or nursing women and the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. Source: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)





What might we do to enrich ourselves during Lent, so we might have a conversion of soul on our way to Resurrection at Easter? Spiritually, there are many options at St. Raymond: Parish-wide Zoom Bible Study, live-streamed /in-person Masses, online afternoon devotions, Friday evening Stations of the Cross.

Another form of spiritual enrichment: take walks (grab your mask and water) appreciating the world God has given us. Old leaves are mostly fallen and new buds and shoots are beginning to show. You can feel in the air that Mother Earth is literally holding her breath waiting for spring, waiting for her conversion. How can we help with this conversion of the earth?

We normally look up - at the plants, the animals, birds, and insects. A forgotten but essential aspect of this beautiful world created by our God is under our feet: the soil, which is living, breathing, life giving. As we are reminded on Ash Wednesday, we are from the very earth and will one day return to it. *"We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters."* (Laudato Si' Preface, paragraph 2)

*"This sister [The earth] now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her."* (LS Preface, para. 2)

Mother Earth needs to be replenished and we can have a part in that. One way is by composting the scraps from our kitchen; they should not be going to a landfill anyway. We can then enrich our soil using 'homemade' compost in our garden plot (whether that be a pot, raised beds, a place in your yard, or space a neighbor shares with you.)

A very simple introduction to composting can be found online at [smartgardening.com](http://smartgardening.com).



Go to the webinars tab and register for the session that fits your schedule.

Both of the following are thorough, yet understandable articles about composting:

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/composting-benefit>

Easter is about hope and resurrection. We'd like to suggest that you **Grow Something**: either to eat or to enjoy looking at. New life gives us hope! Start something from seeds. By the end of Lent, it will have started a plant. Home-grown Hope is special. If you are venturing out, you can go to a garden center or

hardware store. The following site gives ideas on where to order seeds or started plants. <https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/buy-plants-seeds-online/>

Or, if you love the idea of helping the earth, but are not able to garden right now, you might consider donating to an environmental group.

<https://www.teamsierra.org/valentines/Donate>

<https://openspacetrust.org/>

<https://www.savedbynature.org/>

## LAUDATO SI' WEEKLY ZOOM

Please join our Zoom meetings **each Thursday at noon** to pray, learn, socialize, and serve and care for creation together. To join Zoom Meeting, click here: <http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom>.

"Lift your heart and your thoughts a little to that sweet and most holy cross, in the face of which every burden is as nothing. Desire to endure a little temporal pain to be spared the eternal pain that we deserve for our sins. Be comforted by the love of Christ crucified."  
-Saint Catherine of Siena, O.P.

## 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).



The Redwood City campaign of 40 Days for Life is being held from now to **March 28**.

“For the last few years my husband, Bob, and I have been praying in Redwood City at 40 Days for Life. It has been a prayerful time with a couple of interesting people stopping by to ask what it is all about. We have met some devout Catholics, living out their commitment to the unborn and their mothers.

We invite all of you to join us in the effort to protect the most vulnerable unborn babies and the expectant mothers. You can join us in person, or by offering prayers, sacrifices, and fasting to support the effort. Sign ups are for 1 or more hours as often as you choose.”—Judy

Complete information is available at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity>.

### GET PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

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

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS**—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Father will announce which line has the low-gluten host.

## 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).



## HOMELESS FAMILY FUND

Please consider making a reoccurring monthly e-donation or a lump sum to help support the **Homeless Family Fund**. 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 at [www.straymondmp.org/donate](http://www.straymondmp.org/donate). Questions or want to get involved? Please reach out to: [HFF@straymondmp.org](mailto:HFF@straymondmp.org)

## SPEAKER SERIES TALKS

View previous Speaker Series talks at [www.straymondmp.org/speaker-series/](http://www.straymondmp.org/speaker-series/). Previous talks include:

- Praying in a Time of Anxiety: The Way to Christian Hope
- Psychology and Beyond: The Unique Value of Prayer in Chaotic Times
- Forgiveness: Healing the Darkness of Resentment
- Christmas Conspiracies
- The Eucharist in the Life and Faith of the Church
- From Hard Science Ph.D to Religious O.P.
- Meeting Jesus Christ at Mass
- And more....

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## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the 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](mailto:tkelly@straymondmp.org) or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS <sup>7</sup>

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

### 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, Bill Pflaum, Candy Hernandez, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Janice Hagy, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, 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.





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