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MONDAY TO FRIDAY EACH WEEK

9:00 am Mass (Outdoors)
3:00 pm Novena to St. Joseph
6:30 pm Rosary (M-Th)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

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FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

9:00 am Mass (Outdoors)
10:30 am Confirmation
3:30 pm Confessions in Rose Garden
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Outdoors)

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

9:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)
10:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)
5:00 pm Sunday Mass (Outdoors)

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2021

RSVP for weekend Masses at straymondmp.org/eventbrite.

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 chrissgalvez@aol.com.



LITURGY

Sat., Mar. 13, 5:00 pm Dorothy Gravelle †

4th Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 14, 9:00 am Bill Greiz † & Dr. Thomas Gianetto †

10:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Mar. 15, 9:00 am The Curtis Family

Tue., Mar. 16, 9:00 am The Galvez, Herborn & Ritzen Families

Wed., Mar. 17, 9:00 am Agnes Chiavari †

St. Patrick, Bishop & Principal Co-Patron of Archdiocese (S)

Thur., Mar. 18, 9:00 am Tino Bartolini

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)

Fri., Mar. 19, 9:00 am Sosefo Afu Veatama †

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

Sat., Mar. 20, 9:00 am Anthony Gutierrez †

Sat., Mar. 20, 5:00 pm Anthony Gutierrez †

5th Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 21, 9:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Armando Maestrini †

5:00 pm  Kosi Golda Onyeneho

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

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

SUNDAY READINGS

March 14, 2021 (4th Sunday of Lent)

Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 137:1-6

Reading 2: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031421-YearB.cfm

March 21, 2021 (5th Sunday of Lent)

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51:3-4, 12-15

Reading 2: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032121-YearB.cfm

SPEAKER SERIES TALKS

PRAYING WITH PAINTING: LENTEN MEDITATION WITH THE HELP OF SACRED ART

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM

Want some helpful inspiration for praying or reading the Bible this Lent? Do you think of your senses and imagination only as an enemy during prayer? Christianity is a religion of the Incarnation: the Word becoming flesh and taking on our humanity to save us. *Praying with Painting* will be a practical and interactive guide to Lenten prayer by meditating on the Passion of Christ with the help of sacred art.



Br. John Paul Puschautz, a brother of Saint John since 2011, grew up in Chicago, IL, and attended the University of Illinois where he studied fine art painting before responding to Jesus' call to religious life. After getting his Masters in Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary in New Jersey, he is currently doing postgraduate studies at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, CA.

THE PSALMS: LIFTING UP THE SOUL TO GOD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021, 7 PM ON ZOOM
WITH ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J. BYRNES, S.T.D.

Archbishop Michael J. Byrnes' presentation will focus on the poetic nature of a psalm as a vocal activity in song and chant; the importance of emotional content in the psalm; the scandal of crying out to God and/or the imprecatory Psalms.

KNOWING THE UNKNOWN GOD, APRIL 28, 2021, 7 PM
ON ZOOM, WITH DN. JOHN WINKOWITSCH, OP

GOD'S KNOWLEDGE AND OURS, MAY 12, 2021, 7 PM
ON ZOOM, WITH DN. JOHN WINKOWITSCH, OP

View previous Speaker Series talks at
www.straymondmp.org/speaker-series/.



NOVENA TO
SAINT JOSEPH
MARCH 10-18

SOLEMNITY OF
SAINT JOSEPH
MARCH 19

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JOIN THE DOMINICANS IN THE NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

In the Year of St. Joseph, the Dominicans are offering a preached novena opportunity, running March 10-18, with a special reflection on the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) from the Prior Provincial, Fr. Christopher Fadok, O.P.

Sign up at www.opwest.org/stjosephnovena and each day you'll receive an email with the daily reflection video and novena prayers. Reflection videos will also be available at [YouTube.com/opwest](https://www.youtube.com/opwest).

Schedule of Novena Preachers

- March 10** – Husband of the Mother of God & Diligent Protector of Christ: Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P.
- March 11** – Most Chaste: Fr. Thomas Aquinas Pickett, O.P.
- March 12** – Most Valiant: **Rev. Br. John Winkowitsch, O.P.**
- March 13** – Most Obedient: Fr. James Junipero Moore, O.P.
- March 14** – Model of Workers: Fr. Michael Sweeney, O.P.
- March 15** – Pillar of Families: Fr. Michael Hurley, O.P.
- March 16** – Patron of the Dying: Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P.
- March 17** – Terror of Demons: Fr. Peter Junipero Hannah, O.P.
- March 18** – Protector of Holy Church: Fr. John Marie Bingham, O.P.

Solemnity of St. Joseph

March 19 – Fr. Christopher Fadok, O.P., Prior Provincial, will reflect on the readings for the Solemnity.

St. Joseph Novena Prayer

O glorious Saint Joseph, father of Jesus Christ and husband of Mary, we raise our minds and hearts to you, imploring your powerful intercession. Obtain from the Lord all the graces we need for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly...*(mention your intentions here)*.

O guardian of the Word Incarnate, confident that your prayers will be graciously heard before the throne of God, we ask you to look favorably on our petitions. Assist us on our way, so that we may at last enjoy eternal life with you and all the saints in the heavenly kingdom. Amen.

FIVE WAYS ST. JOSEPH CAN HELP YOUR LENT

By the Dominicans of the Province of St. Joseph courtesy of the WordOnFire.org blog.

How can St. Joseph help you this Lent? I propose five ways.

1. Simplicity

In John 6, when Jesus boldly declares, “I am the bread of life,” his hearers murmur among themselves and ask, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?” (John 6:41). Apparently, they considered Joseph to be just a regular, law-abiding Jew—an average Joe, if you will. By implication, Joseph didn’t go around Nazareth working miracles and polishing his halo; rather, he lived his holiness wrapped in simplicity.

Every year on Ash Wednesday, we hear: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them” (Matthew 6:1). Our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving should be kept for God’s eyes only. Yet we should also remember Jesus’ words earlier in the Sermon on the Mount: “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father” (Matthew 5:16).

The key difference is simplicity. When we act simply, we take no heed of our glory, but seek God’s alone. Such simplicity is a modesty of soul, guarding the intimacy we have with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

2. Work

On May 1, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He is a saint who knows how to roll up his sleeves and put in a hard day’s work. Joseph reminds us of the dignity of work, beautifully captured in *Gaudium et Spes*:

Through labor offered to God man is associated with the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, Who conferred an eminent dignity on labor when at Nazareth He worked with His own hands. (GS 67)

Lent is a good time to live out this dignity of work by imitating St. Joseph. God draws us to Himself through the ordinary means of simply fulfilling our tasks. We need not search for extraordinary acts of penance or lengthy prayers, especially if these detract from our normal duties. So before we add on extra practices, we should redouble our attentiveness to the work already before us.

3. Rest

While Joseph shows us the dignity of work, he had some of his best moments as he slept. It was here that God spoke to him repeatedly through dreams.

We can distinguish two types of rest: physical sleep and spiritual abandonment to God. Both are critical for holiness. Sleep renews us for another day of work and love. Just ask the mother of a newborn about the importance of sleep. Abandonment increases our hope in God’s loving providence, strengthening our faith in times of trials and creating room for love to grow.

By both sleep and abandonment, we recognize our limits: we need sleep and we need God. We can see this pairing in the beginning of Psalm 127:

*If the Lord does not build the house,
in vain do its builders labor;
if the Lord does not watch over the city,
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.*

*In vain is your earlier rising,
your going later to rest,
you who toil for the bread you eat,
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.*

This psalm proclaims the futility of all-nighters and the emptiness of self-made saints. Psalm 127 is a good reminder during Lent, as we up the ante with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are not exercises of our sheer willpower. Our practices on their own do not make us holy. God makes us holy. And sometimes, God bids us to rest.

Remember the words of Moses to the Israelites as Pharaoh pursued them: “The LORD will fight for you; you have only to keep still” (Exodus 14:14), as well as the words of Isaiah: “By waiting and by calm you shall be saved; in quiet and in trust shall be your strength” (Isaiah 30:15).

4. Family

Joseph was a great man, but where would he be without his family, without Jesus and Mary? I doubt he would make many appearances in twenty-first century blog posts—most first-century Jewish carpenters don’t.

Joseph’s holiness came through Jesus and Mary, by serving them and receiving from them. Similarly, God draws us to himself through those around us. We do not become saints as isolated individuals, but as members of a family or community.

With their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children and indeed everyone gathered around the family hearth will find a readier path to human maturity, salvation and holiness. (GS 48)

Lent is a good opportunity to examine our closest relationships. Is there a need to forgive? Is there love that needs rekindling? Is there gratitude missing? These are excellent ways of giving alms.

5. Jesus and Mary

Of course, Joseph’s family isn’t your normal family. There’s a special grace about Jesus and Mary (understatement of the year). If we compare our families to the Holy Family, we might be tempted to discouragement. But by God’s goodness, Jesus and Mary are not distant, but rather intimately close to us: Jesus is our savior and brother, and Mary is our tender mother. Joseph, for his part, can help us stay close to Jesus and Mary, just as he did.

In the end, all of our Lenten practices are simply saying “yes” to Jesus, just as Mary first did at the Annunciation. May Mary pray for us, and may Jesus bring us to the Father.

THOUGHTS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

COMMENTARY BY ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Although we praise our common Lord for all kinds of reasons, we praise and glorify him above all for the cross. It fills us with awe to see him dying like one accursed.

It is this death for people like ourselves that Paul constantly regards as the sign of Christ's love for us. He passes over everything else that Christ did for our advantage and consolation and dwells incessantly on the cross. "The proof of Gods love for us," he says, "is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners."

Then in the following sentence he gives us the highest ground for hope: "If when we were alienated from God, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, how much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life!"

It is this above all that made Paul so proud, so happy, so full of joy and exultation, when he wrote to the Galatians: "God forbid that I should glory in anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

What wonder, indeed, if Paul rejoices and glories in the cross, when the Lord himself spoke of his passion as his glory. "Father," he prayed, "the hour has come: glorify your Son."

The disciple who wrote those words also told us that the Holy Spirit had not yet come to them because Jesus was not yet glorified, calling the cross glory.

And when he wanted to show God's love did he do so by referring to signs, wonders, or miracles of any sort?

By no means: he pointed to the cross, saying: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might not perish but have eternal life."

And Paul writes: "Since he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how can he fail to lavish every other gift upon us?"

And in his exhortation to humility he uses the same example, saying: "You should have the same dispositions as you find in Christ Jesus. Although his nature was divine, he did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. Bearing the human likeness, sharing the human lot, he humbled himself and was obedient even to the point of dying—dying on a cross!"

Returning to the subject of love, Paul again urges his hearers to "love one another, even as Christ loved us, and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Eph 5:2) And Christ himself showed how the cross was his chief preoccupation, and how much he longed to suffer.

In his ignorance, Peter, first of the Twelve, foundation of the Church, leader of the Apostles, protested: "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you"! Listen to what Christ called him: "Get behind me, Satan. You are an obstacle in my way," proving by the strength of his reprimand his great eagerness to suffer on the cross.

Treatise on Providence 17, 1-8: SC 79, 225-29

PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ⁵

UPCOMING SESSION SCHEDULE

Sessions:

- Mondays 7:00 pm with Deacon Tom
- Tuesdays 7:00 pm with Fr. Jerome
- Wednesdays 10:00 am with Cheri Girardot and Maria Cornell (Women's Meeting)
- Wednesdays 7:00 pm with Deacon John
- Fridays 3:30 pm with Lauri Hofstrom

Session 4	Week of March 22	Session 7	Week of May 3
Session 5	Week of April 5	Session 8	Week of May 17
Session 6	Week of April 19		

It's not too late to join. For complete information and schedule, visit straymondmp.org/parish-bible-study.

COOKIE MINISTRY

To all those who have made cookies and helped support the Table of Plenty Ministry in Half Moon Bay, thank you! Since we began baking a year ago in March, St. Raymond Parishioners have baked over 9,600 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

We have two more dates coming up when we will provide cookies again: **March 17th and 24th**. 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!

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.

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We Pray - Dear Lord, help me please to see where and how I am living in the dark or in the shadow; help me move more toward the light. As I've prepared the soil of my garden and planted seeds in mother earth, please help me to continue to nurture and grow the seeds in the soil of my soul. As my seeds sprout and grow toward the sun, please help me continue to Lent toward the glory of Easter.

We Reflect - In a sense, this past year of separation, living in our 'bubble' or 'pod' has felt like a continued Lent from last year. Things have been 'on hold' - being with family, friends, going to Mass and the sacraments in person, for many of us shopping and the list goes on. Yes, this has been difficult; our arms may long to hug children, grandchildren, friends; to see the smiles of loved ones under that mask as we wave from afar. It has led, at times, to sadness and feelings of aloneness. Yet over time, I have realized it is during those times when I am passively 'waiting for this to be over' that I am most in the darkness. Those are the times my soil is not being nourished and the seeds of life have remained in the package. As I did a bit of work to get my garden's soil in order, adding new garden soil and dry leaves to enrich the older soil, so too have I done a bit of work to get my soul soil in order - to be thankful for the lives of those I love and miss, to learn to use Hangouts/Zoom/Messenger to 'be with' those I love, to tune in to the spiritual food for my soul soil offered through the parish and so many other sources. franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/lent-with-st-francis-take-up-your-cross | ignatiansolidarity.net/steadfast-lent-2021/

It has been important to learn to Attend through livestreams, not just Watch...I have had to learn to involve my soul and spirit from afar, and realize how very blessed I am that all these resources are available to me - to us.

And so, I continue walking (wearing a mask and carrying water) to find beauty, to praise God and thank him for this creation he has given us. There continue to be webinars to learn more about how we can play a part in helping to heal this world. openspacetrust.org/events/ | calacademy.org/ | gardengatemagazine.com/menlopark.org/348/Sustainable-gardens

What will I - will we - put in action?

I lift the edge of the plastic covering the seeds in my garden bed. Have they sprouted yet? No, so I must continue to be patient, waiting in hope as I wait for Easter. The work in the soil and in my soul needs to continue so that day arrives as a celebration.

We Act - Please join me in continuing to enjoy the beauty around us...walking, viewing sunrises/sunsets, enjoying the birds and animals. Continue to care for yourself....wear a mask, socially distance, wash hands. Please continue to condition your garden soil or put seeds, plants, trees into the earth so we can help heal mother earth. Feed and nourish your soul soil, in an active mindful way so in a couple of weeks we can celebrate the Glory of Easter together/apart.

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>.

GET PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

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

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

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 or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

IMAGE CREDITS

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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

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil (Outdoors)

Sundays 9:00 am (Outdoors), 10:00 am (Outdoors), 5:00 pm (Outdoors)

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

Holy Days 9:00 am, 12:15 pm, 5:00 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.

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, Sharon, 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.

