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

ALL MASSES ARE ALSO STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AT
youtube.com/c/straymondmp

MONDAY TO FRIDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)
6:30 pm Rosary (M-F, Online)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)
7:00 pm Holy Hour: Confession & Adoration (Church)
7:00 pm Speaker Series: The Psalms: Lifting Up the Soul to God (p.3)

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

8:15 am Mass (Church)
10:30 am First Holy Communion (Outdoors)
3:30 pm Confessions in Rose Garden
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Outdoors)

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

8:00 am Mass (Church)
10:00 am Mass (Outdoors)
5:00 pm Mass (Church)

RSVP is only required for weekend Indoor Masses.
Register at straymondmp.org/eventbrite.

REQUIESCE IN PACE

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of the following members of our parish community.

Mary Ellen Wetlesen

Dr. Ellie Guardino

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LITURGY

Sat., Apr. 24, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
Fourth Sunday of Easter, World Day of Prayers for Vocations

Sun., Apr. 25, 8:00 am Harold Curtis †

10:00 am Special Intentions of the
Vuong & Haermann Families

5:00 pm Gail Blach †

Mon., Apr. 26, 8:15 am Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry
Families, Both Living & Deceased

Tue., Apr. 27, 8:15 am Mike Brown †

Wed., Apr. 28, 8:15 am Aurelio Maestrini †

*St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr (m), St. Louis Grignon de
Montfort, Priest (m)*

Thur., Apr. 29, 8:15 am In thanksgiving to the Blessed
Mother

St. Catherine of Siena, OP, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (F)

Fri., Apr. 30, 8:15 am  Tita Ruocco

St. Pius V, OP, Pope (M)

Sat., May 1, 8:15 am Thomas David Hofstrom

St. Joseph the Worker (m)

Sat., May 1, 5:00 pm Charles Galdes †

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sun., May 2, 8:00 am James Arizini †

10:00 am Sergio & Angela Maestrini ††

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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

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

GOD MOMENTS

EXPERIENCED GOD RECENTLY?

We would love to add brief, personal, parishioner stories to our weekly bulletin! Titled "God Moments," these short reflections will help our parish family get to know one another better. If you have been blessed by a special grace recently, received an answer to prayer, or experienced a moment of divine peace, please consider sharing it by emailing your "God Moment" to bulletin@straymondmp.org. God Bless!



SPEAKER SERIES TALKS

THE PSALMS: LIFTING UP THE SOUL TO GOD

THUR. APRIL 29, 2021, 7 PM ON ZOOM, WITH ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J. BYRNES, S.T.D.



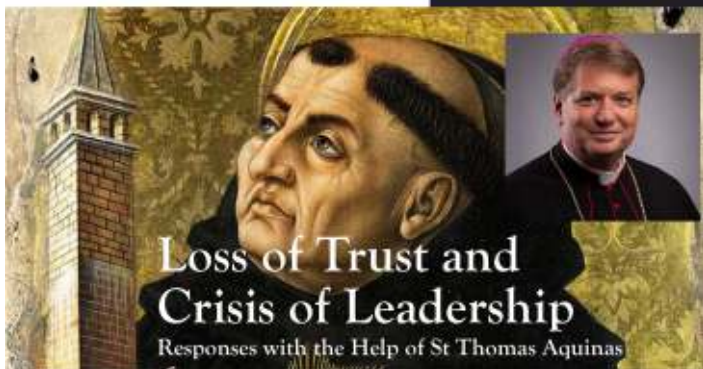
This presentation will focus on the poetic nature of a psalm as a vocal activity in song and chant; the importance of emotional content in the psalm; the scandal of crying out to God and/or the imprecatory Psalms.

KNOWING THE UNKNOWN GOD, MAY 13, 2021, 7 PM ON ZOOM, WITH DN. JOHN WINKOWITSCH, OP

GOD'S KNOWLEDGE AND OURS, MAY 27, 2021, 7 PM ON ZOOM, WITH DN. JOHN WINKOWITSCH, OP

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

THE DSPT ANNUAL AQUINAS LECTURE



TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021, 5:30 PM—6:30 PM
PRESENTED BY MOST REV. ANTHONY FISHER, O.P.,
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

It is widely agreed that trust is eroding, especially trust in major institutions and their leaders. Religious, political, governmental, justice, corporate and media institutions are less trusted today, and trust between individuals is also diminished. This plays out in many negative ways in people's lives. In this lecture Archbishop Fisher will seek to unpack the "what, why, and how" of trust with the help of St. Thomas Aquinas. In particular, he will identify three warrants of trust without which one party will not trust another. He will also examine some of Aquinas' thinking on leadership, concluding with some thoughts on how best to address the contemporary loss of trust and crisis of leadership. Register at: dspt.edu/events

PRAY SERVE SOCIALIZE ³



MAY IS FOR MOTHERS!



Calling all moms to a very special Faith-Sharing event catered to the caring hearts of mothers:

Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 pm on Zoom—or stop by here!—to hear Fr Jerome's talk and invitation to share your faith with others,

starting right at home. Whether your children are age two or sixty-two, a mother's faith and her love for her children are wound together in divinely inspired ways. Hear how your faith and your motherhood can bring souls to Christ. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pray-serve-socialize-event-for-mothers-tickets-150819476113>

...AND MEN, TOO!

This is, after all, the Year of St Joseph!

Dads, we know your day is in June (don't worry—we're thinking BBQ for then!)... but all men—not only dads-- can take the lead now in hearing Fr. Jerome's talk and invitation to Faith-sharing catered to the generous



hearts of men on Monday, May 3, 7:00 pm on Zoom—or come by here! Hear how your unique influence can inspire deeper faith for yourself and those around you. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pray-serve-socialize-event-for-fathers-men-tickets-150820469083>

4 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories



are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

MAY 9 IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY

This second collection is an annual opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to personally invest in the lives of thousands of marginalized



and vulnerable residents in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties. Over the past fourteen months Catholic Charities' dedicated staff has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic serving nearly 60,000 individuals - more than double the number normally assisted annually, including an increase in families experiencing homelessness and hunger, many for the first time. With diverse programs designed to help homeless families and individuals, children and youth, HIV/AIDS patients, low-income families, isolated seniors, adults with disabilities, and immigrants, Catholic Charities needs your support now more than ever before. You can text **CCSunday** at **76278** or visit CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CCSunday to donate or give online. For more information, contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415.972.1227 or jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

ZOOM WEEKLY 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 chriscalvez@aol.com.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

WEEK 7 STARTS NEXT WEEK

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

For complete information and schedule, visit straymondmp.org/parish-bible-study.

Session 7—Week of May 3

Session 8—Week of May 17

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 in March 2020, St. Raymond Parishioners have baked over 10,400 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 one more date coming up when we will provide cookies again: **April 28th**. If you are able to bake 48-60 cookies, email Carol at office@straymondmp.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour is held weekly each Thursday from **7:00—8:00 pm** inside the Church. Holy Hour consists of Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

RICE BOWLS

You can turn in your Lenten Rice Bowls during the weekend Masses, bring it by the parish office, or leave it in our mail slot.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

FEAST DAY: APRIL 29

I, Catherine, write to strengthen you in the precious Blood of the Son of God, desiring to see you consumed in the fire of His charity. (From the letters of St. Catherine of Siena)

That is the way Catherine of Siena, the fiery young Dominican of the mid-14th century, might well have chosen to introduce herself to readers today. It was typical of this Dominican saint always to think and speak of herself only in connection with Christ and to present herself that way to others. For Catherine, as for Dominicans before and after her, “communication” was all-important; the single most important communication was Christ: with Him and of Him. Who was this woman, and why does she still have the ability to communicate with us, even today?



Catherine was born in 1347 in the Italian city of Siena. The twenty-third of twenty-five children in a loving Catholic family, Catherine realized, even at a very young age, God’s call to give herself totally to Him. Having known the Dominican friars of Siena from childhood, she herself felt drawn to live the Dominican life. At the age of 16 or 17, she joined a group of Dominican laywomen who lived in their homes while dedicating their lives to prayer and active works of charity. Though Catherine’s family at first opposed her wishes, and the sisters themselves thought her too young to persevere, Catherine steadfastly grew in her conviction that God had called her to be a Dominican.

Catherine’s first years as a Dominican were spent in seclusion in her family home, where Christ formed her in the “communication skills” of deep prayer and conversation with Him. Fired with His love for her and her love for Him, Catherine then prepared for an active life of service to others. As the years went on, this service took the form of caring for the sick and poor, nursing plague victims, and counseling others who wished to grow spiritually. Gradually, the Lord let

Catherine know that He wished her to bring her 5 spiritual communication skills to bear on the political life in her country. This she did, growing at the same time in her own prayer life.

Finally, the Lord gave Catherine the task of influencing the Holy Father, Pope Gregory XI, to return to Rome from France, where he and the papal court had been residing for some years. This was perhaps her most difficult and painful mission, but always she was motivated by her love for the Church along with her profound respect for the Holy Father as the Vicar of Christ.

Catherine died in Rome in 1380 at the age of 33, having spent herself completely for the good of the Church. Dominicans today are called to communicate the same urgent truths as did St. Catherine of Siena: That we are made for eternal life, that the desire to know God is our deepest hunger, and that love for Christ and His Church should be a fire that burns in us. Because she loved Our Lord, Catherine loved His people. Her example of active zeal fired by contemplation continues to stir the flame in Dominican men and women even today.

Source: [Nashville Dominicans](#)

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PAGE 5—*St. Catherine of Siena*. Dominican nun’s convent in Caleruega, Spain. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P., CC BY-NC-ND 2.0 <https://flic.kr/p/bCzXD7>



Our first Resurrection story told of the appearance of the Risen Lord to Mary Magdalene, who is grieving over the disappearance of Jesus' body from the tomb. In her worry and frustration, she "turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus . . . supposing him to be the gardener" (John 20:14-15).



Jesus IS a gardener! He has planted the seed of his teachings in his disciples, Mary among them, to spread to all nations. A gardener's work is earthy and intimate. Gardeners have their hands in the humus; gardeners handle living things with living hands. Jesus is not afraid to get his hands dirty in the humus of humanity.

Jesus is the gardener of the new Eden, doing what Adam could not do. His resurrection broke new ground in this garden, marking the beginning of a massive restoration project, a new Genesis; He is the caretaker of humanity.

Let Jesus, the gardener with the best green thumb, nurture changes in your perspective. Trust Jesus, the patient gardener of your soul—planting seeds of virtue and wisdom, nurturing the sproutings of faith, weeding out temptations and bad habits, bringing you to full flowering in the Holy Spirit. This full flowering of the Spirit calls us to work with others through an ecological conversion that recognizes our responsibility to be good stewards of the garden He has created for us.

How can I protect the garden we call Earth?

- Tree planting. Have you planted or bought trees to be planted elsewhere? Arbor Day Foundation and National Wildlife Federation have free tree seedlings saplings programs
- Clean up. Have you participated in a stream, river, beach, road clean-up?

- Plant a garden to attract bees and other pollinators. Buy from local produce farms. Apply for your garden to be certified as a St. Kateri Habitat. What is that? <https://www.kateri.org/saint-kateri-habitat-2/>
- Habitat restoration. Support local and National efforts to protect wildlife areas, especially wetlands.
- Reducing/ Recycling. How can you reduce use of plastics or your own carbon footprint or water use?

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 the Zoom Meeting, click here: <http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom>.

SUNDAY READINGS

April 25, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Reading 1: Acts 4:8-12

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 118:2, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

bible.usccb.org/Bible/readings/042521.cfm

May 2, 2021 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Reading 1: Acts 9:26-31

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 22:26-28, 30-32

Reading 2: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041821.cfm

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.

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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, contact us at office@straymondmp.org or register online at www.straymondmp.org/register.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil (Outdoors)

Sundays 8:00 am (Church), 10:00 am (Outdoors), 5:00 pm (Church)

Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon.-Sat. Church)

Holy Days 8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 5:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Rose Garden,
Thursdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm during Holy Hour inside the Church, or by appointment.

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, 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.

