



# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AT [facebook.com/straymondmp/live](https://www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live)

ALL MASSES ARE ALSO STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AT [youtube.com/c/straymondmp](https://www.youtube.com/c/straymondmp)

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY EACH WEEK

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

### MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

7:00 pm Parish Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2021

7:00 pm Parish Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study  
10:00 am Parish Bible Study  
7:00 pm Parish Bible Study

### THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)  
7:00 pm Holy Hour: Confession & Adoration (Church)

### FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

3:30 pm Parish Bible Study

### SATURDAY, MAY 8, 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 9, 2021 (MOTHER'S DAY)

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](https://www.straymondmp.org/eventbrite).

**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 [chrisgalvez@aol.com](mailto:chrisgalvez@aol.com).

## LITURGY

**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

**Mon., May 3, 8:15 am** Paul Manni †

*Sts. Philip and James, Apostles (F)*

**Tue., May 4, 8:15 am** The Ferrando Family, Both Living & Deceased

**Wed., May 5, 8:15 am** Ray Lane, Sr. †

*St. Vincent Ferrer, OP, Priest (M)*

**Thur., May 6, 8:15 am** Mike Brown †

**Fri., May 7, 8:15 am** Carmen Le Fevre †

**Sat., May 8, 8:15 am** Joseph An Nguyen †

**Sat., May 8, 5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**Sun., May 9, 8:00 am** Manu Papa † & Egina Ruocot

**10:00 am** Joan Briggson †

**5:00 pm** Patrick Goodenough † & Michael Crane †

*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](mailto:bulletin@straymondmp.org). God Bless!

# PRAY SERVE SOCIALIZE



## 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>

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

## WEEK 7 STARTS THIS 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](http://straymondmp.org/parish-bible-study).

Session 7—Week of May 3

Session 8—Week of May 17

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

## NEXT WEEK 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](http://CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CCSunday) to donate or give online. For more information, contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415.972.1227 or [jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## 4 SPEAKER SERIES TALKS

### RENEWAL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

**NEW TALK**—WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021, 7 PM  
ON ZOOM WITH BR. JOHN PAUL PUSCHAUTZ

Stressed, fearful, anxious, in need of guidance...? Receive the gift of Power from on High. Whatever problem you might be facing the Holy Spirit is the answer. Tune in to discover how to tap into this infinite source of Divine love, wisdom and strength this Pentecost.



Br. John Paul Puschautz, a brother of Saint John since 2011, grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and attended the University of Illinois, where he studied fine-art painting before responding to Jesus's call to religious life to seek and to follow Christ as the Beloved Disciple John. He currently resides in New Jersey, where he serves as a campus minister at Seton Hall University.

### KNOWING THE UNKNOWN GOD

**NEW DATE**—  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26,  
2021, 7 PM ON ZOOM  
WITH DN. JOHN  
WINKOWITSCH, OP

Our mystical tradition teaches that we can know God in a triplex way: via causality, eminence, and negation. Dn. John will explain these three ways, with a focus on the third: negation. Come learn why St. Thomas Aquinas said: "All my writing seems like straw."



For Zoom links, and to view previous Speaker Series talks, visit [www.straymondmp.org/speaker-series/](http://www.straymondmp.org/speaker-series/).

## FIRST RECONCILIATION



Dn. John Winkowitsch, O.P., discusses the finer points of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or telling a tall tale of a fish he once caught.

### 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.

### 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).

### EGIVING: GIVING MADE EASY

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# DOMINICAN CORNER

## DOES JESUS EXAGGERATE WHEN HE SAYS: "... APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING"?

BY BR. MARTIN MARIA NGUYEN, O.P.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5). We Christians are no strangers to this saying of Jesus. Just as the branches separated from the vine will wither away and die, Christians who do not "abide" in Jesus cannot attain eternal life. Yet when considering Jesus' words at face value, it may seem at first to be a slight exaggeration that we "can do nothing." A critic may point out that atheists can certainly do many things that Christians do. They are smart, they have good jobs, they build useful things, and so on. In short, they seem to fare just as well or better than Christians. They seem to do just fine apart from Jesus. What is one supposed to make of this? Is the saying "you can do nothing" an exaggeration on Jesus' part?

What Jesus refers to here is a life that is lived with respect to one's final end: a life that leads to eternal life, one that begins in holiness. Yet this life of holiness cannot be accomplished simply by one's willing it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states, "the fruit referred to in this saying is the holiness of a life made fruitful by union with Christ" (CCC 2074). In other words, for Christians, "[we] can only bear fruit – that is, attain personal holiness, do good works, and keep the commandments – by the grace of God" (CCC 1442).

But what about the observation that atheists, who have no faith in Christ, seem to do just fine? It seems that they can accomplish much good – albeit worldly good. Atheists, though not "abiding" in Christ, are still God's creatures whether they believe it or not. Thus, whatever good they – or anyone else – do has its origin in God by the virtue of the fact that God is their creator. On the question of "whether man can wish or do any good without grace," (Summa Theologica I-II, Q. 109, Art. 2) St. Thomas defends the necessity of God. Even atheists who chose not to abide in Christ, and thus reject His grace, do still receive from Him their human nature – though it is corrupted by sin. This corruption, however, is not so complete that they cannot perform any natural good. These people, in their human nature, "by virtue of its endowments, work some particular good, as to build dwellings, plant vineyards, and the like." Apart from these works,

however, they, just like any other person deprived of grace, cannot "carry out works of supernatural virtue, which are meritorious," and which are indicative of a life of holiness – one that really matters as an "ultimate end."

In summary, far from being an exaggeration, Christ's words that "you can do nothing" are a warning for both Christians and atheists alike that what is truly at stake here is not the material accomplishments which one may attain in this life, but a life of holiness that is only possible in union with Christ. Let us renew our commitment to depend exclusively on this grace of God, for through Him all things are possible.

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## WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT: HAVING A PERFECT LAWN, OR YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH AND ECOSYSTEM?

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." (John 15:1-2)



Just as God our Father, the "vine grower", tends His vineyard to make it more fruitful, so we too must care for our earthly gardens, and the entire environment we all share, that it may flourish. Sometimes improving the environment can start in your own back (or front) yard.

Having a nice lush, perfect lawn seems nice but did you know there are costs beyond the chemicals you might be using?

- While pesticides can kill some weeds, they also can harm beneficial organisms and lead to a less healthy ecosystem in the lawn area in the long run.
- Lawn chemicals don't stay on the lawn; they are tracked into our homes on feet and shoes.
- Small children can ingest pesticides that settle into dust on floors and in carpets.
- There, the youngest children who are crawling around exploring the world, often by putting things into their mouths, can get these dangerous chemicals into their systems.
- Lawn chemicals are also a key source of water pollution as excess nutrients sink into ground water or get washed into local waterways.

### Can we rethink how we care for lawns?

If you live in a managed community perhaps it will 'take a village' to create a safe and healthy approach. If your neighbors know that the chemicals being sprayed on their lawns and common areas might contribute to health or developmental problems for young children or harm vulnerable adults, they may join you in influencing your community to accept alternate ways of caring for lawns in their yards and common areas; even if that

means a few more weeds or just mowing the weeds along with the lawn.

### Here are a few ideas from the most recent Consumer Report:

- Cut your grass to 3 to 4 inches. Taller grass is healthier, and its shade is inhospitable to weeds.
- Use the mower's mulching mode to cut the grass into fine clippings and deposit them back into the soil.
- Watering grass infrequently can help encourage deeper roots and help your lawn be more resistant to drought. Water only in the early morning. Watering at night can promote fungal growth.
- Use organic fertilizer for healthy soil; along with being great for your grass, it can help keep carbon out of the atmosphere, an important bulwark against climate change.

<https://www.consumerreports.org/lawn-care/eco-friendly-lawn-helpers-guide/>

Enjoy lounging on your lawns and watching children (and pets) play, knowing they are not being unnecessarily exposed to harmful chemicals.

### Bottom line...what's more important, having a perfect lawn, or your health and ecosystem?

## 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

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/050221.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050221.cfm)

May 9, 2021 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Reading 1: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 98:1-4

Reading 2: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050921.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050921.cfm)

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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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](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

### 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.

### ANOIDING 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, 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.

