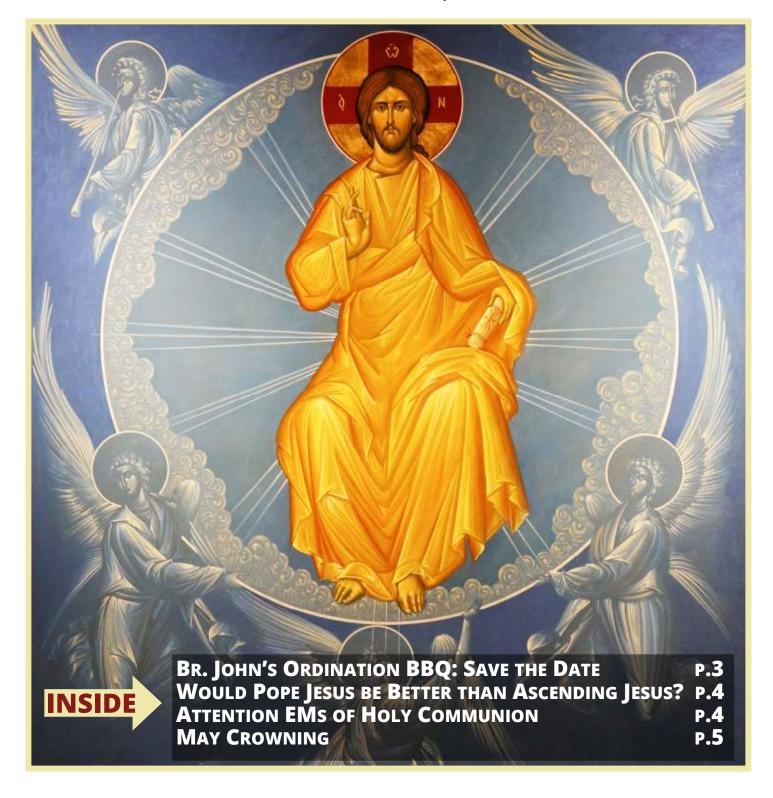


THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | MAY 16, 2021



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MONDAY TO FRIDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

6:30 pm Rosary (M-F, Online)

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

7:00 pm Parish Bible Study

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:00 pm Parish Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (p.3)

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

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

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

Adoration (Church)

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021

3:30 pm Parish Bible Study

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

8:15 am Mass (Church)

3:30 pm Confessions in Rose Garden

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Outdoors) *

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

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

5:00 pm Mass (Church)

* Beginning June 5, the Saturday Vigil Mass will move into the Church. The Sunday 10 am Mass will remain outside.

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.

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LITURGY

Sat., May 15, 5:00 pm The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

The Ascension of the Lord

Sun., May 16, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Renaldo & Virgina Rosseti ††

5:00 pm The Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen

Families, Both Living & Deceased

Mon., May 17, 8:15 am

Josie Raon & Lydia Cooper

Tue., May 18, 8:15 amMartin & Rina Dioli ††
(Wedding Anniversary)

St. John I, Pope, Martyr (m)

Wed., May 19, 8:15 am _____ Sue Connelly

Thur., May 20, 8:15 am Mary Han Doan

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest (m)

Fri., May 21, 8:15 am St. Thérèse in thanksgiving

St, Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions , Martyrs (m)

Sat., May 22, 8:15 am Mother Cabrini in thanksgiving

St. Rita Cascia, Religious (m)

Sat., May 22, 5:00 pm Anna Virginia Pessoa Cintra †

Pentecost Sunday

Sun., May 23, 8:00 am Sosefo Afu Veatama †

10:00 am Renaldo & Virgina Rosseti ††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.

SUNDAY READINGS

May 16, 2021 (Ascension of the Lord)

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9

Reading 2: Ephesians 1:17-23, or 4:1-13, or 4:1-7, 11-13

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051621-Ascension.cfm

May 23, 2021 (Pentecost Sunday)

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-11

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 104:1, 29-30, 31, 34

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25

Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052321.cfm

PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

WEEK 8 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.

SPEAKER SERIES TALKS

KNOWING THE UNKNOWN GOD

NEW DATE—WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021, 7 PM 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 straymondmp.org/speaker-series/.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Catholic Charities Sunday collection last week. If you missed it, you can text **CCSunday** at **76278** or visit **CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CCSunday** to donate or give online.

The next special collection is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection on May 29-30.

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.

SAVE THE DATE³ DAI. FR. JOHN ORDINATION BBQ Sunday, June 13, 2021 following the 10 am Mass CAVE THE DATE

The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus and the Vietnamese Vicariate of Saint Vincent Liem

joyfully announce the Ordination of

Rev. Br. John Winkowitsch, O.P. Rev Br. Chrysostom Mijinke, O.P. Rev. Br. Martin Maria Nguyen, O.P.

to the Order of the Priesthood through the Imposition of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination by

The Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone Archbishop of San Francisco

Mass of Ordination

Saturday,
June 5, 2021
St. Dominic
Church
San Francisco



Due to Covid restrictions and other brothers also being

elevated to the priesthood or diaconate, the public will not be allowed. The Mass will be livestreamed.

Fr. John's first weekend of Masses will be the weekend of June 12-13.

ASK A DOMINICAN

WOULD POPE JESUS BE BETTER THAN ASCENDING JESUS?

By Br. John Winkowitsch, O.P.

On Feast of the Ascension, we commemorate when our Lord Jesus "was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19) But why did our Lord Jesus ascend into heaven? Wouldn't it have been better for the Church if He had stayed and guided us here on earth? Pope Jesus! Lord knows we certainly could have used His help navigating all the difficulties we've faced over the last 2000 years.

However, as is always the case, Jesus had our best interest at heart when He ascended into heaven. Although Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth (John 16:13) and has remained with us until the end of the age in the Eucharist under the humble appearances of bread and wine (Matt. 28:20; John 6), He nevertheless withdrew His bodily, human presence from us for at least three very important reasons: increase our faith, uplift our hope, and help direct the fervor of our charity.

The supernatural virtue of faith is, as Sacred Scripture tells us. "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." 11:1) (Heb. By ascending into heaven, Jesus has increased the virtue of faith in all of us who have not seen His human, resurrected, glorified body. As Jesus tells Thomas faithful St. the Apostle, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:29) We



get a bonus beatitude by Jesus' ascension that He didn't



On **Tuesday**, **May 25** @ **7:00-8:30pm** there will be a gathering with both live and Zoom options for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/em-re-boot-tickets-154476781211

If you are comfortable coming in-person, this is beneficial for the practical part of the meeting; still, Zooming is just fine if it's best for you! This 90-minute session will include the opportunity to pray and socialize together as we prepare ourselves for a return to the fullness of service as EM's! Seasoned and new volunteers are welcome. (If you're new, please give a heads-up before the event by email: getconnected@straymondmp.org.)

preach in the Sermon on the Mount because He was still bodily present to all His hearers!

Also, the supernatural virtue of **hope** is uplifted by Jesus' ascension because we now know that it is possible for our human nature to go to heaven. Jesus told us, "I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be." (John 14:3) Our hope is fortified and strengthened because Jesus Christ, true God and true man, has already walked the path to our heavenly homeland, and is awaiting us there to welcome us home.

Finally, Jesus' ascension helps us direct the fervor inherent in the supernatural virtue of **charity**. Jesus teaches us during His Sermon on the Mount that "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Matt. 6:21) Our Lord Jesus Christ is the true treasure of every Christian heart, so by ascending into heaven Jesus has helped direct the charitable fervor of our hearts towards heaven. As St. Paul reminds us, "think of what is above, not of what is on earth." (Col. 3:2)

So, on this Feast of the Ascension, I'd like to conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving: "Thank you Jesus, for spending time with your apostles and giving us the Church. But thank you also for ascending into Heaven to increase our **faith**, uplift our **hope**, and direct the fervor of our **charity** to live forever with You and all the saints in Heaven. Amen."

IMAGE CREDITS

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Saturday, May 1 & May 8, 2021

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CONGRATULATIONS!

REQUIESCE IN PACE

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

Candy Hernandez

Candy's final desire was to return home to the Philippines to be with all of her children.

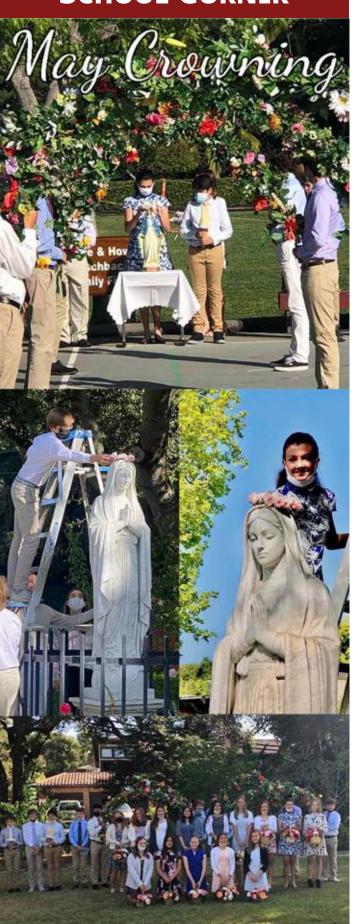
A memorial Mass for Candy is in the works and will be announced on our Facebook page at facebook.com/straymondmp/

Eternal rest grant unto Candy, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May their



souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SCHOOL CORNER







When we say the The Lord's Prayer, we pray "Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven..." How can we fulfill Jesus' words in the way we live our lives? St. Teresa of Avila is credited as writing the following prayer that offers us some insights.

Christ has no body but yours;
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which the
Compassion of Christ must look out on the world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours.

As Christians, we are called to be Jesus Christ's hands, feet, and eyes here on earth to build up His kingdom on earth as we journey towards the Kingdom of heaven.

This upcoming week of May 16-25 is "Laudato Si' Week". The following link lists activities or educational opportunities to learn more about how we can all be Jesus Christ's hands, feet, and eyes here on earth to build up His kingdom. www.laudatosiweek.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 the Zoom Meeting, click here: http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom.

Raymond parishioner Eucharist Bernadette Marcu is organizing a one-day virtual women's retreat about our Mother Mary, her joys and sorrows, and her walk with St Joseph. Last year by the Holy Spirit's intercession, Mary's Retreat drew over 400 people from 30 countries! Come join us for a day of reflection on our beautiful Mother! Marysretreat.com MARY'S RETREAT 2021 IN JOY & IN SORROW SATURDAY MAY 22, 2021 MORNING TOAM Kickoff and music · Meet small groups · Session I: The Joy of Mystery · Small group discussion AFTERNOON IPM . Session 2: Our Lady of Kibeho · Session 5: Expecting Jesus · Small group discussion **EVENING 4PM** REAT.COM

COOKIE MINISTRY

A big thank you to all those who have made cookies and helped support the Table of Plenty Ministry in Half Moon Bay. Since we began baking in March 2020, St. Raymond Parishioners have baked over 11,200 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: May 19 and May 26. 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!

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

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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

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, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehedi, 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.

