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MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

8:15 am Mass (Church)
 9:00 am Altar Server Training (p.3)
 3:30 pm Confessions in Rose Garden
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

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

SUNDAY READINGS

August 15, 2021 (Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Reading 1: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 49:10-12, 16

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56 (Mary Visits Elizabeth)

hbible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081521-Day.cfm

August 22, 2021 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 34:2-3, 16-21

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69 (The Words of Eternal Life)

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082221.cfm

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. For more information, contact Christine at chrisgalvez@aol.com.

LITURGY

Sat., Aug. 14, 5:00 pm The Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Families, Both Living & Deceased

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

Sun., Aug. 15, 8:00 am  Joan O'Neill

10:00 am The Harold Curtis & Leo O'Neill Families, Both Living & Deceased

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Aug. 16, 8:15 am  Jide Onyeneho

20th Week of Ordinary Time

Tue., Aug. 17, 8:15 am The Galdes & Spiteri Families, Both Living & Deceased

St. Hyacinth of Poland, OP, Priest (M)

Wed., Aug. 18, 8:15 am Sue Connelly

Bl. Mannes, OP, Priest and Brother of St. Dominic (m)

Thur., Aug. 19, 8:15 am Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

St. John Eudes, Priest (m)

Fri., Aug. 20, 8:15 am Mary Ellen Wetlesen

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church (M)

Sat., Aug. 21, 8:15 am Seini Wairasi †

St. Pius X, Pope (M)

Sat., Aug. 21, 5:00 pm The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Aug. 22, 8:00 am The Ruocco Family, Both Living & Deceased

10:00 am Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

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.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Legion of Mary conference room opposite the Parish Hall. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



YOUTH MINISTRY

TODAY: Join us after the 10 am Mass (8/15) for **Chips 'n' Dips** in the courtyard outside the parish hall.



ALTAR SERVER
TRAINING
SATURDAY
AUGUST 21
9 - 10:30 AM



All St. Raymond Altar Servers are invited to attend a 90 minute refresher course with Fr. Jerome.

Want to serve? New volunteers entering 4th grade or above are also welcome to attend. Additional training and support will also be offered.

If you attended the last session, you're welcome to attend again.

To RSVP, email jsanchez@straymondmp.org.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK Do you know of anyone who is homebound or ill? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ³

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are now accepting REGISTRATION for our Religious Education Program.

To register, please visit straymondmp.org/religious-education.

PROGRAM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19

Have questions? Please email Neri.Miranda@straymondmp.org.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

- WANT TO GIVE MORE?
- WANT TO GET MORE?
- WANT TO LEARN & GROW MORE?
- WANT TO LIVE & LOVE MORE?

JOIN A CHOIR!

For a Total Immersion Experience:

- In the Mass
 - In the Worshiping Community
 - In the Seasons of the Year
- Experience the Joy of Choir!

Contact Lauri Hofstrom, Director music@straymondmp.org

Whether you think you can sing... or not!... Come and see what role you can play in the beautification of our communal prayer. Instrumentalists also welcome!

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Our next special collection will be the 5th Sunday St. Vincent de Paul collection at the end of the month.

4 MISSIONARY HOUSING NEEDED

To assist our parish with our “Pray, Serve, Social” initiative, our parish is excited to welcome Tina Augustine to serve our parish as a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary in the Fall. Tina is highly trained in helping individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, small group faith sharing and mentoring Christian leaders.

Tina has served with FOCUS for eight years, having spent the last five in Europe launching FOCUS’ first international campus. She has served as a missionary, Team Director and most recently as the Director of Philanthropy in Europe.

Tina, her husband Mychal, and sons Ignacio (4) and Hugo (2) are excited to make Saint Raymond their home and will be moving here from Germany in October. As they make the transition to Menlo Park, **I would love to help them find housing. The Augustine family is looking for a 3-bedroom house in the surrounding area** that can be offered at a family discount. If you can assist, please let me know I am excited about this opportunity and thank you for any assistance you can offer.



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ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

There are two listening device options inside our church.

1) LISTEN Assisted Listening Devices

These devices will be located at the side entrances of the church. Please return them after Mass so that we can recharge them. Please bring your own wired headphones.



2) The LISTEN Everywhere App

This app allows you to listen through your phone or tablet through wifi. You can download the app on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and search for “Listen Everywhere” and look for the icon shown above.



Once you have the app, connect to the wifi network “St. Raymond ALS” while in the church. There is no password required. When you open the app, it will attempt to connect to our audio stream. You can then connect your phone or tablet with your own wired or wireless headphones.

Sometimes these things are easier to show how to do than they are to explain. Please see John Sanchez before or after Mass if you would like assistance with either of these options.



THE MASS BOOK CLUB

Why do we say the prayers we do at Mass? Where do they come from? What are we trying to accomplish by saying these prayers?

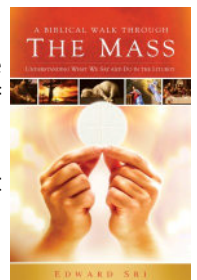
Zoom & In Person. Zoom links will be available on the parish website the day of the event.

Previous classes are available at straymondmp.org/the-mass/.

Discussion Groups

August 23 and August 30 - Part IV: B. Liturgy of the Eucharist – Eucharistic Prayer. Part IV: C. The Communion Rite. Part V: Concluding Rites.

Available at <https://amazon.com/gp/product/1935940007/> or <https://www.keplers.com/book/9781935940005>.



CELEBRATING HOPE: ST. DOMINIC AND THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY⁵

BY THE DOMINICAN NUNS OF CORPUS CHRISTI, MENLO
PARK
AUGUST 13, 2019

Hope. It's a word we hear a lot - it even became a campaign slogan - but do we really know what it is? It sounds good and on some level, we instinctively want it, but how can we get it? We can learn a lot about hope by looking to our Blessed Mother and our Holy Father Dominic.

Generally speaking, hope is a desire for a good that is difficult to obtain, with the expectation of eventually obtaining it.

As a supernatural virtue, like faith and charity, it is infused in us as a gift of God and by it we long for God and to spend eternity with Him. Hope motivates us to do acts of virtue, to seek God, to love and serve Him with the expectation that He will do what He has promised and grant us eternal happiness with Him. By supernatural faith, we "see" our ultimate target - God - and it is by hope and charity that we fly and soar to the heights.

We can also think of hope with this analogy: picture a toddler who wants to be picked up. They stand in front of their parent, looking up, reaching as high as they can, standing on tip-toe even. No matter how hard they try, they cannot get themselves in their parent's arms, but they have the expectation that their parent will look down with kindness and lift them the rest of the way. Hope is that desire and expectation, and yet more. Because without God's gift of hope, we would never look and reach up in the first place.

Our Blessed Mother's assumption is a lesson in hope.

By this teaching of the Church - that at the time Mary's life ended on earth, God granted her the privilege of not having to wait until the end of time for the resurrection of her body, but instead her body and soul were assumed into heaven - the glorious triumph of her Son Jesus over sin and death shines all the more brightly. Mary was granted singular graces not because she earned or deserved them, but solely due to God's lavish gifts of mercy. She was uniquely chosen to walk in unity with the life and her Son, Jesus. And just as His body did not see the corruption of death, so too was Mary's body preserved from this.

Mary's assumption teaches us that our hope does not lie

in the things of this world - our bodies and souls are destined to a loftier end: heaven.

Many monastics and saints have commented that our world would be much more peaceful if the words "mine" and "yours" ceased to exist. So many of today's arguments, battles, and wars are over material goods that cannot add one moment to our life on earth, nor increase our true happiness. Some of the richest people in the world are also the most miserable. And that is one reason why our Holy Father Dominic urged his sons and daughters to "make your treasure from voluntary poverty." Actual poverty frees a person from worldly cares because they have nothing to lug around or protect from damage or thieves. "Voluntary" poverty implies more than actual poverty - it requires a detachment of the heart from material goods, a true poverty of spirit. A person can be poor in fact and yet still chained by the desire to possess what they do not have. By choosing to be poor, a person not only renounces actual possession of goods, but also the desire to possess those goods. It is this detachment of the heart that makes it light enough to fly up to God.

Mary's assumption reaffirms the dignity and beauty of the whole human person - body and soul.

While our ultimate destiny is not this world, we must also remember that God's creation is good, including our bodies, because that is how God created. Yet, because of sin, "we groan...awaiting the redemption of our bodies." Because we still labor under the effects of sin, we must discipline our bodies and emotions to put them in right relationship with our

intellect and ultimately God. But we should not abuse our bodies - the human person is both body and soul. Our holy Father Dominic began his preaching mission in earnest when he encountered a heresy that denied the goodness of the created world, including the human body. Dominic preached tirelessly against this heresy and spent himself to help provide for the corporal needs of the poor, even to the point of selling all he had, including his books, to help feed starving people during a famine. Dominic also left us the heritage of his "Nine Ways of Prayer", descriptions of how he prayed using body postures, gestures and his voice to praise God and intercede for others.



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MARY, QUEEN OF ALL CREATION

Mary is the most beloved and venerated woman in all of human history, whose ultimate goal is to lead us all to fall passionately in love with Jesus. Mary IS Theotokos: “God-bearer”. As the mother of Jesus, she is the Mother of God.

As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is appropriate that we contemplate the meditation in praise of Mary from *Laudato Si'* by Pope Francis:

Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of the world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus and all creatures sing of her fairness. She IS the woman, “clothed with



the sun with the moon at her feet, And on her head a crown of twelve stars”. Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.

Let us ask her to give us the wisdom and the courage to advocate for a more thoughtful approach to how we carry out our stewardship of this world.

When we allow ourselves to pause and to take in the beauty of the world around us and the incredible genius of how creation works together, we cannot help but be in awe. In his address to young Catholics in 2019, Pope Francis referred to Mary as “an Influencer, the influencer of God”. Let us ask her to

pray that Father God will move in our hearts and the hearts of our leaders to make decisions now that will keep our planet beautiful and livable for our future generations.

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>.

CELEBRATING HOPE (Continued from page 5)

Mary’s assumption should stir our hearts to a stronger piety toward our heavenly Mother, and move us with the desire of sharing in the unity of Jesus Christ’s Mystical Body.

That is, it should make us more receptive to God’s gift of hope. Because hope is a supernatural virtue, it is a gift. Yet, there are things we can do to make ourselves more receptive to it and to the extent we have it, we should exercise it. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul gives us a good place to start:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.

- Romans 5:1-5

From this we see that the road of hope passes through affliction. Our Blessed Mother showed us how to walk in this path as she walked it with her Son, for she endured affliction all the way to the foot of the cross on Calvary. And the saints also light this way for us. When things are darkest, that’s when we should look up all the more and wait for the dawn with desire and expectation - God will keep His promises!

May we increase our love for her who shows her motherly heart to all the members of this august body. And may our Mother Mary and holy Father Dominic intercede for us!

Source: <https://www.opnunsmenlo.org/blog/2019/8/13/celebrating-hope-dominic-and-the-assumption-of-mary>

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Glenn Macabuhay, Janice Hagy, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, Nony & Penny Bantug, William Cintron, those afflicted with 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.



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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil (Church)

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.

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.